

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

After a storm we must, in the natural course of things, expect a calm. After the boisterous Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, it was only natural to look for a respite. We are afraid, however, that the physical laws in this instance have not exactly been followed, that in fact the reaction has been much greater than the action. The Legislative Assembly seems literally exhausted. The members resemble Shakespeare's schoolboy going "unwillingly to school" or the wounded snake that "drags its slow length along." Day after day the House is counted out, in the absence of a quorum; and the business of the country goes by default. DeCosmos, Dickson, McClure, and the ever punctual Speaker, are the only attendants, the only persons who seem just now to think that there is any public work to be done. The bill of supply has never yet been introduced, the bills ordered by the Committee of Ways and Means are still in embryo, the other necessary measures which are in various stages of progress remain in statu quo. By and by we shall hear of the "nine months' incubation," simply because the people of Vancouver Island are foolish enough to return members of Assembly who either cannot or will not attend to their legislative duties. The evil, however, does not end here. The few members who are disposed to do their duty have an undue share of legislative work and an undue share of responsibility thrown upon their shoulders; while the other members walk about as careless and as indifferent as if they had no interest in the legislation of the country, and no interest in the welfare of their constituents. And these are the very men who, when in the House, will clamor against suspending the rules to facilitate public business. Their idea, if it is not to spin the session out and make a burlesque of legislation, has at least that appearance. It is time, however, this playing with responsibility should cease—time that public men who cannot attend to their public duties should come forward like honest men and resign a trust they are unable to discharge. Had there been anything like punctuality in the attendance of members we should have had to-day the whole business of the session completed, with the exception, probably, of one or two bills. As it is, the most important measures are still in their incipient stage. Bills for abrogating offices and saving the country heavy and useless salaries are no farther in progress now than they were when the estimates were passed. This is simply disgraceful, and throws a serious responsibility on those members who are persistently trifling with the public interests by absenting themselves from the House of Assembly. What the country wants is the speedy passage of the bills that are at present in both Houses. If the Legislative Council is determined on evincing the same obstructiveness which characterized its action last year, the sooner the Assembly and the sooner the people know it the better. If the Executive is determined on coming into collision with the Lower House the sooner the inhabitants are acquainted with the fact the better. Nothing can be gained now by delay. Governor Kennedy has had ample time to watch the effect on the public mind of the action of the Assembly on the estimates. He has seen a monster meeting in Victoria endorse the policy of the House, and a similar assemblage at Nanaimo perform a similar operation. Throughout the whole colony there could not be found, we verily believe, fifty people who are not thoroughly, on the constitutional question, with the Assembly, and these fifty if they could be obtained would be found to be as general thing men whose want of experience or want of judgment would entitle them to little or no weight. Wherever the question has been debated in the Assembly, in the press, at the public meeting, or in the Mechanics' Institute, the result has been the same—argument on the popular side and foolish, unsupported assertion on the side of the Executive. In every instance public opinion has shown itself almost unanimous in favor of the power claimed by the House. In the face of all this we ask His Excellency to pause before bringing on a conflict that can end in no possible good to any party, but which may create considerable inconvenience both to the Executive and the people. It still rests, as we have said before, with Governor Kennedy to restore these harmonious relations which in 1864 existed between himself and the inhabitants—it still rests with him to command the respect and good feeling of every person on the Island; and we know we are speaking the sentiments of ninety-nine out of every hundred when we say that nothing would afford the people more genuine gratification than the opportunity of showing their respect for a Governor who chose rather to follow out the wishes of the people than the mischievous counsel of bad official advisers.

It is a good sign to see the color of health on a man's face. It is a bad sign to see it all concentrated in his nose.

COMMERCIAL

FROM NANAIMO—The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. J. Harris, arrived last evening from Nanaimo, with one passenger and 60 tons coal to the Hudson's Bay Company.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

MARCH 1st.
The Flour market is nominally unchanged with a light trade; sales 1000 half sacks San Joaquin Superfine, \$6 62 1/2. We quote superfine hf saks \$ 6 50 @ 7 00; gr saks, 6 75 @ 7 25.
Wheat—Sales 800 sacks; good milling \$2 17 1/2; 250 do, \$2 55. On Tuesday, not before reported, 300 sacks strictly prime, 2 20.
Barley—Heavy sales; 2700 sacks fed at \$1; 450 do, handsome brewing, 1 10.

