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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Britisn Columbia. YALE, Dec 1-The election stook place yesterday. Returns are as follow: Corn-wall—Lytton, 18; Yale 26; Hope IO. Smith —Lytton, 7; Yale, 7; Hope, none. Other

places not heard from.
QUERNELL, Dec 2—Another boat load of Germansen Creek miners arrived from the diggings to-day. They confirm all previ-ous reports of the richness of the diggings. The creek has been wing-dammed for 2 miles. Every claim that has got bed rock has paid from \$5 to \$100 a day. creek has been prospected for 3 miles above the canyon and good prospects have been found for the entire distance. The creek is 30 miles long and has not been prospected over five milies. Jas May, Duncan, Mo-Martin, Fred Black and Mike Burns are prospecting on a creek 12 miles from Germansen creek and have found good prospects. G B Wright has started for the Salmon river portage to open a new route to the diggings to which point the steamers will run next summer. The route will leave but one pertage of nine miles to the diggings. The balance is good water payigation.

Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec 1-The Herald's London special correspondent telegraphs that cannon-ading against the Germans on the South and west of Paris was a feint to distract attention from various sorties against the Saxons and Wartemburgers.

A terrible battle has been going on since

noon and is still raging.

At 6 pm the army of the Loire retreated from its position. Its force is uncertain.

Seventeen thousand prisoners taken. VERSAILLES, Nov 29-After the recent battle the army of the Loirs retreated in a disorderly manner towards the north, leaving 4 guns in their abandoned entrench-

The retreat continues and the greater part of the French army is completely routed. The number of prisoners increases bourly.

The German loss is less than at first supposed and will not reach 1,000 BRUSSELS, Nov 30 -The French army in the north has abandoned its project of joining the army of the Loire and is retreating

on Lille without even holding Arras. London, Dec 1-A balloon has been in the channel seeking to make Soilly island, but was finally carried out to sea by a violent east wind and is probably lost in the At-

The Times' special from Versailles says that negotiations for a conference are proposed for the acceptance of Prussia's conditions of peace by Paris.

A branch of the French government is required to proceed the capitulation.

One-third of Thionville is destroyed.

The army of the Loire is retreating but its

position at present is unknown. There was an engagement yesterday between the French and Prussians at Epernay. The Prossians were beaten and their loss is sev re including 30 officers, can-

non, arms and horses.

New York, Dec 1—A London special says that a rumor of the early surrender of Paris is evidently believed in that city.

The excitement produced by the report a the Stock Exchange is very marked and the men who are discussing the effects of the sur render are men who are not likely to be led away by a canard.
l: is said that the Prussians are evacuat-

ing Amiens and are retreating on Paris. It is believed that a great battle is proceeding to-day at Paris. The Cabinet complainings thicken and

the dissolution of the ministry seems inevi-The resignation of several prominent members will probably be announced before

the day is over.

Granville remains inmovable in his determination as to the basis of arrangement and Gortzebakoff's note will not admit of any

Not for many years has the Government of England been in so critical acondition and the greatest anxiety is everywhere visible

in the faces of the governing classes. The Times suggests the immediate sum moning of Parliament. Moning of Parliaments
London, Dec I — A correspondent at Tours
writing on the night of the 30th says that all's

ith the army of the Loire. The Prussian reports relative to the fighting on the 28th are wholly false.

Daurellis holds well in hand near Orleans

the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th corps, in all about 130.000 men; besides the 20th and 21st of which Bourbaki is commander, were well concentrated and during the recent fighting inflicted on the enemy a greater loss than they themselves sustained. There is perfect confidence in Daurellis, and the Government have and redd entrenched camps to be im-

NEW YORK, Dec 1-The Heraus correspons dent at Versailles sends the singular rumor that Turkey not being disposed to resent the note of Russia, Bismarck is favorable to England's obtaining a protectorate over the Suez Canal; in consideration of England's own road to India being thus rendered secure, that Russia may do what she pleases with Turkey. This is another blow aimed at France.

