

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE.

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The Seat of Government Memorial.

The document published yesterday explains itself. The people of this Colony should take steps to show their gratitude towards those who have taken so much interest in their welfare. We have no intention whatever at the present of criticising the memorial, but would simply remark that the basis of the memorial is the resolutions of the Legislative Council of the Colony. Those resolutions request that the Governor will take such steps as he may deem most fitting towards making Victoria the Seat of Government. It is not asked that the Home Government or the Governor should be arbiters; that the thing asked should be done. It is hoped that the Governor has taken his constitutional view of the case, and as listened to the voice of the Council, yet not hurriedly, but after calm and dispassionate consideration. Not having the Governor's despatches at command, it is impossible for us to say what course his Excellency may have taken, but, judging from his past conduct, there is reason to fear that his prejudice has led him to advise contrary to the opinions of the Council. If so, and if her Majesty's Government have been deceived and influenced by such representations, the Colony will be agitated from one end to the other, and instead of the question being settled, it will be more unsettled than ever; what little confidence remains will be lost, and the hoped-for progress of the Colony entirely destroyed. At a time when all should endeavor with one accord to drag the Colony out of its present engulfed position, an increase of dissatisfaction can only terminate in ruin; but remove that dissatisfaction—place the seat of Government at Victoria, where the Legislature desired it to be placed—then, and not till then, will the depression and oppression under which the Colony labors be removed. The Legislature has spoken plainly. If it did so under the at that time existing condition of affairs, how much more correct is that opinion now that the Americans have purchased the formerly Russian territory. The conditions necessary for the place or spot should be convenient for the internal government of the country, and also convenient for holding communication with neighboring powers. Such conveniences Victoria possesses, and also one-half of the population of the continent.

Victoria has an equally well balanced position for the latter would give it an overwhelming advantage. Victoria being the point to which all steamboats come and from which all communication radiates, renders it desirable that the Governor should reside there in order to be in communication with our foreign and British relations. The political relations of the country, both internal and external, alike unite in selecting Victoria for the seat of Government. It is ridiculous, in the first place, for any one to say that New Westminster possesses as many advantages as Victoria, supposing even their natural qualifications to be evenly balanced—which we unhesitatingly deny—the acquired qualifications of Victoria would give her an immensely preponderating advantage; Victoria being a city possessing every convenience, both for the internal and external government of the country,—Westminster, a city without merchants, without Banks, save those of the river—without steamboat communication with foreign ports; in fact, without anything, save the Governor, whom it worships first and God last;—a place famous for idolatry but for nothing else. There may be hundreds of places and harbors where towns can be built, but the people have chosen Victoria and have built a city only second to San Francisco. Is it advisable that the Executive of this Colony should still attempt by Government patronage to ruin a city already existing for the sake of building up another—an attempt that hitherto has so signally failed? A continuation of such conduct can have but one result—the building of a town on American territory and forcing the commerce of the country into foreign hands. We feel persuaded that the people of this Colony will not allow British interests to be thus sacrificed; but at the same time we earnestly hope that his Excellency has recommended Victoria as being the best and most suitable place for the Seat of Government, and as the only way of putting an end to a question that has unsettled the public mind, prevented improvements, destroyed confidence and retarded the material progress of the Colony.

PLANO OVERBOARD.—A fine American piano, while being towed from the wharf at Esquimalt, for shipment to San Francisco yesterday, slipped from the grasp of its bearers and fell into the water. It was rescued with difficulty, in a damaged state, and placed aboard the steamship.

Saturday, Nov. 16.

DEPARTURES.—Among the passengers hence by the J. L. Stephens to-day, for California, will be Mrs. Stronach, the amiable and devoted wife of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. W. E. Stronach, who is suffering at Koolenay. Mrs. Stronach is tortured by a cruel disease which has baffled the skill of our first physicians, and her object in visiting California is to consult the medical men there. We earnestly hope that the visit of the lady will be attended with happy results, and that she will be speedily restored to health and strength to her many friends here. Mr. A. R. Robertson, the well-known and popular barrister, also goes to California by this steamer, with the intention of spending the winter months there, and returning early next spring. Mr. T. H. Long, junr., proprietor of the Colonist, is another gentleman who has taken passage on the Stephens. Mr. Long is prompted by a desire to visit an aged parent, whose declining health warns him that his days are few. We wish our confrere a pleasant journey, a happy reunion and a speedy return. Mr. Baker, of the North Pacific Fur Company, who has negotiated for the purchase of the Russian Fur Company's establishment, at New Archangel; Mr. J. A. Jones, long favorably known from his connection with the firm of Henderson & Bonarby; Mr. A. G. Elliot, the well known auctioneer; Mr. Myers and family; Mr. Openheimer and family; Mr. James Thorne; Dr. Adams, of the New York Herald; Mr. Goodall, of the Chicago Tribune and S. F. Alta, are among the other passengers. In the list we also observe the name of Capt. Raymur, who we are glad to know, will soon return to this city. The number of passengers on the J. L. Stephens will reach one hundred. No steamer has ever left this port with a more precious human freight. May a kind Providence guard the noble ship from disaster, and victorious winds wait her speedily to her destination.