PUGET SOUND SHIPPING.

[From the Pacific Tribune, March 3.]
CLEARED.
The following vessels cleared and proceeded to sea for trade, ending February 28th, 1866:
February 23—Br bk Pasing Cloud, 491 tons; loaded at Port Ludlow for Hong Kong with spars and lumber.
February 27—Bk Carriotta, 454 tons; loaded at Seabeck for San Francisco with 400,000 feet assorted lumber.

ENTERED.
The following vessels have entered and proceeded up the Sound to load for the week ending February 28th, 1866:
February 24—Br bark Princess Royal, 613 tons, for Utsalady, to load with spars for London.

ARRIVED.
February 27—Bk Camden, 627 tons, Port Gamble, to load for Sandwich Islands.
February 28—Br ship John L Dimmick, 1047 tons; Port Gamble; to load with spars for Europe.

MEMORANDA.

The W. D. RICE left San Francisco February 24; had wind fair from Mendocino to Cape Flattery, since then variable weather and calms; caught a westerly wind yesterday and came up the Straits with a large fleet of vessels, among which were the Leonore and Deacon.

EXPORTS.

Per bk DOMINGA, to San Francisco—191 blks cranberries, 4 octaves brandy, 492 bxs soap, 19 1/2 casks cognac, 197 bars iron, 37 bds do, lot pig iron, 7 cs yeast powder, 13 cs compressed vegetables, 21 bks champagne, 200 sacks salt. Value, \$8,083 45.
Per schr PREMIER, to Honolulu, S.I.—20 cs gin, 49 cases dry goods, 60 plates iron, 6 crs casks sherry, 30 hf bds ale, 947 bds staves, 16 do heads, 30 cks 9 crates crockery, 60 cks ale, 11 cr cks spirits, 1 cr hardware, 10 cr cks liquors, 3 bds do, 30 tons pig iron, 61 do coal, 10 do sand, 25 bds apples, 104 sacks potatoes, 1 cs private of feet, 1 cs clocks and plated ware, 25 blbs salmon, 18 casks vinegar, 6 spars.

SHIPPERS.

Per schr PREMIER, to Honolulu—Janion, Green & Rhodes, Lowe Bros, Findlay & Dunham, Edger Marwin, Henderson & Burnaby, Wilkie & Co, Leneave & Co, Elliot & Stuart.

IMPORTS.

Per schr WINGED RACER, from Port Angeles—2 tons oats, 2 do barley, 6 hogs. Value \$268.
Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—3 bds furs, 4 bx eggs, 80 head cattle, 64 sheep, 5 calves, 5 horses, 6 coops chickens, 10 sks potatoes, 9 sks wheat and oats, 1 beeve, 2 bxs.—Value, \$3,847 50.
Per slp LETITIA, from Port Townsend—170 sks onions, 20 bxs apples—Value, \$390.
Per slp THORNTON, from Burrard's Inlet—20 m feet lumber—Value, \$200.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Mr Brook, L Holmes, W E Stronach, G M Whitworth, Mr White, Thos Richardson, Geo Clark, Geo Hicken, R W Haynes, Mrs W H Taylor, Mrs S B Wilson, O G Garrison, F F Brunson, J Barker, Thomas Howard, A G Martin, Geo Martin, George Campbell, W Jamieson, Chinaman, Klootchman.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.
March 3rd—Schr Premier, Ella, Nanaimo.
March 5—Schr Eliza, Middleton, Saanich
Schr Shark, Turner, Sooke
Schr Clancy, Robinson, Port Angeles
Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, Saanich
Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, Saanich
Str Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo
March 6—Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
March 7—Schr Winged Racer, Peterson, Port Angeles
Schr J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Mar 8—Str Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
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Slp Letitia, Adams, Port Angeles
Slp W D Rice, Gilman, San Francisco
Slp Thornton, Warren, Burrard Inlet
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PASSENGERS.

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Schr Surprise, Francis, North West Coast of Vancouver Island.

BIRTH.

At Lillooet, B.C., on February 16th, the wife of Mr. Franklin Roberts, of a son.

MARRIED.

In Detroit, Canada, on the 19th December, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. George Brown, Mr. Hugh Arthur, late of British Columbia, son of Hugh Arthur, Esq., J.P., to Sarah A., second daughter of A. Marsh, Esq., all of Consecou.

DIED.

