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The House met at 3:15, p. m. Members present: Messrs. Young, DeCosmos, Franklin, Powell, Tolmie, Trimble, Street, Carswell, Bayley, and Dennes.

THIRD READINGS. The Indemnity Bill, and the Chief Justice person, cerporation, or body politic, shall have declared, in the said By-law, to be liable to Pension Bill passed their third readings.

INCORPORATION ACT. The House went into committee on the bill Provided always, that no license moneys or

to regulate the Incorporation Act, 1862, Mr. no arrears of license moneys shall be collected Bayley in the chair. Trimble moved that after the word "re- license moneys or arrears of license moneys

pealed," all the rest of the clause be erased, making the clause read "That the Victoria and payable in conformity with the provisions Incorporation Act, 1862, and all by-laws of the said By-law before the thirty-first day therein enacted, be and are hereby repealed." Mr. DeCosmos objected to the amendment with the penal-

of the hon. member for Victoria District. We were now called upon to deliberate on a sub-ject which if not treated with sound judgment

and discretion, may do an incalculable injury thirty days after the passage of this Act shall Victoria. The hon. member for Victoria have elapsed. District's amandment proposes not only to repeal the Act, but also all the by-laws. The power to the corporation to make By-laws.

eity is now in debt to the amount \$20,130.- He would therefore oppose the amendment. On looking at another department, the total The amendment was passed as read, Mr. taxes received by the Trades License by-law Dennes only in the negative. Clause 3, of is \$15,000. If we annul all these by-laws, all the printed bill was passed with some triffing parties who have paid taxes under this head amendments, and with the addition of the an compel the Corporation to refund this following amendment by Dr. Helmcken. amount. By this means every tax payer may "Provided always that no money or arrears

be held liable for this \$15,000, which has been already expended. Then, looking at tion, unless the said moneys or arrears of the real estate tax, an amount of \$7,000 has moneys shall have arisen and have become been collected; if these taxes have to be re- due and payable, in conformity with the profunded, we will thus create a debt on the visions of said by-law, before the 31st day of city of \$42,000, if we repeal the by-laws, December, 1863; and provided also that the whereas, if we collect these back taxes, there penalties mentioned in the said by-law to be will be sufficient money to pay the city's in- imposed in case of default, shall not be en-

debtedness. If the House does not enable forced until 30 days after the passage of the debtedness. If the House does not enable the Council to collect the Real Estate and Trades License taxes, they must pay back all the money collected, and thus increase the Young said the words incorporating the incity's indebtedness to the amount already habitants as a city were simply nonsense; it stated. He (Mr. DeCosmos) would propose was impossible to make human beings a city; the following amendment to clause 1, that he proposed to leave out the words "inhabiafter the word "excepted," be inserted the tants residing thereon." Wards "or enacted." Mr. DeCosmos looked on it as a sort of le-

Mr. Young said that he had been waiting gal fiction, which was perhaps necessary, for Messrs. Young, DeCosmos, Franklin, Trimto hear some arguments or additional amend- the satisfaction of every one. ments by the hon. member for Victoria dis- The clause was passed with a few immatrict, but having heard none, he had come to terial amendments. The committee here rose the conclusion that his object was simply to disincorporate the city of Victoria. (Hear, hear.) He thought that it must be plain to anybody in this House that this would injure House adjourned.

e credit of the city to a degree which is incalculable. If the city has no funds to meet House met at 3:15 p. m. Members present, Mesers. Young, DeCosmos, Powell, Franklin, the debentures, even although the government should make good the liabilities, the

credit not only of the city but of Vancouver Island would be most materially injured Bayley, Dennes. abroad. As to the amendment offered by his TELEGRAPH BILL. hon. colleague, he was wholly in favor of it. The private bills committee reported in

He would, however, suggest the propriety of favor of the telegraph bill being accepted by introducing the amendment as a distinct the House. The Speaker said the bill would be read

