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Friday's Sitting.

MONDAY, Feb. 22, 1867. Robson, Young, Macdonald, Walkem, Stamp Cox, Sanders, O'Reilly and Trutch.

TRADES LICENSE BILL. On motion of Hon Crease this bill was

MECHANICS LIEN BILL. Hon Robson moved the first reading of the Mechanics Lien Bill, chief provisions of which were to give to persons furnishing labour or material for repairing or building ships, a lien for their wages, process being by attachment; also for labour or material for erecting, altering and repairing buildings, they could be reduced. precaution being taken against a lien for too large a sum.

THE TARIFF. Hon Helmcken moved the appointment of a committee to revise the Tariff. He was not prepared to assume the personal responsi-bility, and he did this with a view to relieving the Executive (hear, hear). The tariff required alteration, and he believed it could be so framed as to protect home industry and encourage the trade of Puget Sound, which was of real value to the colony (hear, hear). To revise the tariff to a great extent was not his intention; it was high enough in the main. and to increase it on many articles would be a loss to the colony and only encourage amuggling. The Council generally could be of only one opinion if the tariff was to be carried to a legitimate extent and no further. If a system was to be followed there must be a policy, and that must be continued. We cannot mix free trade and tariff together. When a policy is established, particularly as to promoting agriculture and home industry. it might draw many people who would not

otherwise come to the colony. Hon Robson seconded the motion, though he was at a loss to understand the course pursued, since he had himself proposed a measure in a different way. The sooner, however, the tariff was attended to the better. In his own district there were many men

for New Westminster. He knew on the sorily over the estimates, he could strike off total \$700 000 there were large arrears to office, which was established on petition from Island that parties were ready to break up \$75,0.0 which was equivalent to doing away pay which Vancouver Island could not. Victoria, but having been paid for by British and leave the country if their interests were with the road tolls, and yet the country would There was even the celebrated telegraphic Columbia was placed here. not protected so as to give them some in- be as safe and commerce not affected. dispatch to pay for; these sums swelled up ducement to remain in the country, and he There was a general feeling up above and in the amount to a larger sum, (laughter) and ish it altogether, as private enterprise could would remark that although we were snowed his constitutency that the road tolls should be having merried a wife over head and ears in do the work as well, perhaps cheaper. The (laughter.)

The motion was agreed to, and the Presicken, DeCosmos, Smith. CUSTOMS FINES

Hon Pemberton's motion for returns of amount of fines and seizures in the Customs Department, from '60 to '66, inclusive, stating how appropriated, was assented to. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Council went into Committee on the Estimates, Hon O'Reilly in the chair. Hon Birch wished to state' in answer to

it was the intention of the Government to amalgamate the office of Treasurer with that of Collector of Customs or some other office: but they had no power to act until reference had been made to the home author ities; with that view he had put "if required" in the Estimates. Mr Watson would act in Vancouver Island until the Act was repealed. he could afford no further information until they heard from home. Treasurer \$5020.

department with the office of Treasurer in from an experienced authority, who got it wise men to reduce the Estimates if we can. Suspense, and he would advise. as the office Treasurer vas vacant, that every reduction be rade in the ome, in the me. time, however, a the promise of the Colonial Secretary might be taken as a guarantee beyon. of amalgamation, the offices might be they contri-

Hon Birch would be glad to do so but Deduct what the luccould not see how the clerks could be reduc-are not to be considered ed. He read a letter from Mr Graham, are not to be considered ed. He read a letter from Mr Graham, dight, in fact, to be regarde. Chief Clerk of the New Westminster, office many horses or mules. Take away. showing the duties required to be performed; man and what would the Indian produce:

Hon Helmcken said it was not a matter of

ed the clearly defined means of enforcing member and would vote for one of the clerks prison. Here a similar process of wringing Stamp, Southgate, Smith—8. Noes: Crease, their municipal taxes. The principle was being struck out, as the office was going to be amalgamated.

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money from the pockets of the people was being carried out.

