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The Graving Dock.

The influence of the projected graving dock upon the commercial and especially the maritime prosperity of British Columbia cannot easily be overestimated. In considering this subject it must not be forgotten that one of the conditions of union is that the Dominion Government will exert its influence to have the headquarters of the British fleet in the Pacific established here It will scarcely be necessary for us to dwell upon the great advantages to this colony in general and to Victoria in particular accruing from the presence of the fleet. Apart altogether from considerations of security in times of disturbance, and the *prestige* it gives to the place, the more substantial advantages to the trade of the port are very great, much greater, we are inclined to think, than most persons are aware of. It is to secure these advantages that the Dominion Govtrnment has engaged to exert its influence with the Imperial authorities; but it is important to bear in mind that the graving dock must exert an influence upon the question of the presence of the fleet scarcely less potent than the Canadian Government. With war-ships of all classes, but more especially with those of the larger class, it is a consideration of the most vital importance that they should be able to enter a graving dock for repairs; and it cannot be doubted that the presence of such a dock would have the greatest weight with the Lords of the Admiralty in establishing the headquarters of the fleet here. But the influence and usefulness of the graving dock would have a much wider range than the fleet and the maritime interests strictly proper to this Colony. The maritime and commercial interests of Puget Sound are upon the eve of marvelous development. The whole trade of that country must pass our door; and, with proper management it can be made more or less to pay tribute to us. To the graving dock our neighbors would be customers equally with our own people; and to attract such custom is to secure many and great ulterior advantages. Canada has agreed to guarantee the interest upon a sum of money presumably sufficient, or nearly so, to construct the graving dock; but the nature of her engagements is not such as to make it any part of the duty of Canada to trouble herself about the construction of the dock. Who is to look after this matter? Undoubtedly those most directly interested—the people of British Columbia, the people of Victoria. And it is a matter which should receive immediate attention. The work will necessarily occupy some time. The guarantee of the Canadian Government only takes effect upon the completion of the work. From every point of view, therefore, it would appear to be of the greatest importance that the work of constructing the graving dock should be undertaken without delay. What we particularly desire to impress upon the reader is that it remains for the people most directly interested in the matter to move. It will not do to fold out arms and await the construction of the graving dock as something that is to accompany Confederation—to come to us without an effort. The thing is waiting for us. We must not wait for it.

The Geological Survey.

The gentlemen composing the Geological Surveying Party sent out by the Canadian Government arrived in this city last evening by the steamer North Pacific. They are four in number, viz, Mr Alfred R C Selwyn, who is the head of the Geological Department of the Dominion, Mr James Richardson, and Messrs Benjamin Baltzley and John Hammond. Mr Selwyn was for ten years connected with the Geological Survey of Great Britain, was for seventeen years director of the Geological Survey in Australia, and has attained great eminence in his profession. The Canadian Government would appear to have been fortunate in its choice of a successor to Sir William Logan. Mr Richardson is also a gentleman of considerable experience, having been some twelve years connected with the Geological Department of Canada, under Sir William Logan. The other two gentlemen — although attached to the party — are not geologists, but photographers, sent out by Mr Nottman of Montreal, who will make an extensive collection of views of the most interesting objects presented by the country. It is to be presumed that information derivable from local sources may, to some extent, shape Mr Selwyn's plans of operation, but we believe it is understood that the lines of route about to be explored by the Railway surveyors will constitute the first objects of geological observation; and we understand that the coal formations near the seaboard will also receive attention later in the season. It is probable that Mr Selwyn will visit Canada at the close of the present season, returning in the spring, leaving Mr Richardson to prosecute the examination of the coast formations during the winter. The party will be made up in a few days, when they will probably repair to the interior.

Tuesday, July 18th.

