tream might easily trains. Mr. R san e miners are not disp unprepared for so te far enough into the aken out of the region but the miners are

simplest appliances phrase whereby to convey the meaning of who returned by the Canada of ours. eech river for 4 or 5 that the first mile of Government publicly styled the Tache Macutiful a piece of donald Ministry-but more properly the he saw in his life, and Cartier Macdonald-has come to a sudden igh the length and end. It was out-voted on a motion of the e 1854 He says ation in investing all Supply. An amendment by hon. A. A. ortion of the country. Dorion was carried by a majority of two. As this was a vital question, intimately affecting ire large companies the ministry, and tantamount to a vote of the channel of the want of conbdence, the Government had no wholly bare, the bedalternative but resign or dissolve, and appeal and hard as to retain to the people. It appears that His Excelh must have passed lency was appealed to, to dissolve. Report mouth of the stream says the Governor did not approve of this cause, although, as a constitutional Governor, ISSIONER'S RE he could not well refuse. But now comes the most singular episode ever enacted in this country. The Government were on the

ER, 3d August, 1864.

r to inform you that erday several parties int from above and whom I am well acose statements I can ver from the hill tops , and the right hand ream) is said to conhe nugget found by worth of very coarse ich have been found en from the crevices at the largest quantihe river, on account above; the hills and miles up being al-

and 20 claims have and registered, though t come up will no iners for such ourthe rockers near fied with their claims for the careful and they have insted the eady staked off, and at their licenses to-

y modification becomning Regulations with atters their profound possible and submit shape through me Jovernment. adopted for securing.

eady discovered good will meet with your u general satisfaction I will be the means of lation, and you may able assistance beil tirby are rendered ency of supplies beat direct route will r to be,

Gold Commissioner.

BESPATCH. LEBCH RIVER. 4 August, 1864. or to report that afn a very satisfactory to the finding of the numbers of miners am, and the working

regulations. former I may mention ospecting their claims nence working the good wages may be ed rock, strike gold in r, it is more than prethe result. A small hed to a piece of curse shed out within half a

ning regulations I am ries, that I find it noaccompanying notices y drawn up, to prevent in have arisen, as I ith necessary precauubles that usually at-through the systematic

before they select a owever is done for the a promise from the to them the place ects are good, while ough to pay for their ion lees, or proceed to e—this is rather a nice rould without doubt be o come forward imival and pay their tees, daints cannot be at-

ses and Registration 6 o'clock this evening men have arrived to-xpect a busy day to-

nication I estimated the nth of the Socke at 25 ture consideration I et in reducing it to 20.

out intermission the s, however, made no gold hunters.

elary.

it servant. R. GOLLEDGE.

Gold Commissioner

weather continues dry, with occasional the Indian rebels having lately been in that -plenty for man and beast.

THE CHILCOATEN EXPEDITION

CANADA WEST, June 24th, 1864.

The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, August 9, 1864.

OUR CANADA LETTER.

MINISTERIAL CRISES.

I wish I could find some other appropriate

his oft recurring state of politics in this

As was indicated in a former letter the

Finance Minister to go into Committee of

horns of a dilemma. To go to the country on

the question on which they were defeated— the Montreal \$100,000 job—was political felo de se. What was to be done? You may

well conceive the public surprise when rumer asserted that J. A. Macdonald and A.

T. Galt actually waited on George Brown

and solicited his assistance to form an ad-

This is without doubt the most extraordi-

nary political movement on record, surpas-

been fermed—a coalition of course—consist-ing of Cartier, Galt, J. A. Macdonald, and

Geo. Brown, with two of his Upper Canada

supporters. And what is most wonderful of

all, a basis has been agreed on that gives to Upper Canada almost all she has been con-

by our own local parliament. The pro-gramme is that Canada is to be divided into

wo or more sections with each a local legis-

be elected on the principle of Representa-tion by Populatiou. Verily truth is stranger

ing a political millenium, when "the wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard

shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and

the young lien and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them."

