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The Agriculture of the Colony.

A mixed feeling of satisfaction and discontent seems to be felt by the inhabitants of Victoria, and the neighboring settlements at the result of the Agricultural Show. Taking into consideration the depression that has existed for the last few years in all parts of the Colony, the comparatively small amount of capital that is invested in agriculture in Vancouver Island, and the difficulty under which stock-raisers have labored in importing good stock, from which to produce a class of animals which might compare favorably with older countries; we are disposed to think that upon the whole there is no great cause for dissatisfaction with regard to the farming prospects of the future. So far as the Agricultural Society is concerned, as apart from the more enlarged question of agriculture, no one will be disposed to deny that much credit is due to those who took an active part in reviving it. The only thing wanting on their part to conduce to complete success, was earlier action; but inasmuch as it was only late in the year that the matter was thought about, or at all events mooted in public, all that could be done was to make the best use of the time before them, this we think the managers did, and had their efforts been seconded with warmth and energy by the farmers generally, the result would have been much better. It is much to be regretted that the farmers of Vancouver Island do not show more spirit in their undertakings, they are too indifferent to the higher branches of their calling, and too readily satisfied with mediocrity, to be in any position to compete with those who have more energy, more enterprise, and a greater spirit of emulation. How few of the farmers of the Island took any prominent part in getting up the exhibition, and how few took the trouble to avail themselves of the opportunity which was afforded them of showing or encouraging any spirit of emulation, by sending in their best specimens either of stock or produce. It really seems as if the farmers of Vancouver Island thought it quite sufficient to produce an inferior article, relying upon a protective duty to keep them from the healthy competition of their neighbors on the American side. If the agricultural interest is to be fostered and protected, surely the public have a right to expect the nearest approach to perfection that is to be had, but in effect, from the examples we have had before us, we fear that nothing but free competition will give us an energetic race of farmers. It is well known to all in this neighborhood, who have at all made the subject of agriculture their study, that wheat and other cereals can be produced in this Colony at a cost which, compared with the relative price to consumers, will give a larger profit to growers than can be had in Canada or in Oregon, and this, notwithstanding the high price of labor. It is therefore evident that there must be a radical fault in some quarter; we are much inclined to impute this fault to the apathy which exists amongst those engaged in farming, there can be but little doubt, that the greater part of those in this Colony, who have settled down to the cultivation of the soil for a means of living, are not really farmers—many of them are not practical judges of stock, nor are they acquainted with more than the mere rudiments of agriculture, hence their want of energy, and the same reasons may, we think, be given for their want of emulation in stock-raising; upon this subject the remarks of Chief Justice Needham were well timed, and his advice to the farmers was sound as to the necessity of improving their breed of stock; but while we cannot do otherwise than express regret at the want of energy and emulation on the part of the greater portion of the farmers, it should not be forgotten that there are some amongst us who are doing their best to keep up the character of the Colony in this respect. The prize bull belonging to Dr Tolmie known in the American Herd Book as Fifth Duke of Northumberland, can boast as good a pedigree as many of the cattle which take prizes in the district Shows in England. His dam Flora Temple, the property of the noted American stock-raiser John D Patterson, traces her pedigree through six generations in the American Herd Book and through six in the English Herd Book, whilst his sire was imported by Mr Patterson from the herd of Jones Webb, of Babraham, a name known to every stock-raiser in England, and whose stock are held in the highest estimation—purer blood than this can hardly be obtained. The sheep shown by Mr McKenzie were also as well bred as could be desired, whilst the wheat, barley, and oats sent from the Mainland were really first class. If our farmers would make use of the opportunities before them, and do their utmost to improve their stock by introducing the best blood that can be obtained in the Colony into their herds, and by planting the best seed that can be procured, and what better change of seed can they desire than that from the Mainland, there would be some hope of that improvement in our annual Shows which would manifest a real and steady progress in our agriculture.

Monday, Oct 12

The Queen Charlotte Coal Co.'s Mine.