MORLEY PUNSHON'S OPINION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Rev Mr Punshon has written his opinion of British Columbia to the editor of a Cornish paper as follows:—"He describes the people as thoroughly British in their sympathies and in favor of Canadian Confederation. Of the 220,000 square miles, the area of British Columbia, he says, perhaps 100,000 may be put down as mountain, utterly unfit for the plough and incapable of cultivation. But there is still left a large area of tillable land on which agriculture may become a source of vast wealth. The climate is moist, strongly resembling that of England, but perhaps warmer in the winter. The mornings and evenings are cool no matter how warm the day has been. It may be too cool for the weak and sedentary, but men of vigorous constitution and active habits enjoy the climate thoroughly. The great want is population. There is room for millions, but the white population does not exceed 15,000. There are 4000 or 5000 in and about Victoria, 400 or 500 in Nanaimo, the same at New Westminster, perhaps 2000 in the mining districts, and the remainder are scattered over the farming districts. There are more than 2000 Chinamen; many are in the mines working abandoned claims and others are earning a livelihood by raising vegetables for market on patches of ground where a European would starve. A goodly number are employed as domestics; the ladies say that they make capital servants. The Indian population is supposed to range from 40 000 to 60,000, in a state of the most debasing Paganism and with little sense of decency. Mr Punshon declares British Columbia a fine mission field for all the Churches."

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer North Pacific arrived from Olympia and way ports at 9 last evening, bringing 60 passengers and a good freight. We are indebted to Purser Taylor and Wells-Fargo's messenger, Mr Crosby, for the customary favors. The North Pacific will sail at 10½ this morning.

SCARCITY OF FISH.—All kinds of fish are unaccountably scarce this year. On the Fraser the 'run' is three weeks behind the customary time and much anxiety is felt in consequence. Fishermen say the finny tribes were never, within their recollection, so poorly represented in the harbor and adjacent waters as this year.

DESIRABLE INVESTMENT.—This morning Mr. Heisterman offers a bargain to an enterprising man of business habits. The locality is good and the price asked reasonable.

AN Indian woman was killed by her husband a few days ago at Yale. She was beaten upon the head and her skull fractured.

Cariboo News.

The *Sentinel* of the 8th is before us, but it is chiefly occupied with an account of the celebrations of the 1st and 4th. The former of these celebrations—that of Dominion Day—appears to have been characterised by an amount of enthusiasm and elaborateness not found in any other part of the Colony. Indeed it is questionable whether, throughout the whole Dominion, the day was celebrated with equal *eclat*. It is characteristic of the good people of Cariboo that they do nothing by halves. Whatever they undertake to do, they do it with all their might. The day dawned beautifully, charmingly up among the mountains. A spacious platform had been erected, tastefully decorated with evergreens, and beautifully arranged bannerets bearing gilt maple leaves. At 10 o'clock the explosion of a tornado was the concerted signal for the commencement of the programme, when J H Todd Esq, made a few appropriate remarks and proposed three cheers for the Queen,—a proposition which was responded to with a hearty good will by the congregated hundreds. Then followed the National Anthem, by the Band, when J Spencer Thompson Esq, delivered a most able and eloquent address, at the close of which he proposed three cheers for the Dominion of Canada. The sports commenced at 11 o'clock, and were continued without intermission until 7 o'clock. A royal salute was fired at noon, and many choice pieces of music performed in excellent style by the Band throughout the day contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment and success of the occasion. A performance at the Theatre, by the Amateurs, and a general illumination concluded the proceedings of one of the most successful and agreeable celebrations in the history of the colony. The principal buildings in Barkerville were decorated, some of them with rare taste and great elaborateness, and the town presented a truly gay and joyous aspect. The illumination, too, was very grand, and the effect is described as perfectly enchanting, the whole town being literally a blaze of light, with a plentitude of transparencies, bearing mottoes suitable to the occasion. The amount of $1,081,75 was at the disposal of the Committee; and a balance in hand of $152,13 was disposed of thus:—Donation to Hospital, $50; donation to Fire Brigade, $50; purchase of Dominion flag $52.13.

The patriotic outburst of the 1st seems to have exerted a cooling influence on the 4th, as it does not appear that the American residents attempted any formal celebration, as in former years. There were, however, amusements, including horse races &c, and the day passed off very pleasantly.

