

## Nanaime and Coast settlements．

 As the losel reader will know，theGovernment steamer Sir James Douglas performs the Coast service．making naimo，oalling at intermediate cettie－ ments，and extending her trip as tar as
Comoz once a month．Wire this done in the regalar way of competing for the earrying crade wot be altogether free from objection，for it could scarcely be Government to engage is．The circam－ stances under which the special service
is undertakpn by the Government，io－ is andertaken，by the Goverament，io－ terprise in the ordinary，way，aree alto－
geiher oxcepional and，in our opinion， conatitate ample justifieution， pation spall be maintained with Nanai－
mo a place only secosd to Vietoria in point of importance－as well as with llements．Such communication is a ne－
cessity not only for Postal purposes but as weil for the accommodation and en－
couragement of trade and travel alung tlement aad dovelopement thereon．It will aid the reader in considering the
matier if he will bear in mind that it is
my meter by water alone that any means of com－
munication with Naaime and the more
distant points alladed to exist．Now， distant points alladed to exist．Now the consideration of the Governmen
was bbis：A nominal sabsidy of $\$ 4,500$
year lor the mail service along the coast mould not command the service
of a steamer ffering equal accommodar
tion with the Denglas．In trath no
teamer at all suitable coald be secured for the service for that subsidy；and
such a steamer as could be had would
 in isself．The Goveróment had the
Donglas itrowp on their bands at the union of these culouiter；and it was be Ieved that with ber the service migh
be effectaall／s performed without ooca－ sioning any conside rable charge nyou
the putlio revenue bey ond the nomina
 add that，at the arme time，such
reasorable eeaffof chares might fluence apon tbe varions coast interests，
and eviabie the service performed by the and eribie the service
Douglas to be regarded io the light of
a puotie boone I was under these cir amasyangas that a docision was come tre in pursoance olon kept upon the route；
Dunglde has been
and we are pleased to think that thereare
 anlts appear to tolly justify the concin－

sions whiek led 10 tu adoption．That | the service performed by the stcameir |
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| Douglas duy．ag these years has done | ap the various coast interests cannot be persous wil venture tu question is pot Oar desire is to a view to augmenting

suggestions with
the benefics of an admitied boou，There need be no heditation in asserting that
is a public good that such a sorviee，
 hase of that character it must cease to
be a logitimate object tor the expendi－ ea eginmate object tor the expend been stated that one important elemen in the conside ations which led th in ques ion was the adoption of such
moderate scate of cuarges as might no moderate seale or ceargo euterprise，an
be expected trum prive
as would tave the effect of stimalatiug as would have the alo and the coss
trade and paritualarly，to deal having thus re of the to vernment，our present taok
will，we trust，be an easy one．The
chiot object of the present arciole is ， 4 ， point out the desiratility of
recognition of that priuctile． plain，we inite ete Government to
lieve tbat a meterial reduction ia
prest preceat extension of whe service itse
a slight end
would tend greaily to efits accupitg to the public，without ap preciabiy increasing；and it wiy read
ine pubioctreastry
be admitled that if we succeed in tublishing this proposition we shall bu
made out a very sirong case．The to made out a very accep．ed withut any hesistuo as the preseat
oharged upon the Douglas


 How moch tower are these ratas than
oseo ordinianilly charged by private
orties？Withouc an answer which might pansing to supply ing eredit on the Boore of low rates， fearlessly afirm that to redace rease the benefits of the service in bear－ receipts moold experrience litile dimity
nation．To some this may arpear a old assertion；，bat a little reflection
will，we think，establieh its correctness． which the system of penny postage brings in more revenue than the old
ue of shilling postage．Ihe Douglas presents the only means by which the
cosst eetilers ean reach the market．At the hey are really unabe to compete saic eestally in mayy things with the for－ ection er．j yed under the Castom A．go into the peckets of our prodaceer
are being draived out of the country， year by year．Just in proportion as We do our owa farmers be augneouted． reduction in thêt hariff of charges as we have suggesied would result in an in
mediate commenturate increase in ih
quantity of freight and the number o passengers carried by the Duaglas；bat
wo bave no besitation in affrming that a acope of，say，two or three years b
taken，sueh，a resalt would be fully real－ ot such a change，one mast endearor extend the vision beyond the mere fac usefulness of this alroady very usetul
steamer would be doubled，withont involving any increa－ed eharge upo the revenus．That change is sugges
tive ot ivereased settlement，expandiag operations and progressive develop－
nent；and it is here that the grand ob－
jeet comes in．To promote this is the primary aim of the present orude and
urried remarks．To promote this thould be the auxious endeavor of the
Government．So much tor the reduc． ion slight isergase to the service alrea
the
hinted at．It has been said that mox is visited by the Douglas but o
a month Comox is an imporiant temen）；but it has become such not
throngh official fostering，bat in spite
o official neglect！If Comox is an important settlement now，what wouk
if have been had it erjojed reasonable acilitien for commanication with the
principal markets？Leacing the read－ or to abswer，we do not hesitate to ay
that the very loast the people of Cumoz
 traders receiving their letters one moult ad answering them the next Or Cin
worse atilt think of he farmer having
to be from bcme more the order to go elther to Nunaimoor Vio
toria to di dipose of what he may hav to sell i Prosperiy uider such a con
dition io not to be expected．We sub mit that the additiont ser ice could be be
performed by the Dógias without one
dollar of additional ex ense exicept the trifitigg amuunt of ruil con
－umed between Nahaimo and Comot Suct being the case，we conceive it
be clearly the daty of the Goveramen be clearly the daty of the Goveramen
oo order that the silight sudditiual ser－ vice be at once uedertaken，for
season doríg whith it it moatt needed
now close at band－All of which is 0ow close at hand，－All of which is r
opectully bot earestiy subnatited to
the favorable coasideration of the Exe
cutive．


## $\int_{\text {baad }}^{\text {Mr．}}$

##  <br>  <br> postage rates，whereby Caribeo het tere a ebarged foor times as much as those pasio throongh the lower  <br> Naw Wsstuingrse Irsus．－The Hyack Comes pany held a meeting on Wedneday for the patpuse of numinating its officers for the en－ saing year．The following nominatlons，We made：－Cbief Engineer W Joh atonn <br>    Vestminster，on the ath，inst，the ．Wells，of Obilliwhack，；of a son．

## aging than formerly．A few companies jare <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  nink of goang region were looking up．

## Douglag made fer mopthly utip to Sooke

 yesterday，calligg at Race Rock light housewith supplies mr，Eddy，mino bas alaken the







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 San Join Rivga．－Mr Jamee q Scott and
Mr Brown refarned from Leeoh River last eveoips．They bripg important news from
hat sectlon of eountry．About three week hice they went outt on a prospeentiog sout，
on the Ban Juan River，whero they found



 An Usifugary Hovge，－If ever the epirit
of ghosse of goblins damned revisit thie eab






 oesing body of Ahe Chee hanging by it
eeck．
Tas Fisgagrd Lightaouse nas been ree