DEATH OF VICTORIA THEATRICAL CELEBRITIES.—Poor old John S. Potter, the former indefatigable manager of the Victoria theatre, is dead—gone to that bourne whence no traveler returns. He burst a blood vessel at Julesburg, Colorado, a few months ago, and died almost immediately. With all poor John's faults in his later days, he was once a manager of position and wealth. He was nearly 60 when he expired. In 1859 and 1860 the Chapman family performed for many months in what is now the Lyceum, on Government street. One of the members of the troupe was Caroline Chapman—a young girl of considerable ability in genteel comedy. After leaving her contract a marriage with a young man named Nichols, whom she subsequently deserted. Lately she lived with a prize-fighter at Canal Bluff, Iowa, where she poisoned herself and died a few weeks ago.

A MURDER.—The Sunday News mentions the case of one of the men who was not indicted for the offence of aiding Schlegelberger to escape, as an instance of possible hard-ship. It is stated that the man, named James, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of years, and he would have been there for a long period, had he not been pardoned by the Governor. He was a witness, who acknowledged his criminality, and by his own confession show that Mr. Pemberton acted at all it was upon the right side.

AN UNMANNED ACT.—Peter Caragovitch appeared before Mr. Pemberton yesterday in answer to a charge of having thrown a cabbage upon the theatre stage on the night of the debut of Misses Yoo Allman and Yeomas. Mr. Bishop appeared for the defence. Mr. Mareh, the manager and lessee of the theatre, was placed in the box as prosecuting witness and the accused confessed the act. The magistrate characterized the offence as most commonly and discreditable, and ordered Caragovitch to enter into bonds to keep the peace for three months.

ABSCONDED.—Charles Solomon, accused of the crime of arson, and liberated on his own recognizances to appear at the police court yesterday, failed to make his appearance and his recognizances were ordered to be executed. Mr. Courtney, Solomon's lawyer, stated it was believed his client's mind was affected. If that be so, the young man appears to have considerable "met od in his madness." The insurance money will not be paid.

MATCH RACE.—William's horse "Governor," the winner of the Naval race, on Tuesday, has been matched to run against "Royal Charles," in a three days from date for \$250 a-side. Great confidence is felt in "Governor" winning the race.

A CONVERT FROM CATHOLICISM.—The Rev. T. X. Whelan, late of the "Olatas," and attached to St. Andrew's mission on the Fraser, has left the Church of Rome and is now studying with the view of reception into the Church of England.

THE U. S. S. OSEPISE sailed from New Archangel for Victoria on the night of the 6th inst. She left in port the U. S. S. Resaca and supply ship Jamestown, ship Cesarewitch and barks Milan and Mameluke.

DISCHARGED.—Stephen Chase, arrested upon a charge of being concerned in swindling Mr. Frankel out of \$3000 worth of furs, was yesterday liberated.

DETAINED.—The steamship J. L. Stephens, detained by the dense fog last evening, had not sailed up to the hour of our going to press.

THE Election for Councillor of Yates street ward will take place on Friday next.

SPIRITED.—A Western paper, in noticing the presentation of a silver cup to a cotemporary, says: "He needs no cup. He can drink from any vessel that contains liquor—whether the neck of a bottle, the mouth of a demijohn, the spile of a keg or the bung of a barrel."

Dominion of Canada.

ONTARIO.

KINGSTON, Sept. 23.—A horrible murder was committed here on Sunday morning, between the hours of twelve and two o'clock. A watchman of Morton's distillery was set upon by a lot of ruffians, and, after murdering him, they broke open the safe and stole about \$2,500, and decamped. On Sunday morning, as soon as the murder was discovered, the police started in pursuit. The steamers Watertown and Gazette were chartered, one going to Clayton and the other to Cape Vincent. It was afterwards learned that the murderers had crossed to Cape Vincent, and hired a horse there, and drove towards Watertown. The police followed, and last evening arrested three men in Watertown. There is one still at large, who is supposed to be an accomplice. The money, of which a great part is silver, is supposed to be buried on Long Island, and has not yet been found. An inquest is now being held on the murdered man. There is considerable excitement here.

