

## ITEMS OF THE MISSION AND COLONY.

## CONFEDERATION.

THE British Columbia Legislature, in January 1871, passed the formal resolutions for union with the Canadian Dominion. The Address to her Majesty was also passed, the Delegates were to be in Ottawa in February, and the actual union to be consummated in July.

## VIEW OF THE UNION.

"The determination of British Columbia to enter the Canadian Confederation on the terms which had been offered must prove gratifying to every well-wisher of the Dominion. When this promising colony has been admitted, the grand scheme of British North American union will be well-nigh consummated. The terms offered may be well considered liberal to the Pacific Colony; but then it is very desirable, in the future interest of both sections, that the Western colonies be attached to Canada, their elder sister and natural ally."—*Canadian News*, Feb. 1871.

## CLIMATE OF COLUMBIA.

The general climate of the colony is considered to be a dry and mild edition of that of England. The bitter cold of the 1st of January, 1871, in London will be remembered. The following extract from a local Columbian paper tells us about the weather the same day in Victoria, the capital of the colony:—

"If the beautiful bright weather that came with the dawn of the New Year be auspicious of the future prospects of this colony, then is there a blessed and prosperous season in store for British Columbians. A bright warm sun, shining in an unflecked sky, and just enough frost in the air to bring a ruddy glow to the cheek and quicken the lifeblood in the veins—such was New Year's Day, 1871. Let us hail it as any augury of the good in store for us as the youngest member of the Anglo-American Empire."—*Colonist*.

## NEW DISCOVERIES.

A hundred miles to the north of Cariboo is the Peace River, on the tributaries of which gold has long been known to exist. During 1870 explorations have disclosed an extensive auriferous district, some 800 miles distant from Victoria, to which the name of Omineca has been given. The following extract is from a local paper of January last, and describes an excitement to which this colony has been so often subject:—

"The confirmation of the news from Germansen Creek has awakened once more the spirit of mining adventure in our midst.