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## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, June 16, 1865. 3 275 House met at 3:15, p.m. Members pres-ent-Messrs. DeCosmos, Powell, Franklin M'Clure, Tolmie, Trimble, Dickson, Dennes

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS. Mr. Dennes moved that the Olerk of the House be instructed to send in returns of the stiendance of members of the House during the present session.

Dr. Powell rose to support the motion Dr. Powell rose to support the motion, and he had good reason to do so, because it was only a few days ago that he had been charged by a member of this House in the columns of a public print, with gross negli-gence and remiseness in his attendance to his duties in the House. (Ories of order). The Speaker called the hon gentleman to order. He could not bring up this matter

Dr. Powell continued, saying the charges were as false as they were malicious, and they were made, too, by a gentleman to whom he (Dr. Powell) had always given a cordial support. He repeated that the charges were both false and base, (order, order) and the author of them knew it. He appealed to the House whether a gentleman should sit in this House as a member, and then go to his editorial chair and perpetrate such calumnies (loud cries of order, and con-fusion). He was ready to stand to his re-marks either in the House or outside. The Speaker again called the hon, gentle-

man to order. Mr. M'Clure rose to support the motion.

and would take occasion to rebut the accuand would take occasion to reout the accu-sations of the hon. gentleman who had just spoken. What he had stated was totally false (order) and the hon, gentleman showed very little judgment in bringing such child, ish complaints before the House, as if the House had anything whatever to do with the private occupations of its members. The hob. gentleman was quite out of order in introducing such a question ; let him bring it up outside the House, and the (Mr. M'Clure) would give him abundant satisfaction.---(Order, order). Mr. DeCosmos would remark, in reply to

Mr. DeCosmos would remark, in reply to his hon. colleague (Dr. Powell) that the people had a perfect right to send whom they chose to the Hones, whether it was an editor or a shoemaker (hear, hear). The private occupation of any hon, member had nothing whatever to do with his public position.

Dr. Trimble called attention to the re-marks of the hon. junior member for the city about a meeting outside the House. Re marks had fallen from hon. gentlemen which he (Dr. Trimble) would have been tempted to resent, outside the House, by a blow in the face, and if this kind of discussion were allowed to go in, there would be an end to allowed to go in, there would be an end to all the authority of the Speaker (hear, hear). The Speaker said the hon. members must give their words that the matter would go no further. He must order them both into oustody unless they settled the matter at

Mr. M'Clure rose to speak, when The Speaker said he could not hear any

more on the subject. Dr. Powell also rose, but was called to der by the Speaker

now must result is nothing, as in a week or now must result is nothing, as in a week of two the House was sure to be prorogued. Dr. Trimble was anxious that a bill should be passed through the House this session, and was sorry that the bill he introduced had not

been accepted (laughter). Dr. Powell said he presumed that if a com-mittee were appointed it would consist; of the most industrious of the hon, members who were most frequent in their attend-The motion was carried, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Tolmie, Powell, Trimble,

Franklin and Cochrane. OITY REAL BETATE TAX-

## The House went into Committee on the

bill to levy a tax of one half of one per cent on all real estate in the city to pay the city indebtedness, Mr. Franklin in the chair. The bill was passed through committee.

PILOT AMENDMENT ACT. START The bill amending the Pilot Act, to the effoot that all vessels over 50 tons shall pay

pilonge, was taken up. Dr. Helmcken rose to make one more pro Dr. Helmcken rose to make one more pro-test against the passage of this amendment, which he must say was not for the benefit of Vancouver Island but for the benefit of the pilots. He looked on the amendment as a direct blow at the prosperity of the port, and as another nail in what he feared might prove the coffin of Viotoria. There was no stipu-lation whatever in the bill as to what vessels should pay, but every ship coming from Washington Territory or any where else, no matter what they came for, whether for sup-plies or in distress, or from whatever cause, must take a pilot, although some of them seemed to know the way in better than the pilots themselves, judging from late exhibipilots themselves, judging from late exhibi-tions of their skill. If the pilots were not paid well enough let there be only two pilots, or if that was too many, let there be only one, but do not increase the charges on ves-

Mr. DeCosmos said it was highly neces sary that an efficient pilot service should be established, else we would have the insurance on vessels raised, the freight raised, and the character of the port seriously injured in the eyes of foreign shippers. The great fault of the present system was that the Board of Pilot Commissioners had never performed

their duties. The Pilots had never been certificated, and the Commissioners had never seen that they attended to their duties.