KINGSTON, Sept. 23, p. m.—The murderers of the watchman at Morton's brewery were brought to town this afternoon. Their names are Wm. Howard, C. E. Adams, Alex. Gemmill, junr., of Toronto, and Edward Jones. There was about \$750 found in their possession. The most intense enthusiasm prevailed on their arrival, the police being cheered all the way to the station. Gemmill turned Queen's evidence.

A terrible explosion took place on Wednesday night at Sarnia. A tug-steamers blew up, and captain, mate, engineer and three men were killed immediately, while five more were picked up more or less injured.

QUEBEC.

The Quebec Chronicle says that a party of three men and a boy have been successful in gold mining in the river Gilbert, as for some weeks they have succeeded in taking out from \$300 to \$400 worth of gold a-day.

The Quebec Mercury says that it is understood that the Governor-General will leave Quebec with his family about the 24th inst., permanently to reside at Rideau Hall, Ottawa.

NOVA SCOTIA.

On Saturday, after the declaration of the poll, a number of persons prepared a gun and went to fire a salute in honor of the victory gained by their friends. In returning home the party were met by a number of persons who had fired a salute in honor of the same party. The gun was fired, and the salute was given. The party were then met by a number of persons who had fired a salute in honor of the same party. The gun was fired, and the salute was given. The party were then met by a number of persons who had fired a salute in honor of the same party. The gun was fired, and the salute was given.

The following are the names of the members returned for the House of Commons for this Province: Alfred G. Jones, Patrick Power, E. M. McDonald, Dr. Forbes, Thos Coffin, A. W. Savary, W. H. Ray, W. H. Chipman, Hon J. seph Howe, Dr. Tupper, A. W. McLellan, J. W. Carmichael, Hugh McDonald, Thomas Killam, Stewart Campbell, W. J. Croke, William Ross, James McKeagney, Dr. Cameron.

There are in Nova Scotia 168 working divisions of the Sons of Temperance, containing 7,247 members, with 5,895 lady visitors. Cash on hand and investments, \$10,909.

Two families of the name of Morse and Troop, of Granville, N. S., are endeavoring to establish their claims to an immense property in Wales, valued at several millions pounds sterling.

The reports respecting the richness of the gold mines in Nova Scotia, but particularly those at Sherbrooke, are extremely gratifying. In the last named district, there are a great many quartz lodes, and miners say it will take years to ascertain the extent and value of them. The average pay of miners is about \$1 25 per day.

Prince Edward's Island.

The Lieut. Governor of Prince Edward's Island has offered a reward of one hundred pounds for information which will lead to the conviction of incendiaries.

The total value of the fish exported last year from Prince Edward's Island was \$41,813 island currency, or \$13,290, 60. Of the above articles the United Kingdom took \$4,704 worth; Canada, \$1,286; Nova Scotia, \$2,855; New Brunswick, \$2,491; West Indies, \$2,401; and the United States, \$27,593.

Spurious half sovereigns are in circulation in Prince Edward's Island. The Islanders thus describes them:—"The forgery is not readily detected, inasmuch as the spurious coin is covered with genuine gold, resists the ordinary acids by which alloys are detected, and is of the

orthodox diameter and thickness. These base half sovereigns are dated 1849." The returns given by the present census (March 30, 1861), shows that in Nova Scotia 900 vessels, 8,816 boats, and 14,323 men are engaged in prosecuting the fisheries.

Singular Effect of the Election.

We have heard of a curious circumstance which occurred in this city within the past week, and one which shows that certain High Churchmen are not so completely wrapped up in their theological duties as to fail to trim their sails to every popular political breeze. A highly educated young woman, with just the slightest possible perception of colored blood mingling in her veins, arrived here some time since from Victoria, with a letter of introduction to the Rector of Trinity Church, from the Archbishop of Victoria. She was recommended for her Christian virtues and her religious and secular accomplishments, and was forthwith accepted as a communicant of the church. In the course of time, her superior qualities pointed her out as a fit person to take charge of a Sunday School class, and she was accordingly assigned to one composed principally of Indian and "native" Californian children, and those of the mestizos of the Spanish Republics. She performed her duties faithfully, and seemed to give universal satisfaction up to a few days since. One day last week she was astonished at the visit of one of the leading functionaries of the Church to her place of residence. He seemed considerably embarrassed about communicating something he had to say, but finally mustered up courage, and remarked: "Miss L., you needn't come to Sunday school next Sunday."