VERSAILLES, Nov 30—A lively fire was kept up all last night from the forts at Paris, and this a m the garrison made sorties at various points along the Seine and Marne. The Prussian position was attacked at 11 a.m., and a bloody battle took place, in which the Wurtemburg treops were mainly engaged, supported by a portion of the 12th, 2nd, and 7th corps. The fighting ended by the the enemy being

everywhere repulsed.

London, Dec 1—The Prussian loss in killed at the battle before Amiens was 24 officers and

1300 privates.

The French Army of the North is in a state

of disorganization.

The citadel of Amiens capitulated after short resistance, in which the Commander was killed and 400 prisoners were taken.

The Garibaldians from Pasques were rout-

Tours, Dec 1-The Department of Cher declared to be in be in a state of siege.

It is announced that General Duc Rol with 100.000 men made a great sortie from Paris yesterday, and crossed the river Marne. The movement was completely successful and de-

tails are expected momentarily.

ceived: A great sortie was made against the Prussian lines on the Wurtemburg front, supported by a canronade from the forts. Ducrot commanded, leading 120,000 men until II o'clock when they were repulsed by the 7th corps. The Wurtemburgers were subsequently reinforced by cavalry and attillery. The attack was repeated at 3 o'clock and again repulsed. The Prassian loss was

trifling. VERSAILLES, Dec I-The French loss in killed, wounded and prisoners in yesterday's sorties was severe. They have asked for a few hours' truce to bury their dead. The Wurtemburgers lost 40 officers and 800 men. One brigade of the 2nd corps lost 20 officers and 700 men. Saxon loss unreported.

Tours, Des 2-Chaucry reports the suc cessful advance of the French left yesterday. The French carried the first Prussian line and afterwards their positions at Mounville. Pirte and Farsallei. The Prossians retreated on Loigny and Chatean Camberay.

LONDON, Dec 2-A special to the Times, dated Betlin, Dec 1st, says nearly all the French forces are concentrated between Blois, Tours and Orleans. If defeated they will probably retreat on Lyons, which is strongly fortified and well provisioned.

Tours, Dec 1-Rumors of successful sorties caused great excitement here. Gambetta was called out and praised Trochu and Ducrot. He said the news of the victory had caused the evacuation of Amiens. London, Dec 2-King William telegraph-

ed to the Queen on the 30th the following: The sixth corps yesterday repulsed a sortie made by the French. Over 1,000 French were captured. There were several hundred killed and wounded. The sorties on the positions of the Wurtemburgers and Saxons were made at Correuil Champayuy and Villers. The positions were taken by the Prussians. Sorties at the same time were made north and east of St Denis against 4th corps but were repulsed. A telegram from Chatteau Lepipie Nev 30

says To-day the 2d and 3d Wartemburg brigades with the 7th Prussians defeated the sortie of the French in the direction of Mont Missila, after 4 hours bard fighting. The Prassians took 30 prisoners.

PARIS. Nov 30-Operations commenced yesterday at the different posts.

Ducrot occupied Mont Rentel but subsequently evacuated, the French renewing the

attack in the South. London, Dec 2-Despatches to the Stock Exchange say Trochu has cut through the Prussian lines at the north of Paris in such force that the Germans were driven from their positions in disorder. A great battle is now going on west of the city.

Tours, Dec 2-Noon-The papers say that on the morning of the 29th a sortie beg an at Choissey-leroi and Chwalleys. The battle there lasted through the nights of the 29th and 30th. Ducrot crossed the Marne, occapied Westeny and engaged the Prussians in battle. He then crossed the Maine by pontoons and maintained his position, taking 2 guns.

French despatches from Gambetta anpounce great successes at Paris where sorties were made in force, repulsing the Germans along the line many miles in extent. Many caunon and prisoners were taken by the French. The French were commanded by Duerot Vinoy and Trochu. Gambetta who announced the victory says the effect was that the Prussians abandoned Amiens and are marching back to Paris. Baules before Paris began on the 29th. The garrison remained outside in the positions taken from the Poussians.