By the return of the Otter the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company have received a report from their Engineer, Mr Landale, stating that up to the 17th of August they had underm'ned seven thousand tons of coal—having carried their gangway in more than three hundred feet. The engineer expressed himself highly satisfied, and says, "The mine has turned out better than I anticipated, both as to yield and quality, and a considerable working could be begun even now. I have gained considerable knowledge of the place since my stay here, and do not hesitate to pronounce it a capital coal mine." This information is up to the 22nd of August. On the return of the sloop which has been sent up to the mine to bring back the men who have completed their contract, we expect to hear important news from that locality.

Police Court.—William Thos Seely, James Henry Seely, John Costello and John Davis, four young boys, were charged on Saturday with destroying an Indian canoe, in James Bay, valued at $20. From the evidence of Costello's brother, as well as his own admission, the boy Davis was evidently the ringleader of the aggressors and the party most to blame in the act. Davis was sentenced to two days' imprisonment in a dark cell, with bread and water, and the others were discharged on the understanding that their parents make good the damages sustained by the Indians. Altogether this was a very painful little episode, and shows the folly of respectable boys being allowed to run at large, and get into mischief by associating with those of a more evil disposition. It is to be hoped this case will be a caution to parents, and induce them to be more careful with their children in future. Francis Jones was charged with being a runaway from the ship Princess Royal; remanded for one week.

The Elections.—Elections will be held for the selection of members to represent the respective districts of New Westminster and Hope, Yale and Lytton: For the former, at New Westminster, on the 20th Oct; at Burrard Inlet on the 21st; at Langley on the 28th; at Sumass on the 29th; at Harrison Mouth on the 30th. For the latter district, at Yale, on the 29th inst; at Hope on the 31st, and at Lytton on the 3rd of November. The editor of the *Columbian* is again out for the New Westminster district, and publishes his usual modest address to his constituents. In every case voters must have resided three months in the district for which he votes, to be entitled to such vote. No Chinese or Indian vote can be received.

Royal Columbia Coal Co.—We hear that it is the intention of the Royal Columbia Anthracite Coal Mining Company, next spring, to send for and engage some good practical anthracite coal miners from Pennsylvania, for prospecting and working the company's mine upon Queen Charlotte Island. Amongst the interested parties in this company are large capitalists, and with a competent, energetic mining manager at the mine, we have no doubt but success would ensue. The operation would be beneficial to this colony, and encourage the formation of other coal companies for the development of our coal-fields, which will be the national richness of the country, and be the means of attracting a large population.

Correction.—In the list of prizes awarded at the late exhibition, Mr Brown is mentioned as receiving a special prize for wheat—it should have been 'first prize for barley.'

The Steamer Active.—This steamer leaves for this port on Wednesday at 6 a m.

The steamship G S Wright, Capt Langdon, arrived from Portland yesterday morning. She brought about ninety tons of freight, principally flour, for this port, fifty-thousand dollars treasure for Wells Fargo, and twenty-four passengers. Amongst the latter is Gen Whittier, U S A, who visits San Juan, and returns to Portland overland. The G S Wright will leave for the Sound, *via* San Juan, this morning at 12 o'clock, and for Portland on Thursday. Her freight for the Sound is about fifty tons.

Saturday's Sale.—The sale of live stock at the Cattle yard of J P Davies & Co, on Saturday was considered good, considering the limited amount of feed for the approaching winter, which is owing to the extraordinary dryness of the season. The two Southdown rams brought respectively $20 and $8; sheep averaged $6 87 a head; a prize hog $45; chickens from $6 to $9 a dozen; four cows, dry and in poor condition $34 each; yearlings $22; and horses from $32 to $67 50.

Inquest.—An inquest was held on Saturday, by the Coroner, upon the body of James Holland, who was found dead in his bed on the morning of that day, and a verdict of death from natural causes' returned by the Jury. Mr Holland was formerly private messenger to ex-Governor Sir James Douglas, and of late years attached to the Treasury Department in the same capacity. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon from Christ Church.

The Dominion.—Our contemporaries republish a paragraph, that the Dominion Parliament will be called together at the end of the year to legislate in relation to the admission of British Columbia. The Governor General in future shall be styled His Excellency; the Lieut. Governors—His Honor, Senators, Executive Councillors, &c. Honorable some for life and some while in office.

