Statistics, respecting the probaxpense of Travelling from VIC BEND, have been compiled by d, the well known British Colument and Stage Proprietor : Stage over the Wagon Road, and g Meals and Beds through.

Dist. Time. Rates. Meals175.....24 hrs.....\$4.....\$6 120..... 15 hrs..... 10.....4 Col-...... 35.....18 hrs..... 9 er of hours travelling, 81

oot from Yale to Lake Karsloops and Beds at Wayside Houses.

Dist. Time. Rate. Meals ····· 133....5 days.... -.... 20 120....1 day 10...... 4 o Col-

9 days

urnishing own Food on Steamer, n Foot from Yale to Eake Kamiging their own Provisions on the ing it with them. 175..... 24 hrs..... \$4..... \$ aloops 120....1 day 10.. 1 50 o Col-..... 35....2 days.... -.... days. 26 50. ouver Island, 1866. fel5

uthority of the Victoria Chamber

borg & Rueff. ON MERCHANTS. nd WholesaleDealers -INes, Provisions. and Shoes. m24 D&Wti -LEA AND PERRIN'S tershire Sauce. EXTRACTOI & LETTE from a MEDICAL GENTLEMAN

at Madras, To his Brother at WORCESTER, May, 185 "Tell LEA & PER "INS that their Sanc Is highly esteemed i India, and is, in my opinion, the most pa-latable, as well as the most who leso me Sauce that is made.,



THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHED ERY MORNING. Sundays Excepted, VIGTORIA, V .. TERMS: di slal

OL Isar, (in advance,)\$10 02

THE POLITICAL POSITION.

In one of the best speeches made in the recent debate on the reform bill in the House of Commons it was shown that democracy, with all its faults, had one great overwhelming virtue, and that was when it knew it had blundered it strove immediately to rectify the error. With all the teachings of philosophy there are really but few grander attributes than this. Human nature is in itself so imperfect that even wise men are guided more by the effects of imprudence than by an intuitive knowledge of right. When a Government therefore, is willing to learn from experience -when it is anxious to retrieve error so soon as the effects display themselves - call it what we will it is a wise Government and a good Government, and one most suited to the growing wants and capacities of man. If this peculiarity belongs to a popular government, we may safely say the opposite characteristic belongs to a government that is not of the people. Wherever we find the "one man power" or the inclination to rule inde-

nd experience may over and over again repudiate. This is the great stumbling. block in the way of progress-the fruitful cause of revolution. We cannot shut our

pendent of public opinion, we shall speedily

ty to one class of ideas-

people. The taxes of the country are so much te money ; the colony has virtually nothing

for His Excellency in the present crisis; it was his duty to have governed according to

the wishes of the people. If the House of Assembly chose to raise or lower the Estimates, Governor Kennedy, as a prudent Governor, had no reason to interfere. It was his policy to throw the responsibility of the action on the House. If they acted foolishly, without discretion, or in antagonism to the Executive, there was the people at any time to be appealed to through a dissolution ; if on the other hand they acted with sagacity, then His Excellency had nothing to do but

to accept their views. He has not done so; he has been led into a labyrinth of difficulties by his sincere official advisers of the Upper House, and he now comes to the Assembly for relief.

> CARIBOO. MINING INTELLIGENCE. (From the Sentinel of May 21st.)

WILLIAMS CREEK.

but little new to chronicle in the shape of ernment will give them an equal show (as new discoveries. Most of the claims them is their duty) with our American neighbors, staff has just

abandoned, so that there will be a great in- the bottom of a shaft on a hill on McCulcrease to working claims this week. There loch's Creek. The miners themselves have is now plenty of water, and before the week closes we doubt whether an idle man can be the course of a few weeks many important eyes to it. History presents it to us so plain that he who runs may read. The Govern-willing to do a day's work. Even the Chi-now prospecting on the South arm of the ment of Vancouver Island does not, however, apparently read history; we regret to say apparently read history; we regret to say the Raby Company, it is said, intend hiring spirits and to look forward to a busy fall and indeed that the experience of the past is 60 Celestials to work in their open cut. The a bright Christmas in the good time coming. snow is fast melting away, but not so rapidly as to create any undue increase to the waters of the creek. Among the many companies taking out pay we note the following : The Moffatt Co. washed up on Thursday 12 ounces and on Saturday 13 ounces ; the Prairie Flower Co. washed up this week 100 ounces; the Adams Co. washed up for the week \$1200 ; the Aurora Co. are taking out good pay still,