Gambeita says the army of the Loire successfully resisted attacks on the left and right wings and moved forward on all

London, Dec 2-The German lesses in the sorties on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were 157 officers and 5800 men, in killed and wounded. The French losses, partially ascertained, is 3400, but an additional report will probably swell the num-

LONDON, Dec 2-A dispatch received at Tours says Gen Vinoy with the first corps got wholly through the German lines on the South and effected a junction with a portion of Daurite's forces advancing from south-

The Telegraph says the French have won great advantages in the departments of the Seine and Maine and now p seess a military preponderance never enjoyed since the open-

ing of the campaign.

A special from Tours, efficial dispatches.
announce that Gens Trochu and Ducrot's troops surround the Prussians between Brie Sur Marne and Choiss-y les Or, and Ducrot is now encamped 15 miles from Paris.

A special to the Times from Tours, Dec 1 says the army of the Loire has affected a innetion with Trocha's forces from Paris. The Germans under Pince Frederick Charles are retiring before the united forces. It is said that Trochu has with him outside

the walls of Paris 300 cannon. received by the King of Saxony of Saxony the fighting at Valesy and Villiers in which the Saxen troops took part, and says that the French were repulsed and driven over the heights between the two villages leaving behind hundreds of prisoners. The French attacking force numbered 50,000. London, Dec 2- Prussians have burned

the town of Charleville. The Germans are still in force at Bon Laz Court. Tours, Dec 2-The members of the Government here have referred to their colleagues in Paris respecting the English note

asking France to participate on the Eastern question. A correspondent at Orleans telegraphed at 8 a.m. to-day that the army of the Loire is

at this moment marching out from headquarters and leaving Orleans. The Prussians are concentrated between Jourville and

ST PETERSBURG, Dec 2—The Czar warmly congratulates President Grant on his offer of assistance by an American fleet.

All the Powers have accepted the proposal for a conference, but the date of meeting is not yet fixed.

Berlin, Dec 2-The Federal Councils have ratified the convention providing for the union of Bavaria with the Confederation. The Bavarian Diet meets on the 10th to take action

Russia. Despite of Granville's resistence a and the telegraph authorities trust that comwithdrawal of the Russian note. The mere meeting of the Powers will be a virtual submission to all that Russia asks.

Tours, Dec 1-Fighting between the army of the Loire and the Prussian right was at Chateau Dan, and extending through Som-ville to Fouvey, theoce to Pithivers and Beaure. The second line at the rear extended from Fontainbleau via Montram to Ville Neul and Troyes, joining the Prussian line on the East.

The Vienna Presse, in announcing that France will participate in a conference, says that Austria declines having a conference, or to discuss preliminiary questions involving other questions than the treaty of '56. The pacific tone of the Euxine question is

assured at St Petersburg.
Rumor asserts that the conference will woid any reference to Gortzachakoff's circular, and that a new treaty will be framed. omitting all reference to the neutralization of the Black Sea. VIENNA, Dec 2-The Presse says the res-

ignation of Kuhn, Minister of War, is accepted. Marshal Edelsheins is likely to sac-BUCHEREST, Dec 1-Palijno is chosen as

President of the Senate and Cosafolio as President of the Chamber of Deputies. Advices from Shanghai to Nov 8:h -ay here is a Tartar insurrection in Mongolia. Twenty thousand rebels threaten our forces, who, armed with percussion rifles, have gone

o oppose them. LONDON, Dec 3-A telegram dated Tours Dec 2d says it is officially stated to-night that one or two days must elapse before the fruits of the movement now in progress may be fully reaped. Successive steps have been taken and every step brings nearer to each other the armies of the Loire and of Paris.

During the fight on the 30th ult. Ducrot and Vinoy captured four Prussian guns and many prisouers.

Advices from Paris to Nov 30th state that

an order had been issued to the press to the effect that military movements are not to be published on pain of suppression.