"rapt Isaiah" had the least reference to our

political embroglios in Canada; but the figures used may well apply to the amalgamation of the parties indicated. Never was there greater heterogeneity of principles attempted to be united—men who have stood in bitter opposition to each other for the last twenty years. We can hardly realize it as yet, but we condially wish it appears to our political and the statement of the last twenty years.

yet, but we cordially wish it success; we

cannot expect to go on without opposition; the Rouges of Lower Canada have raised

leaders, both excellent men and sound re-formers, who have always acted in unison

with the "grits" of Upper Canada. It is a great pity that they have left the party; they

will still be useful as an opposition. I hope I shall never see the day when the Government, be it what it may, shall have no opposition. Personally, I abominate the very name "Coalition." But as parties are at

present neither can carry on the Government, and there is a strong probability that we will be the better for this change; worse we can-

not be. Let us try it and hope for the best.

In the new Constitution, at last to be brought in, provision is to be made for admitting the Maritime Provinces as well as the North

GREAT MILITARY REVIEW.

The long talked of military review at Nia-gara Falls, came off on the 17th inst. with

most successful meetings that ever took

place in that locality, famous for large gatherings. Upwards of 20,000 spectators viewed

the imposing spectacle. All parts of the pro-vince west of Toronto contributed their quota

of sightseers to this vast assemblage. The Great Western railway alone carried up-

wards of 12,000 people to this attractive spot; ether avenues of transit were also crowded

with the elite of Canada in their "Sunday-go-

to meetings." The cities and villages along

he " arteries of Commerce" were literally

of the stars and stripes. Rochester, Buffalo, Lockport, etc., supplied these visitors in large

who teek part in this military display, under the command of Major General Napier.— Where all performed their duty in such gallant

style, it would be invidious to particularize.

Our own militia and volunteers bore ne mean

part in the cortege, and elicited the applause

ANOTHER DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

On Friday, a. m., 17th inst., a fire broke

out in the grocery store of J. E. Jacobs, north side of Dandas street, London, enveloping the

hardware store of Warren on the east, A.

Harper & Co., H. Chisholm, both hardware,

and Murray Anderson's tin and stove shop on the west. The buildings were all of brick

and sentained valuable stocks of goods. Warren was insured for \$4,000, loss \$15,000.

All the others were covered by insurances,

WEATHER AND CROPS.

The weather since the spring sowing, has been exceedingly dry, with occasional frosts,

greatly retarding vegetation, some sections of the country suffering greatly. In most

and their loss will not be great.

of both officers and onlookers.

andard, with Holton and Dorion as

er Canada. It is a

We must not for a moment suppose that

ion. Doubtless we are about enjoy-

only by the fact that a government has

Through the politeness of the Hon, Colonial Secretary we are enabled to lay before our readers the following information ;

(From the Columbian.)

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 5th August, 1864. The following intelligence has been received from Lieut. Cooper, Aid-de-camp to His Excellency the Governor, and is published

for general intermation, ARTHUR N. BIRCH.

The Volunteers under Mr. Brew landed from H. M. S. Sutlej, at Rascal Village on Bella Coola river, on the 9th Jung, and after much difficulty reached the head of navigation safely on the 24th. Near Mr. Hamil-ton's house a large number of Indians of the Tsantony tribe were met with, and further on the party fell in with the Kitskat tribe; both tribes appeared to be friendly. From the head of navigation to the top of the Great Slide, the progress of the party was neces-sarily slow: torrents had to be bridged, and the horses were obliged to be guyed across with ropes. At the top of the Slide a day's halt took place for the party to reform and rest the horses. Here a letter was received from Mr. Cox, informing the Governor of his roceedings, and stating that the force under command was amply sufficient for the work it had to perform. The Governor, hovever, determined to push on, and Mr. Ogilvy and his detachment returned towards Benshee Lake on the following day. Naccontloon, Anaham's village, was found to be deserted and the palisaded fort which protects it left without defenders As Anaham has not openly declared against the whites, his property was left untouched, and the New Westminster party on its onward march soon came upon the traces of Macdonald's men, he victims of the last massacre. Kegs o tending for: such constitutional changes as will leave us to manage our own local affairs nails, boxes of carpenter's tools, gutted packsaddles, broken agricultural instruments. were found in the bushes, a musket shattered by a bullet, yeast tins, ropes, candles, and lature; and a central Congress somewhat akin to the American, the Lower House to