Small Pox.—From reliable parties, we learn, this loathsome disease is subsiding. For three days previous to yesterday, only one new case amongst the Indians was reported. It may be fairly presumed the worst is over in this city and neighborhood. We have heard of a fatal case or two amongst our white population.

Another Sudden Death.—The dead body of a Frenchman, named Catman, was found yesterday in the neighborhood of the Uplands Farm. It appears he left his house on Thursday afternoon to get a load of firewood. The deceased has been complaining for years. An inquest with be held this morning.

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday evening from New Westminster, with a small express from Yale and thirty passengers, amongst whom were Mr Pearse, Mr Tait, Mrs Jas Cooper and family.

Withdrawn.—The goods to be sold by J P Davies & Co, by order of Admiral Hastings, are withdrawn from sale, and will, it is understood, be returned to England.

Arrived.—Mr F J Roscoe returned by the Geo S Wright yesterday, after a six months' trip to England.

Tuesday, Oct 13

San Juan Island.—The subject of the joint possession of the Island of San Juan was brought up in Congress, but the advocate for the interests of the American citizens appeared to have such a limited knowledge of the geographical position of the Island in dispute, that the affair was treated with ridicule. The introduction of the matter, however, has had some good effect, since a gentleman who was here and has been for some time a resident of Whidby Island, in Puget Sound, and who is personally acquainted with most of the settlers on San Juan Island, has, in connection with another intelligent gentleman here, brought the matter to the notice of the State Department, and what is wanting now to expedite an early settlement of the disputed possession of the territory is, that the American settlers thereon should join in a petition to Congress, setting forth their grievances, and send it on here by some energetic and intelligent representative—of course in this remark, I have reference to none other than the Hon J S Smith, your newly elected Representative to Congress—and by the next spring all the matter can be satisfactorily arranged. The party alluded to above is Mr Marcus L King, known to many Californians, and people on Puget Sound, as an early pioneer and practical miner.—*Portland Herald, Washington Correspondence.*

Failure of the Northwest Whale Fisheries.—Recent advices from the Ochotsk and other whaling grounds, resorted to by the northwest whaling fleet, report an almost total failure of the fisheries this season. For some cause the whales have gone to other localities this summer, and the whalers, when last heard from, are said to have captured only about one whale on the average. In consequence of this failure in one of the principal sources of supply, whale oil has made a sudden advance in the market here and at the East. It is reported that the fleet which resorts to Hudson Bay and adjacent waters has done much better this season than that on this side of the continent.—*Alta.*

Hayti—The Haytean man-of-war Galatia has arrived at Pitit from New York with a large cargo of arms and ammunition. She had a large complement of men, mostly Haytean negroes, some English and French officers and a complete naval outfit. On her arrival, she attacked the rebel cruisers Sylvan and Alerte. The former was sunk and the latter burnt by the crews to prevent their falling into President Salnave's power. The latter had been left aboard the Galatia to bombard Mirrozone. Before leaving he took aboard three hundred additional men.

Whiting.—It is not generally known we have a fine supply of these delicious fish close at hand. Nevertheless it is so. The bank is in Esquimalt harbor, near Thetis Cottage. A party of seven ladies and gentlemen from Victoria, towards the end of last week, were informed of the locality from some who were in the secret, and caught fourteen dozen of splendid whiting in less than two hours.

Shipping.—The Mauna Loa has discharged her cargo and will proceed to Burrard Inlet in a couple of days to load with lumber. The ship Moneynick will receive the whole of her cargo by Wednesday, for San Francisco, and will leave immediately afterwards. The sloop Thornton was unloading a cargo of 300 barrels of lime from San Juan yesterday; consigned to Leneven & Co.

Omission.—We have been requested by the Secretary of the Agricultural Society to correct the unintentional omission of two honorary certificates given at the late Exhibition—one to Mr Herring, of New Westminster, for 'home-made wine,' and one to Mr Jas Syme, of the same place, for 'smoked salmon.'

The case, George S Wright *vs* J M Rider was decided in San Francisco, Oct 1st, in favor of the plaintiff. He sued for $22,500, gold, and to compel the defendant to execute and deliver his promissory note for $41,000 and a mortgage on the steamer New World and machinery, to secure payment on the sale of that boat by plaintiff to defendant.

