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THE TARIFF AND ITS OPPONENTS.

A motion will be made to-day in the Assembly to appoint a particular time for taking into consideration, in Committee of the Whole, the very important question of "the condition of the colony." All other topics just now must give way to one so grave and so absorbing. The public mind is happily worked up to that pitch which in political matters can, like the faith of old, remove mountains.

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facts or their reasoning. There are, however, other fallacies which it may be well to expose. Our contemporary makes an extract from our paper of the 5th to show that we acknowledged that wheat and oats could be grown on the Island as well as on any part of the coast, and seems satisfied with his sequence that all necessary knowledge on the part of the farmer had therefore been acquired.

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British Columbia.

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday from New Westminster with passengers and Diets & Nelson's river Express. The weather for some days had been fine with frosty nights.

The Enterprise went up to Langley to fetch some sheep. It was thought that if the frost continued for two or three days longer the river would be frozen over sufficiently to afford excellent skating.

REMOVED DISCOVERY.—It is reported, and on very good authority, that a silver mine of considerable extent has been discovered in the Shuswap District. We have reason to know that an application for a lease of the argilliferous ground for ten years has been applied for to the Government, and refused.

BURGLARY.—An attempt partially successful, was made on Thursday night, to break into the Custom house.

PUBLIC INSTITUTE.—A meeting was held last night at the Hyack Hall to determine the best method of starting a Public Institute; Mr. Clarkson was in the chair. Several resolutions were passed, expressive of the desire of the meeting to possess such an Institute, and to ask the Government for the building containing the Mint machinery.

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The town has been staked out by six wealthy men, who will commence operations in the spring. Further down is the Welch Company of six men, two of whom are absent at Victoria; but you may call them the secret company, on account that no one can ever find out what they are doing.

getting very cold. Mr. Smith arrived here on the 18th inst. with his first freight loaded with merchandise. I understand he has taken a contract from different parties for 200,000 pounds of goods to be shipped from the mouth of Quensell's to Williams Creek.

IMPORTANT KOOTENAY NEWS. Return of Mr. Jenkins. [From the Columbian.] It is pretty generally known that Mr. Jenkins has been employed by the government for several months back in exploring for a favorable route to the Kootenay country.

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MARINE DISASTER.

The American ship Elizabeth Kimball, Captain Greenleaf, bound in ballast, to Port Gamble to load with lumber for Melbourne, went ashore on the east side of Trial Island yesterday morning between four and five o'clock, and now lies stem on to the rocks hard and fast in from 10 to 12 feet of water at high tide.

LA GRANDE, Jan. 2.—Yesterday morning at half past two o'clock, our quiet little town was the scene of a horrible tragedy, unparalleled by any in this or any other country, the particulars of which are these. A man by the name of Patrick Tobin, from Walla Walla, and a man by the name of George Luce, who crossed the plains in the Emigrant Escort train with Capt. Manadier some two years ago, got on a spree, and after visiting the various saloons in town went to the saloon of Jesse and Jacob Hays and asked for some liquor, which was given them.

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