Mr. Brew's party followed up the traces of the long struggle of McDonald's hopeless expedition. For several miles, scattered evidences of white men's industry prepared the way for the scene of the conflict, where the 42 horses with their pack-saddles became the property of the Indians. There a Siwash tomb of legs, pompously adorned with stakes and flags, showed where a Chilcoaten chief ing effort by McDonald. About fifteen yards from the tomb lay the unburied body of the white man. The wolves had made sad havoc with it, stripped naked as it was, but the features were recognizable, and the identity es-tablished. The corpse of Higgins, violently distorted, but well preserved, lay half a mile off, and a few hundred yards beyond that

the summit of a hill near Suttike. The trees had been all cleared around; and the building loop-holed, and as the works were capable of affording serious annoyance, permission was given to the volunteers to destroy them. All the people of Suttike were concerned in the last massacre, and there could be so risk of increasing the number of our enemies by destroying the building where in all proba-bility the murder of McDonald's party had been planned. The volunteers worked with energy at the task of destruction, but the dense mass of smoke which arose from the conflagration, unfortunately gave notice to the Indians of the approach of the party. A single signal shot was fired from the opposite

was discovered that a camp of about a dozen great colat. It was one of the largest and huts had been hastily abandoned. The Indians were traced in the direction of Bute A flying party of 25 men was detached on the footsteps of the Indians. For two days a search was made on the shores of Lake Capana, never visited before by Europeans. but the trails and tracks ceased in the margin

of the snow. The party returned without success to join Mr. Brew at Benshee Lake. Benshee Lake was reached by the New Westminster party on the 6th July. Mr. Cox's party of 65 men found inside a log denuded of their inhabitants, all crowding to fort, on the summit of a small hill. Mr. Cox the old battle-field of Lundy's Lane—the had long waited at Benshee the arrival of place appointed for the evolutions of Her the Indian Chief Alexis, but he had not Majesty's troops, including the loyal militia of come in when the Governor arrived. On the Upper Canada. There were hundreds of our day after the Governor's arrival Mr. Cox had cousins south of 45°, attracted by the unusual not come in when the Governor's arrival Mr. povelty of a review of British troops in sight | Cex started for Talla Lake, the New Westminater party remaining in charge of the Station at Benshee Lake. By degrees the numbers, who, along with our own Cana-dians, expressed their warm appreciation of the style and dash of our 'British Grena-of the white force in the centre of the coun-

diers." There were present, of the different try. Women first came into the camp to corps, upwards of 12,500 officers and men, trade, and finally Alexis, the Chilacoaten Chief, was induced to present himself to the Governor. He came on horseback with a considerable retinue. There was great embarrassment and some alarm in his manne at first, but by degrees both disappeared, and he agreed to take active steps for the apprehension of the murderers. For several days he professed to consider the whole sffair as a war between the whites on one side and Tellot

and his men on the other, in which it was his duty to remain neutral.

The supply of provisions having become exceedingly low, it was a matter of regret to the Governor, that the reception given to Alexis and his party was not of a liberal nature; on the 20th of July, Mr. Cox and his men returned to Benshee. But for the indefatigable exertions of the Bella Cools Indians in fishing, the New Westminster party would have been reduced to considerable straits for want of food. The scale of rations was cut down very low, but the Volunteers and others bore their privations without a murmur and the most perfect order

rrevailed in camp. Mr. Cox's party travelled far beyond Tatia places it has been plewed down. Spring crops are late, but look pretty well. The Rivers, where they found evident traces of people.

showers in some localities. Let us hope that part of the country. A melancholy incident the farmer may still have an abundant crop attended the march, in the death of Mr. Mc-Lean, who, contrary to the wishes of Mr. an ambush and was shot through the heart.

The Governor arrived at Alexandria on the 28th ult., before His Excellency's departure from Benshee Lake on the 25th, arrangements had been made by which the Alexandria party, assisted by Alexis and his followers, will proceed from the old Hudson's Bay fort down the Chilio river, towards Tellot's position on the head waters of the Memeia. Mr. Brew will approach, with probably only a portion of his force, the same spot by the country previously traversed by Mr. Cox in which Mc Lean fell. The faithful Bella Coola Chief and his few warriors attend ed on Mr. Brow.

river appounces that the valley is crowded with Indians from the interior who wish for the re-establishment et peace. The Governor has availed himself of this favorable feeling to organize, without additional expense to the colony, a third party consisting of a few New Westminster Volunteers, ten Marines and some friendly Indians, who will, with every prospect of success, make a descen upon a Valley not far from the Great Slide, in which it is known that several of the murderers of McDonald's party are now hid.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, August 5. to perceive that the Exploration Committee have taken up the question of quick land communication with the new gold mines.-The resolutions which we publish elsewhere, and which met with His Excellency's approval, relating to the construction of a trail from the most convenient point on the road be-tween Victoria and Sooke, to the junction of Sooke and Leech rivers, have not been arrived at a day too soon. The present tedious route is a sad drawback to the Sooke mises. and consequently to the inhabitants of Victoria. It may be found, by proper survey, that a land route from Victoria can be travelled almost as little time as the distance between Sooke Inlet and the present diggings -enabling the miner or the trader to ride between the two places in a few hours, instead of as now occupying in the transit a whole day.