Hamley, Barnard, Birch, Ball, Robson, Young, Cox, Sanders, Trutch, Brew—11.

and hon members must bear in mird that lion, but he had himself been through the Assay Office, \$3950. there was a good deal of red tape required in the system, the estimates, he believed were framed with economy. The clerks in ber. The hon member cried wolf! until he made by which this burden might be reduced the moved by amalgamation or otherwise. He the service were always employed and if would find the wolf at his door. He had moved by amalgamation or otherwise. He ought to reside there and look after it. And

evil, but it was the duty of the Government his suggestions, would soon bring the coun-The bill was read first time, bon Crease if not of the Legislature to imform Her try to confusion. He was always talking about America and American institutions where the collector is to be collected on the Island, yet the collector is to be at New Westminster. unsuited to the Colony. If red tape was inThe hon member, when he talked of security assay, and valuable results in some cases He could not conceive anything more absurd, sisted on let H. M. Government pay for it, but there, had not perhaps seen what he bad on obtained. He was not inclined that anything and fancied it must be a mistake in printing. the Governor should take upon himself the American soil, a whole string of corpses? indispensable should be entirely removed, That he ought to be at Victoria none would

down by taxation in order that duties might be performed in a red tape way. It was the not know the condition of affairs further in
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man take his figures from. Hon DeCosmos-From the estimates.

Hon Biren-He does not include Indians; Hon Helmeken said Indians could not a more liberal Government. consume what they did not buy, strike out

Government. watching it with anxiety, ready to go on an ceed \$3 50. In New Brunswick it was about \$3 10 with a population of from two to Fouquet, who knew more about the question on-paying office, but he did not, and was non-paying office, but he did not not non-paying office, but he did not non-paying office, but he did not not non-paying office, but he did not non-paying office non-paying offi same could probably be said of the Island three hundred thousand. In Nova Scotia it than any living man, red, white, or black. districts. Nothing, barring the Estimates, was about \$2 50 or \$3, yet this colony was called upon to pay \$1 00. He would admit under the present system of import duty, the contract.

How same could probably be said of the Island three hundred thousand. In Nova Scotia it inad any living man, red, white, or olack. Say ten Indians are equal to a white man under the present system of import duty, the contract. How said that so long as they were called upon to sup-Hon Helmeken in explanation said he had port the form of Government here, the tax articles enquired if the Government intended to must be high, but not unnecessarily light, population of 16 000, which divided by the of gold last year in the country would only bring in such a measure, and was answered In picneer communities, if we get the Gov- amount asked for would give a result of amount to \$6306. in the negative, being told at the same time ernment to preserve our property and land, it \$43 75 per head. He admitted that this Hon Crease made a few remarks on the that the appointment of a Committee would is really all we require. Here we have a was far too much, and that we ought to be position and working of the department and Hon Pemberton sustained the hon member | Staff capable of governing boo,000 people governed for that amount, out there was government tells us that we must submit to now to put their hands in their pockets. dent appointed the following Committee; taken from us because we are Englishmen. members from Victoria to talk about op- than do that, in many cases they preferred enquiries made at the previous sitting, that that we were a tax-ridden lot of serfs. How what was said in the next territory about How Walker said, ben members would the Rocky Mountains might be estimated at by a misdirected policy. Let us drop that much difficulty in dealing with this a maximum of 18,000 (be obtained his facts treason and rebellion and go to work like by regular census.) They were only worth nos ible anything to the Colony to the extent of the

showing the daties required to be performed, man and what would the indian produce; also from Mr Watson, stating that the Examine closely into the matter. To turn their vices of the country to account the country the country to account the country that the country the country the country the country that the country the country the country the country that the country the country that accounts were in arrear; one of the clerks the bone and sinew of the country to accountry to account were in arrear; one of the clerks count was all very well, but we could not do present policy Hon Helmcken said it was not a matter of choice but of necessity that a reduction should be made, otherwise the Colony would national debt on her shoulders. Was the contraction of absolute bankruptcy, He value of labor here worth seven times as the contraction of the members from the choice but of necessity that a reduction seven times more than in England, with her listen to the voice of the retrenchment was the only thing to the members from the members from the choice but of necessity that a reduction seven times more than in England, with her listen to the voice of the retrenchment was the only thing to be in a state of absolute bankruptcy, He value of labor here worth seven times as (Hear, hear) The members from the constituencies did

be in a state of absolute bankruptcy. He had no wish to cripple the Government, but he hoped the House would see the absolute necessity of making some reduction reasoning justify it. What had the lands and the lands and works department done for their money? the in this Assembly, receiving no money for two cle absolute necessity of making some reduction
It was very well to sit there and laugh
over the thirg. He had seen the same thing
before, the House will vote more money than
the country can raise and then the Governor means to borrow money to cover it; the

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works department done for their money? the
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their services, and free to express their
saving of \$2440

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the two clerks be struck on the country can raise and then the Governorm office. If used as an engine for emigration, gogues! the insuling epithet could only that nothing had been done apply to the hon member himself. Could he the two clerks be struck out.

