

Employ the Means.

It is only when men use the ordinary means suggested by common sense and experience that they have any right to expect satisfactory results. Looking at the subject of population and settlement, one cannot but be struck with the marked neglect to employ ordinary means by which the history of British Columbia is distinguished. It is not our intention in the present article to take up that branch of the subject which relates to bringing population into the country, but merely to deal with the scarcely less important duty of retaining in the colony those who do come. What appears to us to be one of the most important duties of the Government, in this connection, is a systematic effort to assist people in settling upon the public lands. By this we do not mean actual money assistance, not that we would not approve of such aid, but because the finances are possibly not in a condition to admit of it during the present year. The assistance we allude to is of a different kind. The Lands and Works Department should be transformed into a more thoroughly practical institution than it may, perhaps, be regarded at present. In it or connected with it should be intelligent, civil and obliging officers, possessed of just such information as the intending settler stands in need of. The most desirable districts for settlement, the occupied lands therein, the improvements thereon, the unoccupied lands, the nature of the soil, the facilities for, and the cost of, moving supplies in and productions out, all these should be placed in panoramic view, so to speak, before the intending settler, and he should be made to feel that he is wanted and appreciated. It appears from late exchanges that in the Province of New Brunswick a considerable sum has been voted for the purpose of directing immigrants onto Homesteads. Let our Government employ the means and trust to Providence for results, instead of, as hitherto, trusting Providence for both.

The Odd Fellows Celebrations.

The 51st anniversary of the introduction of Odd Fellowship upon the continent occurred yesterday, and throughout the length and breadth of America was made the occasion of religious rejoicing and festivity by three-quarters of a million of members of the Order. Here, in Victoria, the Brethren of Victoria and Columbia Lodges assembled at their Hall and shortly before 3 o'clock, headed by the Volunteer Band, and preceded by the magnificent banner of Victoria Lodge, marched in procession to the Theatre, where a numerous audience—composed largely of ladies—was already seated. The officers ascended to the platform. The Chair was taken by Bro James Fell, who, with three strokes of the gavel brought the Brethren to their feet. The Opening Ode, commencing 'Brethren of our Friendly Order, was sung with much effect, the ladies present joining heartily in the singing. The Chaplain—Rev Mr Somerville—then invoked the blessing of God upon the Order and the assemblage and the Chairman introduced Brother the Hon Jno Robson, who proceeded to deliver the oration, of which we have not room to-day for an extended notice. We learn, however, that the Order have resolved to publish the oration in extenso in the local paper and also in the organ of the Odd Fellows at San Francisco. Mr Robson retired amid much applause, and Rev Mr Somerville, in a few humorous remarks, moved a vote of thanks to the Orator, which were given by acclamation. In moving the vote, Mr Somerville took occasion to say 'good bye' for some time at least, to his Brethren of the Order. Deputy District Grand Master J S Drummond moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried unanimously. Mr Fell, in acknowledging the compliment, eulogized the Order, its principles and its workings. The Brethren and the spectators then sang to the tune of the National Anthem, the Closing Ode, which commences 'Brethren, we thank you for all that you have done for this year's friendly call, and work on hearts to cheer. And the building was speedily emptied of the living mass. The Brethren formed in line and were photographed in front of the Theatre by Mr Craig, after which they formed in procession, marched through the principal streets and returned to the Hall, where they were dismissed. In the evening the Odd Fellows and their lady and gentlemen friends, assembled at Alhambra Hall and joined in the merry dance until an early hour this morning.

On its Travels.

The Union Hook and Ladder House, was moved several feet yesterday. The timbers are all in a good state of preservation and no difficulty is anticipated in depositing it in its new location. The late site of the house will be converted into a garden. The house was erected in 1859 by public subscription, shortly after the occurrence of an alarming fire at Patrick's Corner, a well-known boozing ken of those days, and formed the nucleus of the present efficient organization of firemen.