Mr. M'Clure concurred with the last Speaker. The hon. Speaker had suggested more economy, but his course would be really more extravagant than at present. On the same principle we might take the oil from the light house on the grounds of econ-omy. As to small vessels being kept away there was an inavitable law which presented

omy. As to small vessels being kept away there was an inevitable law which regulated the matter. If these vessels found it for their advantage to come here, if they found a de-mand for the produce which they brought, they would not be kept away by pilot fees. Dr. Helmcken reiterated his views on the

injury which would be done to the port by the proposed amendments. Our principal and most profitable commerce was not with England but with the United States, and the most of American captains know the way here as well if not better than the pilots themselves. He was always of the opinion that the pilots should be under the control and in the pay of Government. He again protested against the amendment believing

that it was against the best interests of the port, Dr. Tolmie said the Pilot Act evidently

this and every other British colony had per-quisites to which he was legally entitled. Mr. DeCosmos said the only fees the Chief Justice claimed that he knew of were from the Admiralty Court, and these he thought were fixed by Imperial statute. He thought

the motion was alvery good one. TTA Dr. Helmoken said the believed no official sonnected with the Government pocketed any es whatever, but that they went into either the general or Grown revenue. (Hear, hear of the wished this to be understood in voting for this motion which he did solely as a general principle. (Hear, hear.) The motion was carried new con. MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The message of His Excellency in refer-ence to the motion for Returns of Marriage Licenses was taken up by the Committee. Dr. Diesson did not see, if the amount of revenue from that source was so small, why eturns had not been sent down. He did not believe that the Grown had any claim to the Dr. Helmcken said the hon. gentleman looked so closely after the small coin of the colony that he must be a veritable descendant of Joe Hume. During the late Governor's term of office the whole of the fees had been expended for charitable purposes, and he had been told by His Excellency that it was used much in the same way new. The

Governor did not know exactly what funds it belonged to, and a despatch had been sent 

Mr. DeCosmos said there was evidently an attempt being made to (swell the Crown revenue as largely as possible. He thought the colony should settle these matters itself, by bringing in a bill making the fund pay-able to the general revenue. Dr. Dickson moved that the House order bill to be brought in Cosmic but the cost bill to be brought in. Carried by the cast-

ing vote of the Chairman, and the Honse adjourned till Wednesday when the Tax on Salaries bill, and the Execution against Lands bill will be taken up.

WAYS AND MEANS .--- By an official notice elsewhere it will be seen that His Excellency's consent has been given to the two acts passed by the Legislature imposing landing permit dues on the importation of certain stock and carcasses, and amending the Victoria and Esquimalt Harbor Dues Act, 1862, and the Harbor Master has been directed to carry out the provisions of the same. Schedule A of the former Act imposes the following charges : For every head of oxen, bulls, cows, charges: For every head of oxen, bulls, cows, and heifers, other than yearlings or calves, \$4 For every yearling or calf, as above excepted, 50 cents. For every horse, other than yearling or foal, \$5. For every year-ling horse or foal, \$1. For every head of sheep or lambs. \$1. For every head of sheep or lambs. \$1. For every head of pigs, \$1 50. For every carcass of pork, \$2. For every carcass or portion of a carcass of mut-ton, \$2. Schedule D of the last named act provides the following abares: For every head at rovides the following charges : For every in-voice of the value of \$100 or less, \$1 50. For every additional \$100 in value, and for any portion of less value than \$100 over the first \$100, the additional sum of 50 cents. For every invoice of potatoes, \$5. For every invoice of turnips, carrots, cabbages or other roots or vegetablee, \$2 50.

ATTENDANCE AT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. From official returns laid before the House rday we have the following reference to the attendance of hon. members to their legislative duties during the present session. The session has extended from about the middle of September, 1864, to the middle of June, inst., a period of nine months, during which the House has sat 150 days Of these Mr. DeCosmos has been in attendance 137 days, Mr. Dennes 138, Dr. Dickson 119, Mr. Franklin 100, Dr. Powell 96, Dr. Tolmie 94, Mr. M'Clure (for the 41 months since his election) 64, Dr. Trimble (for the session) 62, Mr. Carswell 64, Mr. Burnaby (for 7 months) 59, Mr. Cochrane (for 7 months) 56, Mr. Bayley (for the session) 45, Mr. Duncan 44, and Mr. Southgate 42. THE GREAT FAILURE IN GLASGOW .- The Dundee Courier and Argus says the liabilities of the firm of Buchanan, Hamilton, & .Co. are stated to be One Million pounds sterling, losses on produce representing £350,000. The partners are said to possess considerable landed property, which it was expected would make the assets good. expected would make the assets good. Various names are mentioned, says the Glasgow Citizen, in connection with the va-cancy which would be caused by the resig-nation of Mr. Walter Buchanan, including Mr. James Stirling, author of "Letters from the Slave States," and Mr. A. Orr Ewing. There was also some talk of inviting Mr. Gladstone to accept the honor. ADA ISAACS MENKEN-This notable actres we observe by the Liverpool papers of the 29th April, was proving, an altraction in her unusual display of personal charms, are uni-versally voted to be a disappointment and a "swindle" by the would-be "fast" young men who crowd the pit and side boxes."