How perhaps to cover it; the the insuling epithet could only that nothing had been done the two clerks be struck out.

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that it can be done on this occasion, as no Then the Collector's office, what have they one will give the Government credit, and to do? Nothing; a little splurge once a pursued with such a charge? The Government where the land was of little value and there that is the only safeguard. He urged upon week on the arrival of a steamer, and it is ment and those who were determined to was very little to do. It was in a false posithe House to go through the estimates with over; busy one day doing nothing six; a support them might shut their ears to the tion, and if retained here no clerks were rea view to reducing them to the utmost. glaring instance of extravagance. The office voice of retrenchment and carry these votes, quired. Hon Birch said be won d be too glad to ought to go to Victoria where the revenue is upon them should rest the responsibility. reduce, but he had gone through the estimates raised; the magistrate and one officer could (The hon gentleman replied with much the hon gentleman, that there was really no which were framed with the atmost economy do all the duties here as well as the Collector warmth and emotion to the gratuitous land of any value between the Rocky Mounconsistent with efficiency. He believed the consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with efficiency. He believed the consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with efficiency. He believed the consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with efficiency was not used to consist the consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with efficiency was not used to consistent with the consistent was not used to consistent with the consistent was not used to consist the consistent was not used to consistent with the consistent was not used to consistent was not used to consistent was not used to consistent with the consistent was not used to consistent with the consistent was not used to consistent with the consistent wa Council met at 1 p. m. Present—Hons members lost sight of the fact that over \$200,- termined to push the estimates through, and could afford to throw dirt—and carried the the offices? propose that the Assistant Sur-Crease, Hamly, Brew, Ball, Smith, Barnard, 000 was to pay off debts. He had gone through they must go. A serious lesson entire House with him.)

inrough the estimates with the intention of would, however, yet be taught them; there Hon Helmcken-I move that two clerks Helmeken, DeCosmos Southgate, Pemberton economising, but if the hon gentleman would be a deficit at the end of the year, be struck out. would show where a saving could be pro- and if the country is asked to make up the Hon Pemberton-We don't require two the office, he should not object. About 7000 perly observed he would be glad to accept deficiency it will force the people into ret.

Hon Helmcken said the expenditure must

Hon Birch objected to such a proceduce,

French Creek. Otherwise the department postponed one week, so as to come up after be reduced, it was disagreeable but there was tered, and that the presence of the navy and the clerks were necessary, how could the had been chiefly engaged in repairs to roads be reduced, it was disagreeable but there was no use talking—it had to be done, we should so on would prevent such a thing, but the banks manage without clerks to do their and keeping trails open.

How Pemberton objected to the Assistant How Pemb Hon Crease moved second reading of this bill, which was only the old Act with such amendments as would make it workable. Hon members were familiar with the various stages through which the bill had passed and the followed by the fallowed the fallowed the f the failures that impeded its progress. The nothing for public work. He fully endorsed upon a man, and if he did not pay their exchief difficulty was that the Corporation lack- every word that had fallen from the hon the hon or bitant demands, they could cram him in

Hon Ball said this was a Crown Colony from the hon Victoria member about rebel- tion.

Hon Robson said the Colony was ground in support of his arguments, but the hon that the Assay and Refinery office, however whole Colony, and with the chief Collector duty of the Government to have the system land. No good and much harm might be the Council would vote the amount proposed have separate Collectors at Victoria, Nanaiduty of the Government to have the system changed, but that was not the subject occasioned by the statements so frequently made in this House, for which there was not the Pemberton—We are to pay some foundation. He had been among the miners \$100 a head taxation without remonstrance or and they did not say that they were overtaxed, connection with some of the banks; other House at Port Townsend, to which foreign expostulation. It is four times greater than and he did not believe that the taxation was wise to abolish it, and no more money to be ships could go no further, the same policy Australia, and ten times greater than Eng- \$100 per head. There were many Indians required for compensation. in the interior who owned their horses and

Hon Pemberton said the Indians used to from the red tape system while they would tains. He estimated the population of Van- to Victoria, where there were two banks and have a good pretext to offer to the Home conver Island at 4000 and the mainland at where all the gold went. 3000 (ob!)