Mr. Franklin said the present Council had a second time and committeed to morrow. done their duty according to the present Act, INCORPORATION ACT. wisely and indiciously, and as doubts had

zens, men who had all their interests in the him an office ; it would be a great advantage. paid; and that the Mayor and Council for the time being for the City of Victoria are hereby colony, and why should this House inflict As to the use of the line in time of war, he such an injury on a good class of citizens by did not see why we should look after the in-

authorised and empowered to collect, in conformity with the provisions of the said Bythe civic government. Mr. Franklin said there was a class of telegraphs, or anything else. law, all arrears of license moneys which any aliens, or naturalized subjects, who did not Mr. Street did not like to hear so much exercise their privileges as British subjects said about American enterprise; when Vic should do. They had endeavored to control toria, was as large and wealthy as San pay to some person appointed by the aforesaid and dictate to the rest of the community. Mayor and Council to receive the same ; Mr. DeCosmos said he had only one re- Victorian enterprise. (Hear, hear.) mark to make to the hon. gentleman's stateunder this section of this Act, unless the said ment. He would call to the hon. gentleman's recollection a time not long ago, when some line across any private land by the consent 30 or 40 of this very class were brought to of the owners. the polls by the hon. gentleman's friends and Dr. Helmeken said his opinion was that lin, Jackson, Street, and Dennes against it.

committee rose and reported progress. ANOTHER INCORPORATION ACT. Dr. Trimble said he wished to give notice

that he would to-morrow ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the city of Victoria,-(laughter). WATER BILL.

Victoria with water (petition read) and mov-ed that the petition be referred to the com-mittee on Standing Orders. Carried. TELEGRAPHIC REGULATIONS. Mr. Young gave notice that on Thursday next he would ask leave to introduce a bill

to regulate Electric Telegraphs in the co- ly shorter than we might have expected. lony, and to ensure secrecy and fidelity in the transmission of messages. To-day (Wednesday,) the House will take the second reading of the Telegraph Bill, and the Incerporation Bill in committee. House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 9th, 1864. House met at 3:15 p.m. Members present ble, Street, Duncan, Carswell, Bayley Dennes.

PETITION AGAINST THE WATER COMPANY. Mr. Dennes asked leave to lay before the so as to impair the aforesaid rights. Coe and Martin. Referred to the committee through British territory" be inserted .on standing orders.

REDUCTION OF LICENSES. praying for a reduction in the Clause passed. ciation. licenses.

INCORPORATION ACT.

TELEGRAPH BILL.

Leave was granted.

Ordered to be laid on the table

Mr. Duncan moved for an address to His Excellency on the urgent necessity for the Napaimo and Sooke. Passed.

shall forfeit their exclusive privilege.

The Weekly Colonist. In certain trades, callings, or professions, in the City of Victoria, were declared to be lia-ow the hen. gentleman opposed this very principle. He (Mr. DeC.) said his sole object in striking out this word, was to make the porter of ASSEMBLY. MONDAY, March 7, 1864. In certain trades, callings, or professions, in the City of Victoria, were declared to be lia-be to y license moneys to some person ap-porter of the said By-law by any person, corporation, or body politic, are hereby enacted and confirmed; and that all license moneys paid in conformity with the solut declared to he and to have been lawfully MONDAY, March 7, 1864.

preventing them from occupying positions in terests of Britain in this matter, they had

done nothing for us in regard to mails or Francisco we might hear something about Only Good Sauce, Amendment carried and clause passed. Clause 2-provides for the carrying of the

supporters, and by their votes a seat was the company should have the right to carry obtained in the House of Assembly, (laughter). their line over private land, whether the The amendment was put and lest, Messrs. owner was willing or not ; (hear, hear.) By Young, DeCosmos, Powell and Helmcken, a private property owner refusing to allow voting for it; Messrs. Foster, Trimble, Frank- the line to pass over their ground, there might have to be a break in the line. How-The clause then passed as read, and the ever, as they did not ask for this he supposed

ou the work being completed in eight or nine

months, the company would wish a proviso to

provide for accidents.

the passage of the Act, and that in thirteen of their rights. further months the line must be completed;

WATER BILL. Dr. Powell asked leave to read a petition from John Coe and Thos. Martin, asking leave to have the exclusive supplying of the city of finish the line in eight months from the pas-

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Dr. Helmcken said he thought the time of 18 months quite short enough; it was certain-The clause was passed with the addition of the words " of North America," after the

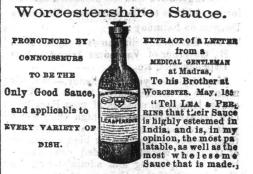
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Clause 7, provides that the telegraph line

extension to this colony of postal money orders, a book postage system, and also that shall fail for six months to keep the line in the British consul at Panama be authorized working order, unless in case of war, they



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might have to be a break in the line. How-ever, as they did not ask for this he supposed the clause might stand as read.—Clause passed. Clause 3, passed. Clause 4, provides that the Company must commence the work within five months after the passage of the Act, and that in thirteen

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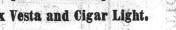
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amendment of his hon. colleague (Mr. DeC.) did not legalize the by-laws, but only legalized the collection of meneys. He (Mr. F.) would Clause in in a subsequent clause. Mr. DeCosmos was still in favor of bring-

ing in his amendment as first proposed, but possible with the views of his hon. colleagues and other hon. members.