His Excellency may attach very much im- Jack. Every available explosive weapon | Martin on Wednesday evening at Whitby him with a very handsome writing desk and portance to the supplies; he may think, in a was brought to bear, so that the steamer-a worthy representative of our colonial enperform, is to vote them; but he will find As she neared the landing place three rouswhen it is probably too late, that the public ing cheers and a tiger rent the air which of Vancouver Island have got something else to do besides paying exorbitant taxes, and that Government has a higher duty than and every nerve strained on the part of the Seymourites to welcome the gallant Marten attempting to force, with all the injustice of their labors were as a single grain of sand the highwayman, a ruinous tribute from the on the shores of Shuswap compared with the handsome manner in which they were ac-| knowledged by her popular commander, if THE WEEKLY COLONIST. to show for them but a large staff of officials and H. B. rum freely distributed to all hands we may judge by the amount of champagne

John Meakin,New Westminster
Barnard's Express,New Westminster
Clarkson & Co.,New Westminster
Barnard's Express,New Westminster
Barnard's Express,New Westminster
Clarkson & Co.,New Westminster
Barnard's Express,New the Indians who were almost frantic at the sight of a steamer. They rode furiously along the banks trying to keep up with her and seemed lost in admiration.

SEYMOUR CITY.

Before concluding I must say a few words about our city and its future prospects. The population is about five hundred, and can boast of six saloons, thirteen stores, five bakeries, three restaurants, two butcher's shops, and eleven shoemakers, two painters, one stationery shop, six physicians, and a drug store, two tin shops, two barber shops, eight washhouses and a bathing house. I might also mention an extensive fishery, two breweries, two blacksmiths' shops and a livery stable to say nothing of a coffee and doughnut stand.

PROSPECTS OF THE COUNTRY.

Notwithstanding the many disappointed, sore footed, light pocketed, weak headed, sick hearted, bootless and pantless specimens of the genus homo returning from Seymour, every one who has one " bit's" interest pending on the result of Big Bend must feel quite satisfied that despite the drawbacks arising from a very late and severe season, these mines will turn out to be the great Eldorado of British Columbia. All our merchants Since our last weekly report there has been | require is that the British Columbian Gov-

station occurred thus: Being a passenger silver inkstand. on the G. T. R. from Toronto to Whitby- . Un Thursday on arrival at the latter place, he remained on board talking to a friend till the cars again at which about 200 persons were present. started, when he jumped, and fell between It is described as having been a magnificent the platform and the cars, severely injuring reception. his back, and paralyzing his lower limbs.

MONTREAL. by a train near Quebec.

The health officers in Quebec are busy visiting the City. They found in one case forty persons in two small apartments. On Tuesday evening a meeting was held in Montreal for the organization of a general

Sanitary Association. The House of Refuge in Montreal sheltered 2,900 persons last winter-only 447 of them females. The permanent inmates number 105. The expenditure for the past year was the return of the Hon. Mr. McDougall, Chairman of the Commission, has returned to Montreal.

The small pox has attacked the orphan children under the care of the Grey Nuns of Quebec. Within the last few days more than twenty children have been removed from the Nunnery to the Marine Hospital.

The Montreal House of Industry and Refuge held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening, when a large number of persons attended. The report was considered highly satisfactory. The income for the year had been \$23,865.

QUEBEC.

The repairs of the Quebec Custom House are nearly completed, and the clerks have resumed possession.

Mr. Leboutillier, M. P. P. for Gaspe, has arrived at Quebec, and Le Canadien thereupon predicts the early opening of Parlia-

LONDON.

London has a flowing well; not of oil, however, but of water. The well is situated at the foot of Dundas street, and at about eight o'clock on Friday night began flowing at the rate of two barrels a minute, the water being as clear as crystal, but of a strong, sulphurous taste. In this city house rent is advancing

rapidly, owing chiefly to the number of American families settling here. Certain dwellings which a few months ago produced but \$5 and \$6 per month, now command \$8 and \$9. It is almost impossible for new comers to get a suitable residence at any price, and yet at this time building operations are by no means brisk in comparison with last year. -London Free Press.