The mining news covering the week of celebrations is, as might have been expected, meagre. The Forest Rose washed 170 oz The hydraulic companies on William Creek continued hard at work, piping night and day and, as the water was holding out well, it is expected that there would be twice as much ground stripped as in any previous season. The iron pipes of the Flum Co. were doing great execution, and a commencement had been made to clean up some of the ground. The Discovery and Valley Mountain campanies continued to do well. On Harvey Creek the Montrose were getting good pay. On Lightning, the South Wales (for half week) took out 85 oz.

The fire-alarm bell (263 lbs.) had arrived from San Francisco, and would be at once placed in position.....A cave in the Brouse cos. claim came near doing fatal mischief. It caught Mr William Stephenson, one of the owners, and a Chinaman, both of whom were severely bruised.....The first ox teams of the season reached Barkerville on the 5th .....The arrival on William Creek of A R Robertson, Esq. Mayor of this city, is noticed by the *Sentinel* in kindly and complimentary terms.....The McGinley Troupe continue to amuse the people of Cariboo.

ASSAULT.—Frank O'Neill was yesterday brought before the Police Magistrate on a charge of having struck August Campbell with his fist, and also kicking him. The accused pleaded guilty and was remanded until remanded until Friday next for sentence.

A BAD CHARACTER.—At Virginia City, Nevada, a man named George Kirk, having been warned to leave by the Vigilance Committee, returned on the 14th inst, and was hanged by the Committee. Kirk formly lived in this city.

THE EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.—San Keun and Chang Foon, the Chinese lady and gentleman, were brought before the Police Court and remanded, for one week on a charge of embezzeling from Kwong, Lee & Co.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.—The Enterprise on Sunday arrived from New Westminster via Burrard Inlet, bringing 20 passengers.....The steamer Isabel, from Nanaimo arrived on Sunday .....The bark Robert Jones has been towed to Esquimalt, there to discharge Government stores.....The California sailed for Portland on Sunday morning.

THE Lands and Works require all accounts due by that Department sent in on or before the 19th inst, as the public accounts will then be closed.

SHIPPING is scarce and rates of freight high. We are told that colonial mills have large orders which they are prevented from filling, being unable to procure vessels.

TENDERS for supplying the bar and refreshment tables at the Mechanics' Institute Picnic will be received by Mr A McLean up to 4 o'clock p m to-day.

NO NEWS of the Zealous. If she don't arrive before the 20th there will be a good many disappointed.