Dr. Powell had also been waiting for some argument from the hon member for Victoria district, but was sorry to say he had not subject to none of the disqualifications herein heard any. This was simply a question of after mentioned. whether we shall have an incorporation or Mr. Young said the object of having the not. He (Dr. Powell) was in favor of the mayor elected by the council was to give the

he thought it would be better to come in as a second clause. It was necessary to enable ward as candidates. If the people knew the corporation to collect the taxes, and this amendment met the end. There were a mayor, they would exercise more care in putgreat many objectionable clauses in this bill, ting in good men. and many he would be disposed to amend, but he was heartily in favor of passing the worked well, and he did not see why was

Mr. DeCosmos said in order to facilitate business he would propose to withdraw his amendment, and bring it in a distinct

Mr. Dennes said he would certainly support the amendment of the hon. member for Victoria district.

Dr. Trimble said he was not opposed to municipal institutions, but there were so many objections to the Act of 1862, that he Mr. De wished to throw it out and introduce a fresh bill de novo.

Mr. DeCosmos said the hon. member was opposed to any incorporation, a fact which his amendment showed; the hon. member knew well that if this bill were thrown out, be struck out. This was an attempt to perand the city would be left unincorporated (Hear, hear.) It was a common enough thing in all corporations to amend defects in their laws, not to repeal them. Mr. Dennes said the hon. members wished

to cure bad by laws, which had been declared by the highest legal authority illegal. Mr. Young said the hon. gentleman's remark carried its own answer. He would ask the hon. members if it were not their especial

duties to cure bad laws ? Dr. Helmcken said if the hon member for Victoria district wished to do away with the But he did not think naturalized subjects incorporation of the city, it was now too late duce it?

Dr. Trimble-To-morrow or Wednesday. (Laughter.)

The House went into committee on this been cast upon the Act it was our duty to support and assist them, and protect them in bill, Mr. Bayley in the chair. their past proceedings. (Here, them in Olause 6, dividing the city into three amendment of his hon. colleague (Mr. DeC.) Wurde, and defining their boundaries, was Clause 8, providing that the council shall

Trimble, Jackson, Foster, Street, Carswell,

Mr. Duncan moved for returns of the propose to pass the clause as it stands, and make his hon. colleague's amendment come (ward), and that out of the number they shall amounts collected for statute labor and other ward), and that out of the number they shall road purposes, shewing the mode of expendielect by ballot as Mayor the councillor having ture of said moneys. the greater of votes, was taken up. TELEGRAPH BILL.

TUESDAY, March 8th, 1864.

Mr. Dennes moved to strike out the last he was willing to harmonize it so far as clause; he believed the mayor should be This bill came up for a second reading. elected by the people.

Mr. DeCosmos said that he had been au-thorized by the President of the Company to Mr. DeCosmos moved in amendment that the council shall consist of a mayor and six of Victoria would be placed in connection councillors, possessed of the qualifications and with the East in eight months. The advan- Council. tages offered by the bill were so great that it

required no argument. ing the second reading of the bill. amendment of his hon. colleague, although be thought it would be better to come in as a induce the best class of citizens to come forbe committeed.

Mr. DeCosmos said the present system had

should change it. He considered it highly mated that it was not quite in order to speak necessary that the people should have the election of mayor in their own hards, Dr. Powell supported the amendment. on the bill at this stage.

When the city had assumed much larger proportions than it now possesses, the clauses; iness of the country. providing nine councillors might be wanted.

thoughts he was wrong (laughter).

Mr. DeCosmos' amendment passed, Dr. Helmeken and Mr. Young dissenting,-to stand as clause 8.

QUALIFICATIONS .- On clause 9, providing notice of it had been given and the honorable that the Members of Council shall be male member must have it printed himself |laugh-British born subjects of full age, &c. ter].

petuate political and sectional animosity in Telegraph Bill, Mr. Bayley in the chair. the colony. It was taking a direct step backward in the policy of the country.