OTTAWA. Three new canal boats for the Oltawa

hold two shows this year-the first in June. The imports this year exceed those of the same period last year by \$4,000,000--threefourths of the increase being in dry goods: It is understood that the Governor-General will arrive here on Saturday next, and take up his residence at Ridean Hall.

Navigation is now open between Ottawa

On Thursday evening last a dinner was

Salt is now being produced in Sussex, N. B. The St. John papers speak highly of the A habitant while intoxicated was run over jarticle, and say that it will compare favorably with any of foreign production.

A movement has been begun in Barrie for the erection of a flax mill, in furtherance of which a public meeting has been called by the Reeve.

There are new ships on the St. Lawrence of 40,000 tonnage.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES KEAN have broken off their Boston, engagement abruptly; the over \$7,000. The Hon. Thomas Ryan, M. L. O., Trade part of Mr. Kean. It is understood in inner Commissioner to the West Indies, and, since theatrical circles, however, that the real difficulty was of a different character. The stars have drawn very poor houses during their engagement, and a good deal of applause has been given to Mr. Cathcart, an actor possessing the youth, grace and force which Mr. Kean lacks, who has taken lead~ ing parts in support of the stars in their tour around the world. This is not to the taste of Mr. Kean, who is proud, jealous and selfwilled as was his father, and he' saw fit to forbid Mr. Cathcart going forward in obedience to the enthusiastic call of the audience atter his delivery of McDuff's passage at the close of the fourth act of "Macbeth." Mr. Cathcart yielded, but the audience would not; the applause was kept up, and even the en-trance of Mrs. Kean, in the sleep-walking scene, could not quell it. At last the trage-dian yielded; Lady Macbeth retired to ar. pear no more that evening, and Mr. Cathcart came forward to bow his acknowledgments. All this threw Mr. Kean into a very great passion; he played through Macbeth in a rage, and swore he never would appear again in Boston in the play in which he and his wife had been so insulted. The tragedy had been announced for repetition, and the manager saw fit to refuse to withdraw it; the tragedian brought his engagement to a close without a farewell benefit; and henceforth Boston will have as unsavory a place in his memory as it held in that of his father .--

> NEWMARKET RACES-The one thousand guineas day at Newmarket on the 19th April drew a large attendance. The Times of the 20th says :- Repulse (purchased by the Marquis of Hastings after the Leger from Mr. Jackson) was the coming filly, on whom 2 to 1 was laid at the Rooms, and nothing

News Letter.

small, and Bayonette, a mare from the French stable, was the only one besides the . favorite really backed for money. Jennings was, indeed, as nearly confident as the Danebury people were, and if the mare had been more kindly she would in all probability have won. As it was, the race was confined to her and the favorite, the former hanging and Montreal, and steamers are running reg-Repulse won, ridden by Cannon, after a close struggle, by a short head. It was hardly 2 to 1 on her, however, and her friends must have been rather nervous for their investments a quarter of a mile from home. Repulse is a fine, lengthy, dark bay mare by Stockwell, bred by Lord Derby, and, of course will now be a favorite for the Epsom event, for which Bayonette is not entered. The betting on the course was in favor of "Delight" for the Chester Cup, and "Rustic" for the Derby. JUST AND GENEROUS-Wells, Fargo & Co. have exhibited as much wisdom as liberality in rewarding Stephen Venard and his asso-The Ottawa River has risen greatly during ciates, who displayed so much heroism in their encounter with the stage robbers. We learn from the Nevada Gazette that on Saturday evening last \$3,000 was paid to the Sheriff's party by the Agent of Wells, Fargo & Co. at that place. Venard was offered the eration of the conspicuous part which he played in the affair. He certainly was entitled to the larger portion of the reward, if not to the whole of it; but his generosity proved equal to his courage, and he positively declined the offer, declaring that he would accept only his fair proportion. However, the matter was finally adjusted by awarding \$1500 to Venard, and dividing the remainder among the other members of the party, making \$3000. We suspect that the pluck evinced by Venard and his associates on this occasion will have a rather discouraging effect on "road agents," and that stage robe beries will henceforth be exceedingly rare on Wells, Fargo & Co.'s routes .- S. F. paper.

ution. & Perrins

e public against spuriou imi of their celebrated

TERSHIRE SAUCE scovered that several of the Fo been supplied with SPURIOUSIAN Is closely resemble those of the d in one or moreinstancesthe ORGED. ceed against any one who may and such imitations and havein respondents in the various par d vise them of any infringement

a and Perrins' Sauce.

ale and for Export by the Pri r; Messrs. Crosse and Blackwell, d Sons, London; etc., etc.; and Imen universally. nl0 lawly on, Green & Rhodes, Agents for VICTORIA, V: I.