The military authorities have made 'public the following details of recent events around the city: On the 28th, at day-break, a heavy cannonade opened from the forte south of the city. The next day Gens Vinoy, Bugenval, and Ducrot made an advance out of the fortifications on a reconnoisance. They attacked the position of the Prussians and dislodged them at Granvilliers. Their loss was

Tours, D.c 3-The Prussians are concentrated at Estampes, thirty miles south of Paris, to dispute the advance of Palladine's

Prince Frederick Charles has left Pith.

LILLE, Dec 2-Ducrot's sortie from Paris was successful. He is now seeking to effect a junction with Palladine. The Franc-tireurs have beaten the Prussians at Tremblay, London, Dec 3-None of the Prussian

siege guns have yet been put in position.
It is said that if the King accepts the German Crown he will assume the title of Kazor Von Preussen and Schirm Von Deuzthland. Tours, Dec 3-A balloon from Paris al-

lighted near Lemens. It left that city on the 1st and brings the following news: The French troops kept the position they took on the 29th and 30th and are preparing to vigoronaly prosecute an offensive movement. has had his position greatly in ad-

vance of Ducrot. The latter was stopped owing to a sudden rise in the river brought about by the Prussians breaking away a dam and not on account of resistance from Freds erick Charles

The Prussians retock Champagney but the French again took it. It was the Prussians who demanded a trace to bury their dead, not the French as was reported.

The army of the Loire has made a success ful forward movement. All the failroads in this part of the country have temporarily ceased to take passengers owing to the enormous movement of troops.

Lendon, Dec 3-Thomas Hughes, mem ber of Parliament for Somersetshire in addressing bis constituents last evening referred to the recent capture of the American fishing vessels by a British gunboat. He deplored this as adding fresh difficulty to the Alabama embroglio and cited his American experience. He described the sentiments of Americans on these questions. He concluded by expressing a hope that both the Alabama and fishing questions would be settled amicably.

At Birmingham last evening a large meeting was addressed by Harold, Vicar of St Peters, Regens, Jacob and others strongly in favor of peace. Resolutions were adopted referring to the German loan, saying that the security is excellent, as the population is better able to bear a large tax, and are now axed too little.

UAIRO, Dee 2 - Army forloughs have been arising out of the Eastern question the army can be placed at the disposal of the Sultan PESTH, Dec 3.—Baron Von Beust, Count Andressey and ex-Secretary of War Kubun, met a sub-committee of the Hungarian delegation, yesterday. They stated that political questions are serious, but the military good. There is no great activity in the Em-

FLORENCE, Dec 2-Ferrara has been appointed President of the Italian Senate.

Eastern States.

NEW YORK, Dec 3-At this honr-1 p m -no European dispatches of to day's date have been received at the office of the Aseociated Press. This is explained by the statement from the cable authorities that the directors of the line in England have ordered the transmission eastward by the French cable of all the messages which have accumulated in America since the recent dises er to the English cable. These messages are now going forward rapidly. Late events in France have caused an enormous increase in the number of messages both ways, and wili, however, soon be cleared away, when London, Dec 2—The Standard warns Eng-land that the Gladstone Ministry are preparing dispatches will come forward as usual, ment of all the new colors,

Berlin, Dec 2-Following is just re- | fer an infamous and disastrous capitulation to | tively at work repairing the English cable, | rection.

CHICAGO, Nov 30-A Washington specia says a report is in circulation and generally believed that the President has decided to appoint Douglass, the present acting Commissioner of internal revenue, to the office vacated by Delano. The President however has not annuanced his intention to Douglass nor to the members of the Ways and Means committee who have called upon him.

WASHINGTON, Dec 1-The statement prepared by the US Treasurer, shows that the Govern-ment has paid out en bonded debt alone from March \$1.181.869, and to Nevember \$111.870. The principal interest and premium was \$182.942.887. The total premium paid has beed \$21.317.490, and interest \$2.035.546.

been received from Cyrus W Field: To the treaty Russia consents that the Sultan Associated Press-Please notify the public that, although there will be considerable delay, we can now send slowly to Europe sages will be received and transmitted as eral principles of that treaty, and holds early as possible and in the exact order of in readiness to come to an understand. their reception.