LED ASTRAY, - We hear several prospecbeen completely led astray by following certain directions which have been published had fallen under a bullet dispatched in a dy- for their guidance. We hope that the Government will not delay the publication of an official map of the mining district as such a thing is much needed, before a great rush takes place. The tracing from the map framed by Sergt. Meads, which appeared on our Bulletin board on Monday last may have been correct enough to convey any idea of the directions and bearings of Sooke again the remains of McDougal. Dead horses and Leech Rivers, but it is not sufficiently on the following day, the earthworks in which McDonald and his party kept the river or streamlet embraced within

LICENSES.—The following liquor licenses or Scoke District have been granted by the Board of Justices. Messrs. J. T. Howard, Ce., Wm. Ward, J. R. Robertson, Elliott. Stewart & Co., J. Greenbaum, E. B. Earles, P. Manetta, P. McTiernan, B. Derham and R Laysell. The applications of J. Newell of the Victoria Distillery, and F. Paine, of the Royal Hotel Tap, have been refused.

SCARCITY OF LABOR.—Complaints are already heard of the difficulty of procuring labor since the rush to the new diggings. The mill hands at Belmont and numbers of mechanics and laborers employed in and side of the lake, and some hours afterwards it around the city have been seized with the gold fever. Some contractors are at a nonlus to carry on their work.

SHORT OF HANDS .- We understand that the steamer Thames is short of hands, and the ther steamers in port are also beginning to eel the effects of the gold fever. It strikes us forcibly that the exciting news brought to town within the last 48 hours will be the means of leaving the mail steamer minus many of her passengers, if not of her crew.

CHANGED HANDS .- We understand that the side-wheel steam boat Caledonia was purchased yesterday by Mr. William Culverwell, of this city. The price has not transpired. She will now, in all probability, ply regularly between this Port and Sooke Harbor.

EXPEDITION .- Some enterprising gentlemen from Victoria have constructed a wharf at Socke where steamers can now land their passengers and freight. It is 60 feet in length and was completed in the short space

JUMPED .- We understand that the claim prospected by Mr. King, of Johnson street. on Leech river, and stated to be worthless, was jumped by another party, and gave excellent prespects.

THE POLICE FORCE, we understand, have received an intimation that the pay of officers and men is to be considerably augmented.

Saturday, August 6. LEFT BEHIND.—We understand that a good many of the steerage passengers who arrived from Portland by the steamer Oregon were unable to regist the attractive powers of Sooke, and disposed of their tickets for whatever they would fetch, in order to venture their fortunes in our Island diggings. We are even told of one case in which a married man, who was proceeding with his family to the East and had to pay his passage to San Francisco, became seized with the lever and ferfeited his money, hoping to enhance his worldly condition by a visit to our placer cases winter where looks most lake, and reached a country lying between the badly winter killed, and in some lake, and reached a country lying between diggings. Our cousins are an enterprising places it has been placed down. Spring the head waters of the Homathoo and Memeia

SHORT TRAIL TO THE MINES. - Surveyor mines on the former river to Sooke Inlet by Express in charge of Mr. Nagle. way of Muir's. Two miners report that they travelled across country from Muir's to Leech River in three hours, shewing that this is considerably the shortest route for the trail from the Inlet.

LIVELY TIMES .- Our harbor has perhaps never displayed a more lively appearance than yesterday morning. No less than six steamers took their departure during the fore noon, two of which were beavily laden with miners and others for Sooke. The stir and bustle caused by the crowds getting on board The last intelligence from the Bella Coola and at the wharves, the shipping of freight, the almost continuous blowing of the steam whistles, the frequent departure of schooners, sloops and boats, exceeded anything that has been seen here since the "grand rush" of

NEW BELL.—The steamer Oregon brought up yesterday a fine large bell for the Presbyterian Church, Pandora street.