Stomachic Weakness PSINE.

ABLE MEDICINE for weak and n. may be had in the form of NE GLOBULES IN BOTTLES INE UNALTERABLE, and the EW, AGREEABLE, and the DI taking the medicine. Manu-factured by

SON & SON.

Southampton Row, Russell uare, London

ned of all respectable Chemists

forson's Patent) MORSON'S KREOSOTE,

ption of Chemicals, and all new arefully packed for shipment. me and Trade Mark on all Pre-

le payable in London. ml M. SEARBY, Chemist, Victoria,



E W MARK.

RODS & TACKLE **Sticks**, **Cricketing** s, Croquet, chery, &c., SS ARTICLES ONLY. UFACTURED BY S WRIGHT, BAND, LONDON, OLESALE & RETAIL, ABLISHED, 1840. h England, carefully shipped. lication. noll

hopelessly lost upon it. It is to all intents and purposes the "one man" Goverument, doing what it likes independent of, and very frequently antagonistic to, the people. The result is, it is brought at present to a standstill. It virtually defied the power of the Assembly; it threw out its bills and talked

flippantly of its legislation ; and now it has to come down to the body it has so frequently insulted, and ask for something very like pardon and a condonement of its offences. We say it has to do this; although in its bungling way it still attempts to assume the position of mentor rather than pupil. Nothing can be a sadder commentary on irresponsible government than the crisis which the Executive and its Upper House have brought about. For years they have been ignoring the wishes of the people-session after session they have persistently thrown out every bill that had for its object the benefit of the country, and still they had the hardihood to expect that the people's representatives would,

like dumb spiritless animals, draw the supply bill at the crack of the whip. Events have shown how sadly they were mistaken. They have had their own mulish way long enough. They have injured the colony almost beyond redemption ; imprisonment for debt still drives the enterprising man from the country and deters to a great extent an influx of people to our shores. A Homestead law and other acts for encouraging persons to settle among us have been time and again refused, and still the public are asked to put their hands deep in their pockets and support not only a useless Government but one that has proved in nearly every instance hostile to the popular will. His Excellency informs the House in his despatch of Wednesday last that the estimates have been before the Assembly for five months, but the House may well reply that the principal measures of the country have been before His Excellency's official legislators for two years-that measures of infinite more importance than a Supply Bill-measures that would tend to increase the material wealth of the country instead of pumping dry the public purse, have been sent to the Upper House, session after session, but in vain.

but we are unable to learn to what extent. BURNS CREEK. The Never Miss Co., in which the well known Billy Barker is interested, were working on this creek up to the 7th January, when they had to stop on account of water; they ran a tunnel 70 feet into the bench some six feet higher than the level of the creek. and found such prospects as justify them in believing that when water can be had to wash they will make from \$12 to \$16 a day to the hand. There will be at least six or seven companies at work on this bench during the summer.

ANTLER CREEK.

We learn that Mr. Jennings has commenced to run a tunnel into the bank near the Bed Rock Flume Co.'s ground, where he expects to find another channel. Below this point about two miles, some seven or eight companies are making preparations for working their ground. LETTER FROM SEYMOUR.

SEYMOUR CITY, May 27th. 1866.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER MARTEN.

This has certainly been the most eventful day that Seymour City has yet witnessed, made so by the arrival of the much wished for steamer Marten. To you dear Victorians whom we picture to ourselves anxiously awaiting the arrival of every down steamer in order that you may hear some encouraging and reliable news from the Big Bend, I feel certain that it will be as great an amount of joy and satisfaction to hear that at about six o'clock this evening the greatest excitement was caused by the steamer Marten coming round the point and delighting the eyesight of every Seymourite as she swiftly and gracefully glided through the noble waters of the Shuswap Lake. Five hundred hungry pioneers about that time were partaking of their evening dose of beans and bacon, but at the sight of the

steamer they hurriedly cast pots and pannikins aside and few were the moments that elapsed before the roar of mighty cannonading was heard emanating from the efforts of NEVER SAY DIE.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM SEY-MOUR. SETMOUR CITY, May 28th, 1866.

ARRIVAL OF THE MARTEN.