Montana.

that a desperate battle was fought by the Grasventres and Assinibones against the Bloods and Pegans, near the boundary line. The latter tribes were defeated, having nine killed. Later in the day the Bloods and Piegans, joined by twenty white men who were camped in the neighborhood, attacked the Grasventres and Assinibones and killed all except one, who was allowed to escape to tell of the massacre. The number of the slain is about 100.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 1-Flour-Unchang. ed. No sales.
Wheat-1,000 sks. Good market, very

quiet at \$1 85@2 10. Barley-Firm \$1 25@1 371/2. Oats-Dull \$1 25

Wool -California \$231/2@271. Arrived—Ship Prima Donna 155 days from New York. Ship Magnet 135 days from New York.

DIAMOND SPRINGS, Dec 1-Dr J B Russell druggist was found dead in his bed yesterday. An invuest was held and a verdict rendered that he came to his death by an overdose of morphine. Family troubles are said to be the cause

of his committing the deed. Deceased shot a Frenchman last summre wounding hin in the mouth. The French-

man was preparing to elope with his wife when he was discovered.

The Dr has attempted to commit suicide everal times on account of his wife's infi

delity.

It commensed raining hard yesterday The Great Republic, to day, carried away 552 Chinese and 20 white passengers. She had \$32.382.042 in treasure, and a cargo valued at \$55.000, including 1200' bbls flour.

A party fully provided with wrecking outfit will start for Cape St Lucas in a day or two to operate on the wrecks of 3 steamers sunken in that vicinity. The men get no wages, but are to receive 10 per cent of the value of the property recovered, and all expenses are to be paid by the company fitting them out.

The Produce Exchange to day adopted a

report protesting against the charges enacted by the Harbor Commissioners. James Turk was acquitted, to-day, on the charge of the murder of Alex. Galliger, the

ury being out but a few minutes. Two hours afterwards he was reported on the city frontapparently under the influence of liquor-declaring that he was the chief etc., etc.
San Francisco, Dec 2—Wheat—An ad-

vance of 1s 6d has been established in Liverpool since Oct 1st. The market is new 2s higher than at the same time last year. Our market is quiet. 1,300 tons choice to be market is quiet. 1,300 tons choice to be delivered at Vallejo. Private extremes of markets \$1 85@2 12½.

Barley—\$1 25@1 40.

Oats-No sales \$1 25@1 50.

Potatees—\$1 121@1 75. Quiet. The ship Prima Donna from New York passed three bales of what appeared to be wool each with 3 iron bars, floating lightly as if not long in the water. Ship Cremorne from this port for Liverpool June 1st with a cargo of wheat,copper and silver ore etc, has not been heard from. It is feared she is lost.

The Chamber of Commerce at a special meeting this morning appointed a committee to collect facts relative to the Australian trade. Col F A Bee addressed the meeting and said the difficulty between Webb and other parties had been amicably arranged, and the line would certainly be started if the subsidy was allowed. The committee was instructed to memoralize Congress to favor a subsidy.

Stocks-Active. Sailed-Schooners Kittie Stevens, W S Phelps, W L Drew, and Parallelfor Coos

San Francisco, Dec 3—Geld 1111.

The steamer Sacramente for Pauama took no treasure and but a small number of pas-

The case of Goodman, arrested for selling Marysville lottery tickets, came up to-day. The defendant pleaden guilty and was fined \$500 by Judge Stanley. Goodman is considered to be merely a sub-agent, not one of the princi-

Charles N Fox, R W Grand Representative

instituting the Encampment branch of the Order of Odd Fellows of the latter city. DIAMOND Springs, Dec 4-Advices from Ureka to day say that the Monroe & Collins mine, on Secret creek, now ewned by J Hatteson and J Bosburn, is producing splendid ore. Thirty tens are now on the dumps that will work more than \$200 per ton. This is one of the old locations which has been idle until lately, but since work has been commenced the results have been far beyond the expectations of the owners.