CHURCH RESERVE MEETING In accordance with a requisition signed by upwards of 150 citizens, a public meeting was convened by Mayor Harris Thursday evening, in front of the Police Barracks, to consider the question of the appropriation and outfing up into lots, of the public square commonly known as the Church Reserve. Between two and three hundred people assembled, and the utmost order and usanimity prevailed. At seven o'clock His Worship the Mayor took the chair, and opened the meeting by reading the requisition which had been mente in to thim, He then dalled upon those gentlemen who had resolutions to propose, to come forward.

pose, to come forward. Mr. Robt. Bishop stepped upon the plat-form to move the first resolution. He spolo-glasd for not taking a more active part in the proceedings of the meeting, owing to his just having heard of the death of a near relative. He would state however, that he had visited He would state however, that he had visited the office of the Registrar General day after day, and had spent this very day till three o'clock in the search, but could find no re-gistration whatever of any conveyance or trust deed from the Hudson Bay Company to Mr. Cridge, or to the Bishop of Columbia, in the matter of the Church Reserve, or in fact anything at all about the matter. He was convinced that the alleged title was a myth and that the Bishop had no right whatever to enclose the Reserve. Although he him-self was a member of the Church of England, he would strenuously oppose any attempt to aggrandize it at the expense of the colony (applause). He begged to move the following resolution :

Resolved-That this meeting is of opinion that the fencing in of the Church Reserve is an invasion of public right, and that the fences erected thereon are a public nuisance, and should be dealt with as such by the city authorities.

Mr. James Fell came forward to second the resolution. Before alluding to the reserve question he would take occasion to state that he had applied to Mr. J. J. Cochrane, member of the House of Assembly, for the use of the theatre, and that gentleman had said he would on no consideration whatever give the building for another public meeting, as the last one had done so much damage. Now he (Mr. Fell) would simply remind the people that the meeting referred to which Mr. Cochrane slandered, was that called on hearing of the assassination of President Lincols, and that it was one of the most orderly and respectable meetings ever held in this city (best, hear). Mr. Goobrane latterly thought better of his resolution, an modestly asked \$100 for the use of the theatre. Mr. Fell alluded to the attempts made by certain scribblers in some of the made by certain scribblers in some of the papers to decry those moving in the matter as political agitators, but said fortunately their scribblings were wholly without in-fluence in the community. He then took up the question of the Reserve, briefly reviewing its history, and showing, from the well-established facts, that it was never in-tended to be used as charch property, but as a public square for the use of the inhabitants of the city. Mr. Fell concluded by cordially seconding the resolution.

seconding the resolution, Some friends of the Bishop's party here incited the well-known Willie Bond to mount in the platform, to which that distinguished orstor, nothing loth, at once consented, and delivered himself of a spread-eagle speech amid the hoots and laughter of the meeting. Willis gravely cautioned the people to con-sider ' particular' before going into a lawsuit, as his own 'sperience in that way was extensive, and he had always come out at the little end of the horn. (John Butts-That's so Bond, I saw you there !) (Laughter.) Mr. DeCosmos, senior member for the city, being loudly called for, came forward, and was received with cheers. The hon. gentleman said he would only occupy the attention of the meeting for a few minutes. He then took up the Reserve question, and reviewed it in a brief but masterly manner, showing that the original intention was that the Reserve should not be built upon, as the Hudson Bay Company had sold lots fronting on it with the distinct understanding that it was to remain an open square; that both the Church and Parsonage were unmistakably public property, even the late Gov-ernor having looked on them in that light, as so late as 1860, he gave them in among the colonial assets. He (Mr. DeCosmos) had looked into the law on the matter, and had come to the conclusion that the enclosures on the Church Reserve were common nuisances, the Church Reserve were common nuisances, to be, abated in the usual way, and if he owned property facing on the Reserve which was interfered with by these fences, he would at once tear them down, and would defy the Bisbop or his co-trustees to recover a cent of damages (applause). The hon, gentleman concluded by stating that he was determined to use every parliamentary means, in his place in the House, to preserve the Reserve as an open public square for the use of the oitizens forever (great applause). 29th April, was proving an attraction in her personation of Mazeppa in that city. The Mail says of her performance, "We fancy the manager and the actress are better satis-fied than the audiences. The drams' is below contempt, and Menken has no preten-sions to the name of an actress, while her much talked of attractions in the way of an unusual display of personal charms, are units ishment. much talked of attractions in the way of an unusual display of personal charms, are universed display of personal display of personal charms, are universed display of personal charms, are universed display of personal display display display o church. The case of the Church of Ireland ture exceeded the French by, over £9,000,-000 in 1863. The French was, £60,815,000, while the English was \$70,352,000.