be anything at all it must have control over boo alone was 1200, and he fully believed its own affairs. In England the taxation was that of the Island was 5000, and the main. Compensation was a mistake. If the emequivalent to \$10 a head. If the population land the same; an entirely inside view. of Canada was three million it would not exstaff capable of governing 500,000 people governed for half that amount, but there was the advantages it offered. stru k off. But the representative of the debt in her maidenbood they were obliged principle on which free assays were made be bound hand and foot, and our life blood was, to say the least, bad taste for hon their specimens were obtained, and sooner What was the position of our neighbors con- pression, texation, bloodshed, treason and trasted with ours, and yet there was no in- rebellion. These demagogues might how! them to San Francisco. The department, security on the other side. The Governor and rant and roar from every pine tree and was atraid to take upon himself the respon-stump between this and Cariboo, but they machine. If the Government were going to ponsibility of amalgamation and was, there- could not raise such a feeling; they would be tore, unfit to be Her Majesty's represen-lative. He was fully prepared to give whirlwind. The less said in the House and in a generous support to prudential measures, the newspaper about credit being gone, his intelligence, could support the retention but the course they were pursuing was about rebellion, taxation to death, etc., the of the office he (Dr H.), could not undercrushing the life out of the place. We heard better. Those representations going forth stand. He moved that it be struck out. it from San Francisco, Portland and elsewhere from the legislature and press brought about had a reduction been made? When we look the people being serfs. It has been through to the bank account and find \$170,000 deficit, such ridiculous statements and newspaper is that a gentleman fit to administer the articles that the credit of the country has Government? Where is the information on been destroyed abroad. He was in hope. this point, and why was it not supplied? when everything had been brought to wreck With this overdraft due to the bank, the hon and ruin in the late Colony these gentlemen gentleman tells us he is going on reducing. would come back to us wiser if not better The thing was past comprehension. Then men, and not seek to thrust upon us the the hon gentleman calls to his and the In- same ideas that promulgated there. He (Mr dian population. Never was such a mistake, R) had an abiding and firm confilence in The number of Indians from the Island to the destines of the Colony if not destroyed

Hon Macdonald called the House to order, Ron Helmcken, in reply to the Hon fors they sold, the 60,000 gallons of oil they Robson, said that instead of the mainland being oppressed by Union with V. neouver I that, and the small amount of labor Island the boot was on the other leg; it was the balance? Little or none. greatest sufferers by it and he regretted that the draughtsman. dians produce and they be ever saw a representative of the Island tax-payers. They in this House. They had married a bauking this office with the Colonial Secretary's
department and adding one draughtsman, the
at Victoria be made provisional and temporary
the County with a debt of over \$1,200 000 on her the white shoulders. The Island members were not

amagogues; they had come there to express the interests of the country served. As it the office should be dispensed with it possible: ews, and to state that this Colony has now existed it was practically recless. The misgoverned so long as the hon gentleman here described the head office is continued. The reason at New Westminster, and the circumlocution nd been ruined was the that he had to encounter to obtain ordinary people when district magistrate was the proper quarter to be done. apply for information, and not the land office. 'aland If the office was to be continued at all, abolish all except the draughtsman, as the whole

Hon Pemberton lound fault wit.

the same as the old one.

Hon Macdonald asked that the second reading be postponed, as the bill had not been printed. Postponed for one week.

Hon Suthgate observed that the office's being carried out.

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idle would be discharged; he did not see that listened with patience to the hon gentlethe necessity of maintaining it, although it was an extremely useful office under able to be seen, and only one steamer arrives once responsibility of changing the infernal Perhaps he liked Lynch Law; he (the and herefore moved a resolution to the foldispute. If he [Dr H] had his will, there speaker) did not. Paget Sound was quoted lowing effect: That the Council is of opinion would be only one Custom House in the

> equivalent to every white man in the coun- to pay. It was a matter of no importance wish to foster merchant marine, to give ento miners whether it was placed at Victoria couragement to those who live upon water Hon Cox remarked that the miners of or New Westminster, and would be of much as well as upon land, we must adopt this Cariboo said they did not wish to live under use to merchants and others at the former course. The Executive will find it work

the clerks, and the Government must depart number 75,000 this side of the Rocky Moun- local jealousies the office ought to be taken would be preserved. He, therefore, moved Hon Walkem thought that apart from all

Hon DeCormos said if the country was to Hon Robson said the population of Cari- amount was ever put into the Estimates, Hon De Cosmos considered it a pity tho ployes we: e thought entitled to compensation let a message to that effect come from the the views of the hon member, as the matter Executive. Some might wish to continue a would come up hereafter.