A "Scrap" of Local Political History

THE Standard-bearer is again playing sad havoc with the Queen's English and Truth. In his political winding-sheet yesterday, he says: "Just imagine Master Higgins, fresh from his tour to Ottawa, sending instructions to support an Annexationist on one side and a Confederationist on the other! and both in same constituency." It is quite true a telegram to support Messrs Helmcken and DeCosmos was sent by Mr Higgins; but had he then known, as he learned afterwards, that DeCosmos had shouted "To hell with Confederation," and espoused Annexation, no such telegram would have been sent. As our friend is fond of referring to the contest of 1868, when Dr Helmcken polled nearly two votes to his one, a few "scraps" connected therewith may not prove uninteresting at the present time. During that memorable contest, Amor corralled a number of Greek fishermen at the Alhambra and mistaking them for Italians, spoke a sho[illegible] men, that [illegible] your Garibaldi.' [illegible] might and height a sturdy Gre[illegible] name—who asked, "How abou[illegible] tion?" "To hell with Confederatio[illegible] ed the local Garibaldi. The Greeks pondered and pondered over the impressive remarks of the piously-inclined gentleman who had given them food for thought and then ungratefully went the next day and voted against him! They seemed to think his politics, like their commodity, somewhat *fishy*. On the same evening, at the Alhambra, uprose a valiant Knight of the Shears who interrupted the gentleman in the midst of a torrent of eloquence and things, and said, said he, "But you've told us all that before, and then you've just gone and voted differently." "Sir," replied the eloquent gentleman, "you don't know what you are talking about. The DeCosmo' never alters. God Almighty may alter, but The DeCosmo' nevair!" The gallant Knight was overcome with emotion and conviction, and he, too, went the next day and voted against him. When the votes were counted, it was found that Dr Helmeken had received nearly two votes to The DeCosmo's one. Shortly afterwards a vacancy occurred in District No 2, to fill which he was elected. A few weeks subsequently at the Theatre he made a speech in which he said, "By an inscrutable decree of Providence I am again a member of the Assembly, notwithstanding the opposition of Dr Helmcken, & Co.," etc. The previous member having died, the impression sought to be conveyed was that his career had been cut short to give the DeCosmo' his seat—a local application of Mormon principles as practically illustrated by the Danites or Destroying Angels of Brigham Young! Is it to be wondered at that the man who could utter such impious trash in the presence of an intelligent audience should favor the Paris Communists and clap his hands for joy when he heard of the tragic end of Archbishop Darboy? In his article yesterday the Communist says THE COLONIST advocated Annexation. To this we reply that the nearest it ever came to advocating such an absurdity was when it supported his Lovely self for the Legislature. But that was when the present proprietor was absent from the Colony. The charge, too, that THE COLONIST applied through Governor Musgrave to Sir John A Macdonald for a subsidy to assist it in outliving THE COLUMBIAN is palpably untrue, because THE COLUMBIAN died in July, 1869, and Governor Musgrave did not reach the Colony until about a month subsequently. It is also untrue that a subsidy was ever asked from the Canadian or any other Government at any time to support THE COLONIST, which is able to support itself under any and all circumstances, and will live long after the ephemeral *Standard* has been applied to the purpose for which it was designed, viz:—A political winding-sheet for its ostensible proprietor. It is quite true, however, that The DeCosmo' announced to several parties still in Victoria that he would have the distribution of the Dominion patronage on the Pacific coast, and asked them which position they would prefer!! We are also told that he still clings to the insane belief that he will be the first Premier and that so late as the 7th of January last, in selling for $1500 one-half of the dying establishment that had cost him from first to last $6000, he also *sold* the Queen's Printership of the province of British Columbia!! After the ides of November it will probably be found that the Queen's Printership was not the only *thing* that was *sold* with the plant. In concluding his article he challenges us to produce the article in which he referred to Canadians as North American Chinamen. Nothing can be easier. In his leader of 6th March last the Canadians are repeatedly spoken of as Chinese, THE COLONIST as the organ of the Chinese (meaning the aforesaid Canadians), and Canada as effete, worn-out, decrepid, 'Grandaddy Canada.' But his denial will not surprise anyone, when it is remembered that, after having applied the insulting term 'carpetbaggers' to the surveyors almost as soon as they landed from the steamer and sought to create a prejudice against them in the public mind by saying that they owed their appointment to political influence and not to merit, he, the very next day, denied having applied any such term or made any such charge. A controversy with such an adversary as The DeCosmo' is worse than unprofitable—it is degrading. And yet it is sometimes necessary to touch pitch even though it defileth!

ESQUIMALT LICENCES.—A short time ago we took occasion to point out the unfairness of requiring the keepers of public houses at Esquimalt to pay city license rates. We are gratified to learn that the views we presented have been adopted by the authorities, and that only country rates will hereafter be demanded for Esquimalt licenses. This is a simple act of justice to the people of Esquimalt, and we must compliment the authorities upon the promptitude with which that act has been performed.

SALE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.—At 11 o'clock this morning Mr Franklin will commence the sale of horses, carriges, harness, saddles, fowling pieces, sewing machine, dinner service, choice wines, &c., &c. Busses will leave the Adelphi corner at 10½ o'clock. The sale is peremptory and, no doubt, great bargains will be secured.

LUDICROUS ERROR.—A local contemporary says, 'If any farmer votes for a member of the local Legislature or a representative to Ottawa who is favorable to the immediate imposition of the Canadian tariff, he ought to be held up to public scorn and ridicule.' Now we should imagine that the proposition reversed would be correct, inasmuch as the farmer voting for the retention of the present tariff would be voting for the continuation of an enormous tax upon his meat and drink, to be paid into the Federal Treasury.