opoluded by stating shis he had much ples The Resolution was then put and carried The Resolution was then put and carried by acclamation, without a disentient voice. Mr. Hibbard next came forward to move the second resolution. He hoped the assem-blage would bear with him as he was not in the habit of speaking in public. This was an important point in the destiny of the colony. Every country has a period from which it dated its commencement in liberty; the Magna Charta, in the days of King John, the Bill of Richts women from the twennich. the Magna Charta, in the days of King John, the Bill of Rights wrang from the tyrannical Obarles I, the Declaration of Independence of the neighboring Union, all were epochs ini their history; and this was, although on the much smaller, scale, perhaps

on a much smaller scale, perhaps a nimilar event with us (applause) Mr. Hibbard proceeded to review the Reserve question, showing that the Reserve was in the same position as Beacon Hill, Beckly Farm, the Post Office and Harbor Office lots etc. He praised the Mayor for the manly stand he had taken on the question, and hoped the meeting would strongly support and aid him in every way in carrying out the resolution he would now key before them. He would beg to move the following resolution : Resolution in the Mayor be and is

Resolved That the Mayor be and is hereby requested by this meeting, to have the fences erected on the Church Reserve immediately removed, and this meeting pledges itself to sustain such action on the part of the Mayor in every possible manner. Mr. Simon Anderson briefly seconded the

mounted the platform, and made a pithy and characteristic speech, amid continuous roars of laughter. He pitched heavily into the clargy, whom he accused of stealing his church, which he and the other colonists had built and paid for. After cautioning the people to keep a sharp lookout on the blacks robed, white neck-tied gentry, Mr. Thorne took his leave.

The resolution was then put and carried amid loud acolamation, and after a vote of thanks to the Mayor the meeting broke up. Just before the crowd left, the well known "Billy the Bug" sprang upon the platform, and moved that the people do now proceed to the Church Reserve and tear down the fences forthwith. The idea took, and a crowd of some 200 persons, headed by the redoubtable insect," started for the Reserve. On reaching the spot, however, a formidable array of "peelers" was found posted along the ob-noxious fences, and it was discovered that the valiant leader of the movement had sud-denly disappeared. The crowd stood threateningly round the enclosures for some time. and angry comments were passed on the in-terference of the police, but after considerable grumbling, deeming the legal course sug-gested by the resolutions the wisest policy, they gradually dispersed and and and and

THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF TELEGRAPH MAN BRIAL .- The schooner Milton Badger, Thos. C. Harding, master, 158 days from New York, arrived yesterday in Esquimalt, bring-ing the first shipment of wire, insulators, and material for the use of the Collin's Teles graph Line. She will probably leave to-day for New Westminster, where her cargo will be discharged. The following is the Cap-tain's memoranda kindly furnished to us by his agent Mr. D. A. Edgar :-32 days from New York to the Equator in the Atlantic. and gaff; 37 days from the Equator to Cape Horn; sighted four icebergs; 32 days off Cape Horn in heavy weather. April 4th, put in Juan Fernandez for water, five days in port. Left the Spanish gunboat "Vincen-dora," in Juan Fernandez bound for Valparaiso. From thence had light winds and calms to Cape Flattery. Vessels spoken-June 13, the English ship "Equity" of Nova Scotis, bound to Monte Video with lumber, 74 days from New York. Feb. 15, the whaling bark "Washonkas,"-Wing, cruising 37 months, 700 barrels sperm. The schooner's cargo is consigned to Colonel Bulkly. 10 altako THE TELEGRAPHIC HOAX-The hoax perpetrated by, we presume, some individuals connected with the Collins Telegraph line in New Westminster, in regard to the trial of Davis and Breckinridge, was yesterday morning, on the arrival of the mail steamer, exposed thoroughly. If justice is done, the party or parties concerned in this disreputable transaction will meet with that punishment laid down by the Act, and which they so richly deserve. ("At the present time they so richly deserve. At the present time when news comes to us in every kind of shape-when absurdity is piled upon ab-surdity, and the wheat is difficult to disen-tangle from the chaff-many s very gross imposition may be practiced on the com-munity, and gain for the time a kind of credence. If the telegraph is, however, to be a reliable median for the transmission of news, such diagraceful impostness as that which startled the community on Wednesday with the announcement of the execution of Davis and Breckinridge, must bring down on the guilty parties the most condi-