Police Court.—The case of the boys charged with destroying a canoe, was up again yesterday, and further adjourned until 11 o'clock to day. Mr Pearkes appeared for Mr Seely. There seems to be some conflicting evidence.

The steamer G S Wright left for the Sound at half-past 12 o'clock yesterday. Amongst her passengers was Capt T Wright, of this city, who is suddenly proceeding to New York, on family matters.

Not Wanted.—The Coroner's jury summoned in the case of the Frenchman Catman, although in attendance, were not wanted yesterday, the physician called in having given a certificate of death from 'natural causes.'

The bark Industry arrived in Royal Roads yesterday from Burrard Inlet, bound for South America with lumber. Her port of destination is unknown on account of the recent earthquakes.

The steamer Emma leaves at 8 o'clock this morning for San Juan. It is expected she will run with the mails to the Island regularly.

Alaska.—Mr Ketchum accompanied by two special agents of the Treasury Department, sailed from New York Sept. 16th, on the Ocean Queen, for Sitka, via Panama and San Francisco.

Consecration.—The Cemetery at South Saanich will be consecrated on Sunday next, the 18th inst., by the Bishop of the diocese. Service will commence at 1 o'clock.

The steamer Isabel arrived yesterday afternoon from Burrard Inlet. The Enterprise went round to Esquimalt and will leave for New Westminster at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Absconder.—E H Babbitt who left this city some time since indebted to many of its citizens sailed from Portland on the 7th.

The steamer Sir James Douglas left for Nanaimo this morning at 7 o'clock, her usual hour. Sheriff Elliott, Messrs Cox and McCreight left on a pleasure trip.

Insurance.—The San Francisco Pacific Insurance Co has declared a dividend of one per cent. Surplus fund $487 796.

St Andrew's Society.—A meeting of members will be held in the St George Hotel, this evening, at 8 o'clock.

The ship Margaret Brander will leave to day for the Society Isles.

Wrong.

Editor Colonist:—It seems to be no business of the Police to provide for the necessities of the unfortunate Indians, who are sick of the small-pox and left over at the temporary hospital at the Reserve, apparently to die. Have the Corporation nothing to do with it? At the time that I am writing this letter there is an Indian lying sick in a tent, provided by the Police; three coffins are piled up at one side of the tent to keep out the cold, and the poor creature has no proper food. Pray draw attention to this. Those in authority will perhaps listen to you.

OMEGA.

Government Street, Oct. 12, 1868.

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Are you sick, feeble, and complaining? Are you out of order, with your system deranged, and your feelings uncomfortable? These symptoms are often the prelude to serious illness. Some fit of sickness is creeping upon you, and should be averted by a timely use of the right remedy. Take Ayer's Pills, and cleanse out the disordered humors—purify the blood, and let the fluids move on unobstructed in health again. They stimulate the functions of the body into vigorous activity, purify the system from the obstructions which make disease. A cold settles somewhere in the body, and obstructs its natural functions. These, if not relieved, react upon themselves and the surrounding organs, producing general aggravation, suffering, and disease. While in this condition, oppressed by the derangements, take Ayer's Pills, and see how directly they restore the natural action of the system, and with it the buoyant feeling of health again. What is true and so apparent in this trivial and common complaint, is also true in many of the deep-seated and dangerous distempers. The same purgative effect expels them. Caused by similar obstructions and derangements of the natural functions of the body, they are rapidly, and many of them surely, cured by the same means. None who know the virtues of these Pills, will neglect to employ them when suffering from the disorders they cure.

Statements from leading physicians in some of the principal cities, and from other well-known public persons:

From a Forwarding Merchant of St. Louis, Feb 4, 1856.

Dr. Ayer: Your Pills are the paragon of all that is great in medicine. ...They have cured my little daughter of ulcerous sores upon her hands and feet that had proved incurable for years. Her mother has been long grievously afflicted with blotches and pimples on her skin and in her hair. After our child was cured, she also tried your Pills, and they have cured her. ASA MORGRIDGE.

As a Family Physic.

From Dr. E W. Cartwright, New Orleans.

Your Pills are the prince of purges. Their excellent qualities surpass any cathartic we possess. They are mild, but very certain and effectual in their action on the bowels, which makes them invaluable to us in the daily treatment of disease.