PUGET SOUND ITEMS FROM THE INTELLIGENCER.—Seven hundred Chinese, 250 whites and over 100 teams are employed in grading for the railroad between Olympia and Kalama .....The ship Wildwood is being prepared for sea.....Mlle Jeal's circus will exhibit on the Sound this week and will arrive at Victoria on Monday next.....The bark Architect is loading with coal at San Francisco.....J T [illegible]

TROUBLE IN THE CAMP.—It is again reported that the Communists have become convinced that their man DeCosmos can't win in this district for the Commons and are urging him to stand for the outside or Vancouver District; hence he has obtained copies of the voters' lists in that district with the object of coming the gammon over the electors at an early date.

UNION DAY.—We are happy to learn that the committee for the celebration of the 20th are exerting themselves to make the occasion worthy of the event. They have deferred announcing a programme in the hope Her Majesty's flagship Zealous may arrive in time. In any case particulars will be published to-morrow.

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.—The examination continued yesterday. On Wednesday at 2 o'clock the prizes will be distributed.

THE U. S. R. C. LINCOLN arrived in the harbor yesterday morning.

THE Douglas starts for Nanaimo at 7 this morning and will return to-morrow.

CHIGNONS have gone out of fashion at the East.

The Victoria French Relief Fund.

WAR VICTIMS' FUND,
86 Houndsditch, E, 8th June, 1871.

GEO BECKINGHAM,

Dear Friend,—Your letter of the 6th of last month duly reached us and after some little delay Rothschilds have paid to our account at Barclay's your draft, value two hundred and twenty pounds sixteen shillings.

On behalf of our committee I am desired to express our thanks for the confidence you place in us by thus making our fund the channel for distributing your subscriptions.

Our work is now nearly completed, but there yet remain many channels where we can usefully apply money. We will forward you our reports, and again thanking you and your Committee,

I am yours sincerely,
ERNEST BECK,
Secretary War Victims Fund.

Extraordinary.

PRESIDENT GRANT'S SON TO MARRY THE PRINCESS BEATRICE!!

THE LUCKY DOG TO BE MADE VICEROY OF CANADA!!!

We clip the subjoined extraordinary statement from the New York *World* of a late date and leave our readers to form their own opinion of its worth. It appears in the *World* in a Washington letter:

Letters received here from England put the extraordinary question seriously whether a marriage between the son of President Grant and the Princess Beatrice of England might not be so arranged as to secure the 'entente cordaile' between the two countries. The Queen has originated the proposition, just as she did that for the marriage of her daughter to the Marquis of Lorne. The young Princess is only 14 years of age and the Queen's idea is that upon the re-election of President Grant and the beginning of his second term in 1873, the nuptials be solemnized. Young Mr Grant would then be adopted as a British subject and immediately be appointed

VICEROY OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

It is Her Majesty's belief that in this way the feelings of the three countries of America, Canada and Great Britain could be harmonized as closely as their interests.

The letters which communicate this surprising proposition are written in perfect good faith, and by persons of the highest position in Great Britain. One of them asserts that the idea really came from Mr Seward, by whom it was suggested to the Earl of Mayo in India, and by the Earl when taken up and communicated to the Queen through one of his lordship's friends, Lady Waterpark, a lady in waiting upon Her Majesty.

It is also stated that the matter was entrusted to the London correspondent of a leading Radical journal of New York, who left London suddenly for New York about a month ago commissioned to

SOUND THE PRESIDENT

upon the subject. This correspondent assured the Queen's ministers that the re-election of President Grant was absolutely certain, and this contributed mainly to give them confidenne in the scheme. The agitation now going on in favor of Mr Greeley may disturb his plans. But it may be considered certain that he has opened negotiations with the Dent family and Mrs Grant.

MILLINERY.—By last steamer a first-class milliner arrived from Europe for the London House.