Monday, August 8. GOLD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD .- Some gentlemen instirited by the good news from Sooke are about to continue their searches Sooke are about to continue their searches Fideliter was hourly expected. The lumber for gold about a mile and a half from this is represented as being of a very good VICTORIA AND SOOKE TRAIL.—We are glad city. Shafts were secretly sunk during the quality. winter near a spot where a streak of pay-dirt was struck while sinking a well some three or four years ago, but the company met with misfortune, one shaft having caved and the second striking a large boulder. They now propose sinking a third, and from information in their possession, feel some confidence in the

> Scokites .- Several small craft laden with miners for the new diggings, arrived from Puget Sound on Saturday night. One craft was also seen bound for Sooke Inlet on Saturday evening with the first instalment of New Westminsterians. The steamer Alexandra is expected to bring a crowd over from the Sound to-day. The Alexandra, Caledoaia, and Enterprise, took up a large number from this city on Saturday, and about 30 left yesterday morning by the Caledonia.

MAGISTRATES FOR SOOKE .- His Excellency has appointed C. J. Hughes, Esquire, a gentors from Sooke complaining that they have tleman whose initials are well known by all readers of the Victoria papers to be a Justice of the Peace and acting resident Magistrate for Sooke mining district. We understand that Mr. Golledge, the acting Gold Commissioner, will be also placed on the commission of the place.

Tuesday, August 9.

OVERTAND TO THE MINES .- Malcolm Munto returned yesterday from Leech river. Mr. Munro, with Messrs. Street, Oxener, and others, proceeded overland to the mines, and were the first to get through successfully with been discovered on Chisholm Creek. Leech and Sooke rivers, but the travelling is-described as awfully rough, and occupied them two days and a-half. Mr. Munro informs us that he returned on foot by the Sooke river trail in three hours and a-half, and he would undertake to carry a trail R. McDonnell, McKay & Munro, Fouquet & through by this route in a few days, which would enable packers to take trains from the steamboat landing to Leech river, in ten

THE ALEXANDRA .- The non-arrival of this steamer at her appointed time yesterday, gave rise to a report that she had been tied up on the other side. It was stated in town that parties over there were determined to put an end to her cruising in American waters, and that a complaint was to be lodged that she was not provided with the life-boats required by the passenger Act.

FIRST STORE ON LEECH RIVER .- A store as been opened at the forks of Leech and Sooke livers under the management of Mr. Ward. Owing to the difficulty of packing goods through, the stock of saleable articles we are told is at present rather limited, but Mr. Ward will, no doubt, soon be able to add to his stock and supply many of the wants of the miners on the spot.

NOT THE STEPHENSON.—A vessel supposed to be from the Sound en route for China, anchor d in Royal Roads off Esquimatt harbor yesterday afternoon, and an unfounded rumor circulated that she was the John Stephenson, with the dredging machine on board. This vessel was at Valparaiso on June 1st, in a damaged state and could not possibly reach this port for some time to

MORE SOURITES .- The Enterprise yesterday took another batch of 120 miners and traders to Sooke Inlet, and the Caledonia about half a dozen. The Alexandra was expected with a large live freight from the other side. The two steamers brought back from 30 to 40 engers.

A PLEASANT PASSAGE. - I'be passengers per bark Kong Cskar, just arrived from Liverpool, report a very agreeable al though long passage to this port. They speak highly of the qualities of the ship and the kindness and at tention of Capt. Muller.

POLICE RETURNS .- The number of inmates in the Victoria City prison yesterday was thirty-seven, of whom five were insune and one a debtor. This exhibits a gratifying falling off in numbers during the past two

FINED FOR ASSAULT,-John Brown and Albert Schiller, two discharged seamen from the English bark Royal Charlie, were yesterday fined \$10 each, or one month's imprisonment, for assaulting Capt. Weeks.

SIWASH BROILS .- An Indian woman was adly stabbed by one of her tilliums on Sat flesh wounds. Dr. Dokson sewed up the cuts, and the woman will doubtless recover.

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA General Pemberton left yesterday with three Indians intending to take the river trail to day from New Westminster with nearly Cox, had gone in search of the natives, in company with a single Indian. He fell into rivers and to seek a shorter trail from the to the Sooks mines) and a small Cariboo.