Headache, Sick Headache, Foul Stomach.

From Dr. Edward Boyd, Baltimore.

Dear Bro. Ayer: I cannot answer you *what* complaints I have *cured* with your Pills better than to say *all that we ever treat with a purgative medicine.* I place great dependence on that effectual cathartic in my daily contest with disease, and believing, as I do, that your Pills afford us the best we have, I of course value them highly.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 1, 1855.

Dr. J. C. Ayer. Sir: I have been repeatedly cured of the worst *headache* anybody can have by a dose or two of your Pills. It seems to arise from a foul stomach, which they cleanse at once.

Yours with great respect, ED. W. PREBLE.
Clerk of Steamer Clarion.

Bilious Disorders—Liver Complaints.

From Dr. Theodore Bell, of New York City.

Not only are your Pills admirably adapted to their purpose as an aperient, but I find their beneficial effects upon the Liver very marked indeed. They have in my practice proved more effectual for the cure of *bilious complaints* than any one remedy I can mention. I sincerely rejoice that we have at length a purgative which is worthy the confidence of the profession and the people.

Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., 7th Feb., 1856.

Sir: I have used your Pills in my general and hospital practice ever since you made them, and cannot hesitate to say they are the best cathartic we employ. Their regulating action on the liver is quick and decided, consequently they are an admirable remedy for derangements of that organ. Indeed, I have seldom found a case of *bilious disease* so obstinate that it did not readily yield to them. Fraternally yours, ALONZO BALL, M. D.,
Physician of the Marine Hospital.

Dysentery, Diarrhœa, Relax, Worms.

From Dr. J. G. Green, of Chicago.

Your Pills have had a long trial in my practice, and I hold them in esteem as one of the best aperients I have ever found. Their alterative effect upon the liver makes them an excellent remedy, when given in small doses for *bilious dysentery and diarrhœa.* Their sugar-coating makes them very acceptable and convenient for the use of women and children.

Dyspepsia, Impurity of the Blood.

From Rev. J. V. Himes, Pastor of Advent Church, Boston.

Dr. Ayer: I have used your Pills with extraordinary success in my family and among those I am called to visit in distress. To regulate the organs of digestion and purify the blood, they are the very best remedy I have ever known, and I can confidently recommend them to my friends.

Yours, J. V. HIMES.

Warsaw, Wyoming Co., N. Y., Oct. 24, 1855.

Dear Sir: I am using your Cathartic Pills in my practice, and find them an excellent purgative to cleanse the system and *purify the fountains of the blood.* JOHN G. MEACHAM, M. D

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From Dr. J. P. Vaughn, Montreal, Canada.

Too much cannot be said of your Pills for the cure of *costiveness.* If others of our fraternity have found them as efficacious as I have, they should join me in proclaiming it, for the benefit of the multitudes who suffer from that complaint, which, although bad enough in itself, is the progenitor of others that are worse. I believe *costiveness* to originate in the liver, but your Pills affect that organ and cure the disease.

From Mrs. H. Stuart, Physician and Midwife, Boston.

I find one or two large doses of your Pills, taken at the proper time, are excellent promotives of the *natural secretion* when wholly or partially suppressed, and also very effectual to *cleanse the stomach* and *expel worms.* They are so much the best physic we have that I recommend no other to my patients.

From the Rev. Dr. Hawkes, of the Methodist Episc. Church.

Pulaski House, Savannah, Ga., Jan 8, 1856.

Honored Sir: I should be ungrateful for the relief your skill has brought me if I did not report my case to you. A cold settled in my limbs and brought on excruciating *neuralgic pains,* which ended in *chronic rheumatism.* Notwithstanding I had the best of physicians, the disease grew worse and worse, until by the advice of your excellent agent in Baltimore, Dr. Mackenzie, I tried your Pills. Their effects were slow, but sure. By persevering in the use of them, I am now entirely well.

Senate Chamber, Baton Rouge, La., 5 Dec, 1855.

Dr Ayer: I have been entirely cured; by your Pills, of *Rheumatic Gout*—a painful disease that has afflicted me for years. VINCENT SLIDELL.

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