THE SIEGE OF PARIS .- Among the last goods that left Paris before the Prussians the capabilities of the telegraph, baving only finally closed the city, was a large case of one wire instead of three as heretofore, are Alexandre's kid gloves. This case arrived taxed to the utmost. The eastern business at London House yesterday, via Southampton and Panama, and contains a full assort-

THE RUSSIAN CIRCULAR .- A dispatch rom London, Nov 15th, gives the foiowing as a text of the circular recently addressed by Russia to other Powers and which has produced so great a commotion in Europe :

The Russian Government cannot al. ow the security of Russia to depend upon an arrangement which has not stood the test of time, or that the Empire should be placed in peril by a respect for engagements not observed in good faith and integrity by the contract. ing powers. Russia says that she is no longer bound by the treaty of 1856, so far as her rights and soverignity in the Black Sea are concerned; but with the NEW YORK, Dec 2-The following has declaration of the abrogation of the shall enjoy equal rights in that sea. The circular states that the Emperor of Russia maintains in good faith the gening with the other powers of Europe upon a new and equitable arrangement, calculated to insure the European equi-HELENA, Dec 2-Advices from the North say librium and establish the balance of power upon a more secure and harmonious basis.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED

Nov 29—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Pt Townsend

Nov 30—None

Dec 1—Slp Alarm, wDyer, San Juan

Sch Industry, Baker, Chemainus

Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster

Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend.

Dec 2—Stmr Isabel, Starr, P Townsend

Stmr Emma, Ettershank, Burrard Inlet

Stmr Emma, Ettershank, Burrard Inlet

Stmr Grappler, Devereux, Burrard Inlet

Slp Lady Franklin, Harris, Nanaimo

Dec 3—None

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Dec. 5—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster.

Sch Clara West, Charitoweff, San Francisco.

Sch Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan.

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Schr Piscovery. Caffrey. Nanaimo
Nov 30—Bk Victor, Walkem, Nanaimo
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Dec 1—Sip Alarm, Dwyer, San Juan
Str Enterprise, Swansou, New Westminste
Str Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
Dec 2—Stmr Isabel, Starr, Nanaimo
Stp Ringleader, Dhke, San Juan
Stmr Grappler, Devereux, Burrard Inlet.
Dec 3—None
Dec 5—Sch Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan.

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr OLYMPIA—J Jessop, C C Lane, wite, inft and servt, J S Greenman and wife, Abbott, Tredway, M F Sargent Miss Huntington, Miss E Clark, L Reiny, Mrs J Hurd, and 15 others

Hurd, and 15 others

Per stmr OLYMPIA from Puget Sound—Captain J K
Fleming and wife, Willie Fleming, Manson, Miller,
freidson, J Wilks, J Papst, Stephens, G Bent, U Nelson,
Mr Moss and wife, Miss Harris, Mrs Moore, Morton, Wilson, Mr Briggs wife and child, Mr Gerrish and wife, Mr
Hunt and wife, Westley, E Pugh, Mr Feickunar and wife,
Abor, McPherson, Mrs Hurd, Sargent, M J Lyons and
boy, G W Harris and five Indians.

CONSIGNEES

Per stmr OLYMPIA from Puget Sound—Reynolds. Jackson, Stephens, James, Robinson, Booth, Miles.

IMPORTS

Per stmr OLYMPIA from Puget Sound—102 hogs, 5 horses, 3 beeves, 34 sheep, 10 carcasses mutton, 2% do beef, 50 bxs apples, 200 sks flour, 40 sks middlings.