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TWINES—Seaming and Beping
SHOP TWINES—Brown and Colored
MATCHES—Polak's
WOBBERSHIRE SAUCE
GINGER LIQUOR in Case
IRON—Bar, Hoop and Sheet
FLOUR BAGS

Wednesday April 27

INTERESTING.—The spring is very late and cold. There has been a large amount of snow this year. One pack train has called for beans for Peace River. Beans 4c per lb, extra flour \$4 50, superfine \$5 25 per 100 lbs. In consequence of the late spring but little gold dust has been taken out, and now the river is rising. The Countess of Kargoodie Company, on Bridge River, did not put their dam in the right place. Large crops are being put in on Peace River account, although from late private advices it will feed itself, a large range of fine, open country having been discovered. After the railway survey has taken place and Howe Sound is found to be the correct terminus, Lillooet will come to light again, and we shall have a leader from you in quite another tone. The lowest reading of the thermometer here was 12° below zero, in March, a circumstance that never happened before. The lowest in January was 4° below. The Lands and Works has promised a trail on the west side of the Fraser this spring. Howe Sound is so situated for navigation, timber, &c, that Yale is likely to want our overcoat to keep out the cold, notwithstanding her advantages. We ought to have a J P if only to keep the Indians in check; some of them are pretty sassy and would not hesitate to cut one's throat. There have been several cases of theft, &c, which ought to have been attended to this fall. Only a few days since an Indian stole \$30 from a Chinese, bought a horse and departed. Had we a J P we could have secured him at once. They often remark 'Halo judge stop, I hear of another attempt at shooting near Kamloops. It appears some sheep trespassed on cattle ranges. We have one man here in goal for defending himself against a party who shot at him near the Junction 3 of 4 times. Rather curious law—snacks of the 17th century—putting in goal the man who made the charge, who was on the defensive, while the man who went armed with a pistol 17 miles with intent to commit a murder, as his own evidence proves, runs at large. He was also under bonds to keep the peace, and has had fourteen suits with the man who acted on the defensive, in all of which he came off second best in the Police Court at the City of Olinot. There must be something rotten somewhere. We do not all here admire the member for Lillooet's style of language in the Council. It is certainly not a la Macaulay—the author from whom he so frequently quoted. Who is 'sine qua non' and responsible government? We are not classical here, if he would confine himself to English or Chinese we might understand him. A good quartz lead has been struck at Lillooet. There are no slides on the Yale road to stop wagoning.—Com.

FOUND DECEASED.

The dead body of an Indian woman was found floating in the harbor yesterday near the lumber yard of Moody & Co. A jury was empaneled by Mr Pemberton to inquire into the cause of death and after having viewed the body adjourned till Thursday.

LADY FRANKLIN

visited this colony in 1851 and will probably remain some time with us.

THE OLD MEN OF THE SEA

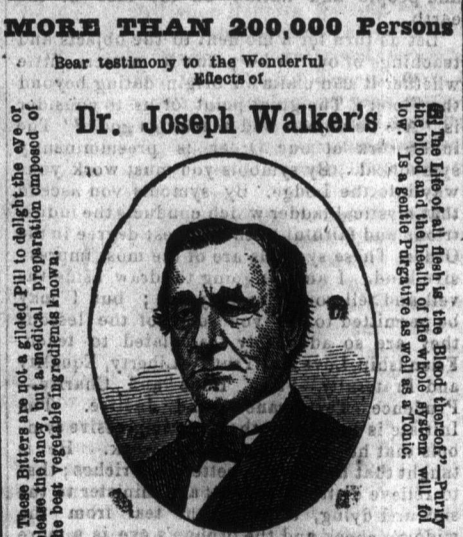
will place them to dispatch the next direct steamship to this port. As they appear to be ailed, it is perhaps just—at the refusal of the Government to subsidize them to make more frequent trips between the two ports, it is not unlikely that they will keep back the Arctic until the 5th proximo. What a distressing thing it is to be dependent on foreign steamship companies for our mail service!

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

has been appointed to the position of manager of the branch in this city of the Bank of British North America, superseding Mr Barrill, the present efficient and energetic manager, who will doubtless be promoted to some more important branch. Dr Tuzo has gone to Montreal, Canada, and will return to Victoria in the course of a few weeks.

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