The steamer Marten made her first trip up here yesterday and caused much excitement and joy among our population, which now amounts to nearly 300,

FAITH IN THE MINES.

In spite of the great pack rush of men who never tried the Big Bend mines we have here great faith in them. It is a positive fact that several claims above pay from 10 to 15 ounces a day to companies of four or five men, and that these claims are the only ones which have been opened with a prospect of paying. The season is early yet, a great deal of snow remains on the ground which has disappointed a good many miners who are returning, but it will be found after the mines are once opened that the best season will be from October to December, when the climate is mild, and neither snow water nor cold will prevent the miners at that season from working their claims.

Clemens-or McCalloch's-is as yet the best creek discovered. H.

FIRST TRIP OF THE MARTEN.

SETMOUR, 28th May, 1866. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST : SIR-The Marten has made her first trip, a complete success, and over 120 miles of the most interesting waters I have ever travelled. Yours faithfully, JOHN MORRIS.

CANADA.

[Globe' and Leader 27th and 28th April.]

TORONTO

The bakers of the city have raised the price of bread to \$1 50 per dozen, wholesale, 14c per 4 lb loaf retail.

A lad named Doran was struck by blank cartridge from a rifle of one of the volunteers, while skirmishing to day, in the abdomen, which was torn open. No hopes are entertained of his recovery.

An evening paper is to be started in the middle of next month by J. Ross Robertson, of the Globe, and J. B. Cooper, of the Leader to be called the "Daily Telegraph." The proprietors are enterprising and energetic young men. The want of a good evening paper is much felt here, and its success is certain.

ular trips. The canal is at high water mark. The Canada states that Mr. McGreevy was on Saturday to withdraw all his workmen from the rooms to be occupied during the coming session by the two Houses of Parliament. They are finished only for temporary accommodation, and work is to be resumed upon them after the session is over.

On Monday, the Sons of St. George formed a large procession, and headed by a band, went to church. About 150 sat down to dinner in the evening. Letters of apology were read from the Hon. Messrs. J. A. Macdonald, Galt, Howland, Campbell, and Chapais, who were not able, to attend. Hon. Messrs. McGee, Cockburn, and Blair were present.

the last few days; at present the rise is at the fate of nearly two feet a day.

The Civil service clerks are about to petition the Government for a bonus or a general increase in salaries, in view of the extraordinary rise in the price of nearly all the necessaries of life. Some of those upon whole amount by his companions, in considsmall salaries have been reduced to great straits since their arrival in Ottawa.

There have been very few houses built here during last winter, and it is just as difficult to obtain houses here at present as it was last fall.

A rumber of stained glass windows of beautiful design have been placed in the Legislative Chambers. They produce a very pleasing and magnificent effect.

There is great activity just now in the sawmills on the Chaudier. For some time to come they will have to work night and day, the quantity of lumber ordered being as large or larger than in any previous years.

A quantity of timber which was kept here during the winter is now being rafted and will shortly be on its way to Quebec. It is the property of Mr. John Egan, and will be the first raft of the season.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Nova Scotia Government have introduced into the Legislature a bill in regard to persons using or publishing seditions and reasonable language. Although such an act found necessary to have one in this Province until the present time.

children of Mr. James Berry were poisoned by strychnine obtained in a drug store in the village in a mistake for medicine. Two of them are already deed, and the third not expected to survive.

On Monday last about twenty soldiers of the, 16th Regiment, stationed in Stratford, The serious accident which befell Dr. waited upon the Rev. Mr. Patterson, in the vestry of St. James Church, and presented

EDWIN FORREST .- This great tragedian now performing at Maguire's Opera House, San Francisco, does not appear to create so favorable an impression as was expected. An exchange speaking of his personation of King Lear, not Shakespeare's wondrous creas tion, but an emasculated edition by Mr. is in force in Great Britain, it has never been Forrest, says : Mr. Forrest's delineation of Lear was not so good as to reduce it to the nature of a reading, and would have shown The Guelph Advertiser reports that on to greater advantage had Shakspeare been saturday morning, at Rockwood, three acted, and not an unconnected series of building of the Lorent Party reports and bursts of passion strung together for the bursts of passion strung together for the purpose of surfeiting the andience with a

star tragedian, who monopolized the action and diverted the intention of the great author.

THE TAILORS' STRIKE .- It is said that there were 30,000 tailors on the strike in London