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At \$5 50 per Ton. reports that on Net 10 in lat 57deg lon 59 Newcastle COAL at \$4 50 per Ton. DROSS or SLACK

at \$2 50 per Ton

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On the 27th June, 1866, MOTEEWALLAH, a Printer, wa convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeit ingthe LABELS

Messrs CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and was sentenced by Mr Justice Pheartol YEARS RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT And on the 80th of the same month, for SELLING SPUBIOUS ARTICLES

Bearing Labels in imitation of Messrs CROSSE & BLACK; WELL'S, SHAIK BACHOO was sentenced, by the Suburban Magistrate at Sealdah, to TWO YEARS RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT

will leave San Francisco for Victoria, B C, on the steamer of the 5th inst for the purpose of

CAUTION. Betts's Capsule!Patents

Are being infringed by Importation of Capsules made in contravention of his rights, which necessarilly are nu-merous, BETTS being the original Inventor and Sele Maker in the United Kingdom.

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AGENTS. ...Nanaimo, V. I J F D New Westminster

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Barkervill ### Cornhill, London and 16

The East Coast Service. The urgent necessity that exists for a

more efficient steam service along the East going Ceast of Vancouver Island has been repeatedly urged in these columns, and the great importance of the subject will be ample exe term cuse, if indeed excuse be needed, for recurring to it now. The maintenance of a Gov- tains ernment steam service between Victoria and Pug the various coast towns and settlements can ary sions be justified upon the grounds of pub-He necessity. The question is not a local one. It is colonial in its influences. It is of importance to the Colony, as a whole, that avery part of it shall be in a contented, healthy and prosperous condition. It is in of present of the Colony, as a whole, that he fatal drain upon its realized wealth, going out continually in payment of those supplies which ought to be drawn from its which wn soil, shall be stopped. In no way can Janu his object be more readily and effectually ng agricultual development along the Constantial Bland, with a view to supplying this, the principal market, with all those articles for which so much money is still being sent out of the country. And

this appears to us to be the true mission of the Sir James Douglas. She is being run in the public interest. In the public interest let it be. In previous articles we sought to establish two propositions. First, that one trip a month to the important settlement of Comox is altogether inadequate. Second, that, by an extension of the service and a material reduction in the rates charged for frieght and passage the public would be greatly more benefitted, and the net earnings of the steamer ultimately increased. If ese two propositions be established the Executive can hardly hesitate about adapting the service to the exigencies of the country. It surely needs no argument to establish the first. It is, in fact, self-evident that Comox cannot possibly do its full share towards supplying the markets naturally looking to it with only monthly communication. The natural advantages and resources of Comox are immense; yet its most industrious and enterprising settlers can barely exist; they cannot possibly prosper, because it takes so much in time and in money to reach the markets. In truth, the settlers in that District are left to struggle single handed with difficulties and discouragements before which anything but the most determined perseverance would succumb. Let in ever for their full share of crushing taxation, they are left without anything like their fair share of expenditure. Passing to consider the question of an extension of the service to Comox, there can be no difficulty in showing that weekly trips to that place would in reality entail no additional charge upon the public revenue in the first instance, and would in time augment the earnings of the steamer. Looking no farther back than the last month, the present writer is personally cognizant of a sufficient numbe of instances where settlers have been compelled to have recourse to conveyance by cance, to cover, and more than cover, the expense of running the steamer. How much more there would have been had the steamer run we leave the reader to imagine. And we will state still farther, that unless the service to Comox be increased, and that very seon, the monthly visits of the Government steamer must become unnecessary, as the stern necessities of the settlement will be met in another way. Is the reader aware that the expense of each additional trip to Comex would be represented by the price of eigh tone of coal? If the Executive still heei

tates about extending weekly communication to that settlement, let it at least bave semi monthly. Suppose, for the present, and as a step in the right direction, the steamer should go there two consecutive weeks ever month, fixing the days of sailing so as give the settlers as much time to do the marketing as possible, even that would t an immense improvement upon the press arrangement. Let the Executive try it. U on the other branch of our subject-that a material reduction in the scale of charge possessing the double advantage of grea increasing the public boon, and altimate swelling the receipts of the steamer-it be nanccessary to enlarge. If these settlements are capable of any considerable dev opment these results must, in the very nati of things, follow; and the former is probathe more important of the two. Gove