In this city, on the 10th instant, George Knight, second son of Samuel and Jane Nesbitt, aged five months and twenty-two days.

BIG BEND GOLD MINES, British Columbia

The Safest, the Shortest and the Cheapest Route to these rich Placer Mines is by way of

Victoria, Vancouver Island. Passengers going this way have not to cross the dangerous Columbia River Bar, and the distance is over One-Third—or 279 Miles—Shorter by way of Victoria than by way of Portland.

The Governments of Vancouver Island and British Columbia have subsidised the following powerful steamers to carry miners from San Francisco to Victoria and New Westminster direct:—

The Hudson Bay Co.'s Stmr. Labouchere, Capt. Mount.

The Cal. S. N. Co.'s Stmr. Active, Capt. Thorn.

These, or other first-class steamers, will run on this route regularly, and will connect at Victoria with swift River steamers carrying passengers to Yale, a distance of 175 miles. From Yale to Savana Ferry, a distance of 133 miles, there is a splendid Government Wagon Road and comfortable way-side Houses every few miles; over this road travellers can easily walk, or they can ride in Barnard's Fast Four-horse Stages. From Savana Ferry the Hudson Bay Co.'s new and swift Steamer Marten will run to Ogdan City, upper end of Shuswap Lake, a distance of 111 miles. From Ogdan City to the Columbia River, a distance of 34 miles, there is an excellent Government Pack Trail.

Miners going to the Rich Mines of BRIDGE RIVER CARIBOO

can do so by the Government Wagon Road from Yale, over which it is easy to walk, or travellers can ride in fast Stages.

The Steamers running from San Francisco for the conveyance of passengers, by way of Victoria and the Fraser River, being under contract to the British Colonial Governments, the Rates of Fare charged are very low, and passengers are expeditiously, comfortably and cheaply conveyed from Victoria to the mines.

Miners going from San Francisco to the British Columbia Gold Mines will derive another great advantage by visiting the FREE PORT OF VICTORIA. In Victoria, Miners can supply themselves with every article they require, free of duty, and 25 to 50 per cent cheaper than they can buy similar goods in California or Oregon.

Distance from Victoria, Vancouver Island, to Big Bend, 473 Miles
Distance from Astoria via Portland to Big Bend, 752 Miles

TABULAR STATEMENT OF DISTANCES, COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES.

Table with 2 columns: From Victoria, Vancouver Island. To New Westminster, by steamer 80 miles; Thence to Yale, by steamer 95 miles; Thence to Savana's Ferry, by stages 133 miles; Thence to head of Shuswap Lake, by steamer 111 miles; Thence to Columbia River, at a point 30 miles above the supposed head of navigation, by Government Trail 34 miles; Thence to Gold Creek, by boats 20 miles.

From Astoria, via Portland.

Table with 2 columns: To Portland 95 miles; Thence to the Dalles 110 miles; Thence to Walla Walla 100 miles; Thence to Colville 210 miles; Thence to a point where the Trail from Shuswap Lake strikes the Columbia River 216 miles; Thence to Gold Creek 20 miles.

Showing that the distance to the Big Bend Mines is 279 MILES LESS BY WAY OF VICTORIA than by way of Portland.

The following Statistics, respecting the probable Time and Expense of Travelling from VICTORIA TO BIG BEND, have been compiled by Mr. F. J. Barnard, the well known British Columbia Express Agent and Stage Proprietor:

Table with 3 columns: Class 1—By Stage over the Wagon Road, and including Meals and Beds through. Dist. Time. Rate. Meals. Victoria to Yale 175 24 hrs \$4 00 \$6; Yale to Kamloops 133 5 days 10 1 50; Over Lake 120 1 day 10 1 50; Head of Lake to Columbia River 35 2 days 2 00; Total time, 9 days; Total cost, \$26 50.

Table with 3 columns: Class 2—On Foot from Yale to Lake Kamloops, taking Meals and Beds at Wayside Houses. Dist. Time. Rate. Meals. Victoria to Yale 175 24 hrs \$4 00 \$6; Yale to Kamloops 133 5 days 10 1 50; Over Lake 120 1 day 10 1 50; Head of Lake to Columbia River 35 2 days 2 00; Total time, 9 days; Total cost, \$26 50.

CLASS 3—Men furnishing own Food on Steamers, Travelling on Foot from Yale to Lake Kamloops, and buying their own Provisions on the way or packing it with them.

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British Columbia.

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