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NEW YORK,

The Speaker repeated that he must ask required a great deal of amendment even if the hon. gentlemen to give their words that the matter would not be brought up outside the House.

Mr. M'Clure-I do not understand the hon. Speaker !

Dr. Powell-If the Speaker will compe the hon. member not to write personal editorials I will agree to drop the matter (laughter).

The Speaker said he could not interfere with the out-door affairs of hon. members. He must again ask hon. members to settle

this matter. After some hesitation Dr. Powell said he bowed to the decision of the Speaker. Mr. M'Clure also acquiesced, and the matter was

dropped. The Clerk handed in the returns of the attendance of each hon. member during the present session. (The figures appear in another column).

Mr. DeCosmos said he had some days ago, moved for Returns from the Coroner, but he found that no notification had been served on the Coroner by the Executive. In accord-the Coroner by the Executive. In accord-the Coroner by the Executive of Commens directly for Returns.

Dr. Trimble said the motion was too indefinite. Nobody knew who was "the coroner." He believed Mr. 'Muir, of Sooke, was a

coroner. Dr. Diekson said he knew of no coroner in the island but one, and that one had been fally recognised by the Excentive, the public money having frequently passed through his hands. The Speaker said there was no doubt that the House had a perfect right to order the Returns, and he believed it was desirable that the House should maintain its rights on this point. He might state that he had an interview with the Governor on some other matters and this question having ingidentally interview with the Governor on some other matters, and this question having incidentally come up, His Excellency had said the motion was not definite enough, besides he did not Dr. Tolmie said if we must increase the

Dr. Powell moved for the appointment of a committee to amend the Road Act. Mr. Franklin supported the motion. Dr. Tolmie thought the present Act was

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all its provisions were sound, which they were not. The House was trying to impose pilot charges on small vessels for the benefit of large ships coming from England. The whole present system was rotten to the core. Pi-lots could not recover their fees under the present act; he knew of a merchant this week who was contesting the payment of the fees. The proposed amendment might bene-fit the farmers by adding to the cost of im-

porting produce, but it would throw additi-onal obstacles in the way of exporting gooda Mr. DeCosmos said the argument that the proposed amendment would prevent the small trading, vessels from coming here was futile, because it was a well known fact that

nearly all of these vessels were under 50 tons register. The present act doubtless required amendment, but as to its being rotten to the core he could not understand it. Some mer-chants, as the hon. gentleman had said, might contest it, as there were merchants in this

nothing new to be said on it. He had lis-tened attentively to the hod. senior member for Metchesin (Dr. Helmcken) but had failed to hear a single sound reason to show that the charge of pilotage on vessels over 50 tons would be productive of any injury. Mr. Franklin believed that the pilots

come up, His Excellency had said the motion was not definite enough, besides he did not know any such person as "the coroner." Mr. DeCosmos sized leave to amend his motion to apply to James Dickson, Esq. Mr. Franklin moved that His Excellency be requested to send down Returns of all the Inquests held by any person or persons in the colony. After some further conversation, Mr. DeCosmos suggested that the matter had better rest till an official reply had been received from the Executive, which was agreed to. Dr. Powell moved for the appointment of

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Mr. M Clure looked on the motion as sime ply a sham, intended to shelve, the whole question. If the hon, members were in searnest in the matter why did they not take up the question when they had time to bring in a bill? The appointment of a committee Treasury. Treasu

HEAVY FAILURE. - Private advices mention the suspension of the well-known Scotch house Buchanan, Hamilton and Co., of

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