Dr. Powell supported the amendment as calculated to diminish national prejudices and its dependencies' be added. Carried. Mr. DeCosmos moved that the term of 50 and ill-feeling. Mr. Franklin said he was surprised to see

years for which the company ask the right to use their line be cut down to 25 years. the word "born" introduced into the bill

Dr. Helmoken said by granting the combefore the House; when he was before his pany a term of 50 years we would prevent the Government from granting a monopoly constituency the question was brought up as to aliens sitting in this House, and he was to any other company, should such need arise. He could readily see why this comshould be excluded from the Council; if it pany should make so liberal an offer. If they to do it. He preposed to bring in a new bill, where is it? when does he intend to intro-Legislative Assembly, he would decidedly effect of preventing the construction of the effect of preventing the construction of the British overland line. He did not know that

oppose it. Colonel Foster said he could not see any this would be any serious objection. We danger in naturalized citizens taking part in granting an advantage to Americans to the punts, to which we have previously alluded, Dr. Helmcken--I'm straid that wont do? the government of this country, but ne was Mr. DeCosmos' amendment to insert the sure that there was not an alien in the detriment of Britain, but he had not the

Mr. DeCosmos' amendment to insert the words or enacted" after the word excepted and to leave out all of the clause after the word "repealed," was carried *nem. con.* Mr. DeCosmos said the hon. gentleman ment, to stand as clause 3: That the Municipal By-law passed by the ad this day opposed a principle which he isght shundred and sixty-three, in which per-sons, corporations, or bodies politic, engaged

to remit from that place letters or newspapers shall forfeit their exclusive privilege. from the South American Republics for this The committe here rose and reported procolosy, the same being now detained by the gress, to sit again to-morrow.

non-payment of the American postage. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. STATUTE LABOR MONEYS.

WEDNESDAY, March 9, 1864.

The Council met at 2:30 p.m.-Members present-Hon. Chief Justice Cameron; President of the Council, Hon. Alexander Watson Colonial Treasurer, and Hon. Roderick Finlayson.

BILLS FROM THE LOWER HOUSE. The Chief Justice Pension Bill and the state that should the bill be passed, the city | Governor's Indemnity Bill, as passed by the House of Assembly, were laid before the

BOUNDARIES OF THE COLONY. The Clerk of the Council read a commu-Mr. Young had much pleasure in seconds eation from His Excellency, sending down a map of the boundaries of the colony, to be MARINE ARCHITECTS Second reading passed, and bill ordered to placed in the records of the Council.

RECEPTION OF THE NEW GOVERNOR.

The Clerk read a communication from the Dr. Trimble said he would now ask leave Secretary of the Reception Committee inviting introduce a bill to incorporate the city of the President and members of the Council to Victoria. The hon. member proceeded to take part in the demonstrations at the redilate on his bill, but the hon. Speaker inti- ception of the new Governor.

The President said he supposed the Council would take part in the reception in their Mr. DeCosmos opposed the granting of official capacity. Hon. Mr. Watson moved that a reply be

ground of the great delay caused to the buss sent to the Reception Committee, accepting their invitation .- Carried. Mr. Dennes supported the motion for a

PILOT BILL. Mr. Franklin also supported the amend. ment, as the present system had been found to now before the House, he believed en second Pilot Bill as sent back by the House of As-The President said the amendments to the sembly, had been agreed to, and the Bill had been sent up to the Governor to receive his Mr. Street moved that the bill be printed.

assent. The Speaker said it was a private bill; no APPROPRIATION ACT. The bill providing the supplies for the year 1864, was read a first time.

NEW BILLS. The President introduced a bill to amend The House went into committee on the the Land Registry Act. This bill was necessary to remedy some defects in the present Clause 1-Mr. DaCosmos moved that after act. Also a bill to enable parties who have the words " Vancouver Island" the words through the ignorance of conveyancers received defective titles, to have their titles.

confirmed. BANK NOTE BILL.

This bill, on motion of Hon. Mr. Watson,

some proposed amendments. Council adjourned till Monday.

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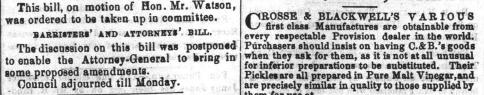


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