Hon Smith quoted statistics to show that

was that the p rties had to disclose where giving them to private assayers or sending a liberal mind indeed that would prevent moreover, was incomplete without a crashing be so considerate for all the officials, they had On division, the amendment was lost and Trutch's motion carried by 15 to 4.

Auditor General, \$5250.

Hon Walkers moved that the item pass.

Hon Helmoten moved that the extra clerk be struck Hon Wall m-It is only provisional and emporary

Hon Helmcken-That means all the year round. Hon Birch maintained that the extra assistance was needed.

Hon Southgate could not advocate such cheese-paring. The item passed. Chief Commissioner, Lands and Works,

\$6310. Hon Macdonald asked the head of the department if all the items under this head were necessary?

Mr DeCosmos thought that by amalgamat- and messenger.

whole daties could be well performed and and the Council might take his word that information, and after all he found that the mistake.

bing could be done with the assistance of

veyor be struck out? Hon Trutch said he found plenty to do,

more importance to the colony than the value of his salary.

After some further discussion the motion to reduce was lost.

Ayes-Pemberton, Walkem, Stamp, Southgate, DeCo-mos, Helmcken, Macdonald (7). Smith and Barnard outside the bar. The whole item was carried by the same

Customs-\$11,221 80.

Hon Helmoken remarked that the revenue Hon Smith moved in amendment that it be be a central office at Victoria, and thence to Hon Birch—Where does the hon gentle- cattle, and he regarded six Indians as removed to Victoria, where it might be made any other part should be coasting. If we economically, a landing waiter being all that was necessary, and the trade of the Colony that it is the opinion of this Council that the Custom House should be at Victoria, and

the revenue officer at Victoria be struck out. Hon Birch said this was a question of voting an amount for the requirements of the Customs Department. This was not the

to consider the question of compensation or in his department. The Governor was aware of all the circumstances that could be made as probably be at Victoria himself Imost of the year. As regarded the officers, he would state that he had made the lowest estimate of what the department required; they all had their hands pretty full and he did not ask for one extra on account of the additional labors imposed by Union. They would all find ample employment during the year.

Hon. Robson could not understand the policy of foreign ships being prohibited from proceeding farther than Victoria; the hon. member for Victoria could scarcely expect to carry that out. Were not foreign ships to go to Nanaimo? No doubt it would suit the hon. member very well that the coal should be conveyed to Victoria-perhaps in Hudson Bay foreign ships going to Nanaimo tor cargoes of coal, the chief export, except timber, from Burrard Inlet. He (Dr. H.) would like no doubt to build up a direct trade and make Victoria the emporium of commerce in the Colony [hear] but commerce ought to be facilitated instead of restricted, and he hoped no narrow minded restrictive policy would be

adopted, but a liberal oce. Hon Helmcken asked if liberality consisted in giving away what did not belong to us. The hon member evidently did not understand the subject, and was not aware that foreign ships might proceed to any port beyond the port of entry to load, but could not coast. Under the free trade system it was no expense, but with the present system it would be waste of money to have more than one duti-able port. As for its doing New Westminster harm, if there was no more trade done here than he had seen since he came, it could not do the place much harm; the only loss would be the removal of the office. The country could not afford to pay for the convenience of three or four ships.

The hon gentleman withdrew his motion at the request of the President, on the understanding that the subject was to come up

again. Chief Commissioner—Indispensable; the the work could possibly be to employ so large Hon Macdonald could not understand what bute, say 250 on an average, what the people of the Island who were the only man that could be dispensed with was a staff and be therefore moved that one clerk be struck out, with the officer at Burrard Inlet

> Hon Southgate suggested that the word "Victoria" be struck out.

Hon Hamley-It was put there by mistake. Hon Helmcken-But a very disgraceful The word "Victoria" was erased; the item of

\$1700 made provisional, and the whole amount, \$11,221 80 passed. Registrar General, \$2,290-

Hon DeCosmos said we had been properly actical man, and the services of the no necessity for such an officer in this place, told we had too many generals, and there was dispensed with, which would be a and this was no time to pay large salaries for Perhaps they would be told little op no work. In Vancouver Islan I, where red, although Argus said a professional man was required, the work no. He moved that could be done in one or two hours a day, and the rest of the time devoted to professional th the Ex- duties. He proposed to reduce the salary to

\$1000, which he considered ample. proposed in the last session of the legislature, to unite the office with the Registrar of the Supreme Court. He w favor of having a Registrar of Deeds not in favor of paying him \$1940 for ittle or nothing.