> [From the Columbian.] BY THE STEAMER RELIANCE which arrived from Yale on Thursday night the hon. Colonial Secretary received dispatches from His Excellency Governor Seymour, who had arrived at Alexandria, and was about to proceed to Williams Creek.

THE STEAMER LILLOOET came in from Yale and Douglas yesterday. She brought down Captain Holmes, R.A., from the latter

NONE OF THE WOUNDED .- On the 3rd inst. young Englishman named Joseph T. Baldwin, one of the Bentinck Arm Expedition, was admitted to the Royal Columbian Hospital in this city, with a gun shot wound in the right arm, received by the accidental discharge of a comrade's rifle, while marching through the forest in the Chilecaten country. The wound, we are glad to learn, is not considered serious.

A Brisk Business .- It would appear that Mr. Smith's mill on Burrard Inlet is doing a brisk business. A party who visited the Inlet on Thursday informs us that one vessel was completing her cargo, while another was within sight and the Nanaimo steamer

THE MUSQUITO.-This little pest, with which early settlers in this city were so fa-miliar, has almost entirely disappeared from New Westminster.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Committee of the British Columbia Bible Society was held on Wednesday evening. Very encouraging letters and reports from the Colporteur, from Lillooet and Cariboo, were read, indicating a much larger demand for copies of the Scriptures in the mines, and on the way up, than was anticipated by the Committee. It was decided to meet the demand as far as possi ble, by sending a supply immediately by express, though this course will necessitate an addition to the regular prices when the books reach Cariboo.

> FROM CARIBOO. DATES TO JULY 28TH Williams Creek.

THE BED ROCK FLUME Co. have 500 feet aid and are working at the flume. THE CHIPPS Co. took out between 30 and 40 oz. on the 28th, for the first time this sea-

THE BARKER Co. washed out on Monday 28th, 55 ounces, Tuesday 65 ounces and \$12, and on Wednesday the dirt looked richer, but they had not washed up.
THE BRUCE Co. had obtained a good pros-

Quartz Lode,

A vein of quartz, said to be rich, has horses. They struck through from a hunting company had been formed to prospect and cabin beyond Peatt's, to the confinence of work the ledge, The specimens are pronounced very rich. If the results of the discovery are favorable, a joint stock Co., limited, will be formed.

> Thos. Tuomy, whose two brothers are so well and favorably known as enterprising pioneers of the colony, died yesterday morning, the 26th inst., after a very short illness, The sad intelligence of Mr.McLean's death by the hands of the Indians created a profound sensation of regret on Williams Creek. Trade is rather dull.

GRAVING DOCK AT ESQUIMALT. - Through the courtesy of His Excellency the Governor, we have before us a chart of Constance Cove, in Esquimalt Harbor, with a sketch of the Graving Dock proposed to be constructed therein by a company of English capitalists. The site of the dock is to be alongside Maj. Foster's new wharf. The internal dimensions according to the scale given on the chart will be about 1000 feet in length by from 300 to 500 feet in width. The depth of water at the external opening is 31 feet, and at the internal opening, 26 feet. The depth inside the dock varies from 20 to 10 feet throughout the greater part, shoaling gradually to one feet, at the extreme upper end. There are five pontoons of different sizes laid down in the plan. The rise of water at spring tide is 7 to 10 feet; at neaps, 5 to 8 feet; with SW or SE winds, the rise is two feet higher.

SAN FRANCISCO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION .-We would remind all those who purpose sending contributions to the Exhibition to be held at San Francisco on the 30th Aug. that no time is to be lost as everything must leave by the mail steamer due here on or about the 14th of this month. The local committee through the hon. Secretary, George Cruickshank, Esq., will attend to the shipment of any packages, and it is to be hoped, for the credit of the colony, that parties will not be remiss in placing at their disposal such manufactures, native productions, e.c., as they may consider worthy of a place in the exhibition. At present the only articles which we know of in the Victoria collection are a Race boat, specimens from the Harewood Coal Mine, home cured hams and bacon, and a few trifles.

BLOWN UP.-The steamer Mary Woods ruff was blown up on the 1st August while towing a raft to the Utsalady Mills. The boiler parted in two pieces scalding one man badly and another slightly. The vessel and machinery, strange to say, received but little

THE TELEGRAPH WIRES are probably by this time through from Portland to Monticelle The poles are all ready thence to Olympia and Seattle, W. T., and the wires will be