A motion to adjourn till Saturday

.m., was here carried. Saturday's Sitting.

SATURDAY, Feb., 23rd 180 BUDGET Hon Helmcken called the attention of hon Colonial Secretary to the fact the would afford much satisfaction to hou bers and the people generally, if the e tive would submit its budget so that it n be seen what the policy of gove:nment

Registrar General, \$2,290. Hon De Cosmos again objected to this asserting that ue office had been create Vancouver Island for an in ividual, the salary raised to £400 thr. personal friendship. He admitted the law ss it stood req ired a sk person, and he had every res for the present incumbent, but when duties could be done in two hours he sidered that \$1000 would be ample, an was totally unprepared for the principl maintaining an office that was not necess whether in Vancouver Island or elsew

Hon Young gave the history of the with the salary attached thereto by Legislatu e, and furnished details to that it was a source of revenue. He con ered the salary with the additional l incurred by registration under the Bills Sale and Homestead Acts if reduced w be too low for a professional man to acc the present incumbent having alre threatened to resign. Apart from this, h ever, the motion could not be carried as salary must be treated in the same way the Crown salaries, and if the Cou thought it too large the reduction could be made by request to the Governor.

Hon Crease spoke in favor of retain the office intact Hon De Cosmos said he had been enga half a day in the Registry office, and say one but a boy; the Registrar was in chambers attending to his private prac and was the country to pay £400 a year that? This was what he objected to. regarded the present incumbent as a mi ntegrity and ability, but his idea was w allowing the gentleman to follow his ch ber practice te pay him adequately f

service rendered. Hon Young, in answer to Hon South xplained the circumstances under which egis rar had been permitted to practice, the advantages offered by the office for se ing and transferring titles without the in

vention of lawyers,

Hon Pemberton looked upon the office a most useful one and could not vote fo

Hon Helmcken would vote for the amo but thought the system of two offices i chievous. Wherever the largest popula and the greatest number of registration the office should be. He did not regard Act as perfect and did not know whethe amount with practice was too large, but he did know that the Governor recomm ed the application of the law of Vanco

Island to the mainland. Hon Walkem preferred the system registration adopted on the mainland, w the whole deed was recorded instead of stracts made by professional gentlemen. was glad to see one hon gentleman not pared to support a vicious system because came from Victoria. He went in for econo Hon Birch did not approve of the syst but the amount must be voted this year

After some further comments Mr De mos' motion was lost, only 3 voting age, the item passed.

Harbormaster, \$1800, including Gov. ment pilot and Superintendent for L Hon Helmcken moved that this item

struck out; we did not want a pilothon Colonial Secretary was governm pilot, [laughter] and as to the Light that was utterly useless. There was fact, nothing to do.

Hon Birch said he had been appoi Chief Commissioner and now he was t

Government pilot. This appointment c from home in 1858, and though he ag that there was not sufficient work for harbormaster to do, there was every inten to utilise him in another way in Vict where he would have duties in connec with the customs and piloting. Hon Young said the hon members Victoria ought to be much obliged to

gentleman, as he had saved them from

incomfortable position on the sandheads.

Hon Helmcken-That's a fact! | laugh We might have been stuck there for a we the Estimates passed and the country ruin While we were on one sandhead we coul nothing with the other sandheads flaught Hon De Cosmos regarded this as a ques of amalgamation. If the steamer to the tlements was to be continued, her capt might be harbormaster and when not e ployed the vessel c uld be used for lay buoys. The time now devoted was inadequ for the amount paid; he should, howe

not move for its abolition as the Governm had made up its mind not to carry out practical system of amalgamation. Hon Stamp said the proposition was practicable as the duties could not be ended to.

Hon Robson regretted the small salary down for the services of this officer. sum asked for was so contemptibly sn that he hoped the Government would their way to increase it, and he moved amendment that it be increased to \$2250. Hon Helmcken replied that he voted striking it out as the finances made it ind pensable to save all we can.

Hon Robson's motion was lost-ayes 4 Hon Robson-Then blot him out ogether; it is better to do that than to gi him a starvation salary. For striking ou Ayes —Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmck

The item of \$1800 was carried. Post Office, \$3,420. Hon Macdonald moved that the wo deputy" and "harbormaster" at Victo

e struck out. Hon Southgate opposed the erasure parbormaster, as a deputy would be requi in the absence of the barbor master.