"And why not, pray?" she asked. "Well, I don't want to argue the matter with you, you know; but you needn't come."

The teacher insisted on knowing the cause of this sudden and unexpected dismissal, and pressed the functionary for an answer. He, however, only repeated what he had said before, and sidled toward the door, exclaiming: "I don't want to have any argument about the matter, you know!" and effected his retreat.

But it would seem that the young woman was not made of that penetrable stuff that yield to questionable authority without good and sufficient reasons. So she proceeded last Sunday to the school, as usual, and assumed her seat. Her class, however, had been taken away from her, but she made no objection, and proceeded as usual.

"It's rather a delicate matter to speak about,—but you know, I presume."

"Is it on account of my color?" she boldly inquired.

"Well, yes. You know the politicians and the elections have changed all this sort of thing, and it was criminal in the Archbishop to send you here with that letter, under the circumstances."

"Oh, it's the election and the politicians, is it?"

It was. The discarded teacher then entered into a logical series of questions with the Rector, somewhat after this fashion: "You admit that I am competent, don't you?"

"Certainly."

"That I am a good Christian?"

"Yes."

"That I can still be a communicant of the Church?"

The oldest remnant of mortality extant is the skeleton of one of the earlier Pharaohs, incased in one of its original burial robes, and wonderfully perfect considering its age, which was deposited about eighteen or twenty months ago in the British Museum, and is justly considered the most valuable of its archaeological treasures. The lid of the coffin which contained the royal mummy was inscribed by the name of its occupant, Pharaoh Mykerinus who succeeded the heir of the builder of the great pyramid about two centuries before Christ. Only think of it; the monarch whose crumbling bones and leathery integuments are now exciting the wonder of numerous gazers in London reigned in Egypt before Abraham was born, and only about two centuries or so after Mizraim, the grandson of old father Noah and the first of the Pharaohs had been gathered to his fathers.

A city servant girl who is a good deal on looks, thus describes the fashion of low necked dresses; "As for loonecs, the loer it is the more fashionable yn air dress. Mis Goolra give me a blu silk of hern and I out its nec orf, and Susin Simmans cut orf hern, an we atrax a great eul of atenshun to our nees, prominadin in the streets like other luds, and holden up our cloze. Nobody isn't nothing now which doesn't hold up her cloz, and the higher yu hold them the more yu are noticed."

Shipping Intelligence

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED. Nov 9—Ship Forest, Butler, San Juan Nov 11—Ship Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster Ship Alert, Francis, Nanaimo Ship Hamley, Holms, Nanaimo Ship Sabina, Tucker, Port Townsend Bark Ava, Burr, San Francisco Nov 12—Ship Harrier, Dargen, San Juan Ship Fidelity, Kirkie, Portland Ship Flyaway, Johnson, San Juan Nov 13—Ship Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster Ship Matilda, Thornby, San Juan Nov 15—Ship J. L. Stephens, Hall, Sitka Ship Klina, Middleton, Sitka

CLEARED

Nov 9—Ship Eagle, Graham, Nanaimo Ship Forest, Butler, San Juan Nov 11—Ship Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster Ship Thornton, Warren, Nanaimo Ship Red Rover, Varcoe, San Juan Nov 12—Ship New World, Winsor, Port Townsend Ship Outer, Swanson, N. W. Coast Ship Flyaway, Johnson, San Juan Nov 14—Ship Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster Nov 15—Ship J. L. Stephens, Hall, San Francisco

PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W.T.

ENTERED. Nov 7—Bark Sampson, load at Port Henry, San Francisco Bark Victoria, load at Victoria Bark Captain, load at Port Henry for San Francisco Bark Enterprise, load at Port Henry for San Francisco Bark Enterprise, load at Port Henry for San Francisco Bark Enterprise, load at Port Henry for San Francisco

PASSENGERS.

Per bark FIDELITY, from Portland, Colonel Roberts, Mrs. Main, Mr. & Mrs. Ingham, and children, 4 women, wife and 3 children; Mason; Barnard; J. Jones. Per bark NEW WORLD, from Puget Sound—F. Head, W. A. Phinney, J. W. Bell, A. H. Halder, J. Minter, Mrs. Minter and child, J. Duvivier, J. Kohn, L. G. Richardson, A. Zapp, wife and child, R. Hillon, J. Settle, J. Hattie, H. A. Westcott, M. Lyon, M. Drake, S. P. Hill, Mrs. Chapman and child, W. Thomson, Mrs. B. Huges and 4 children, F. A. Jones, Geo. Reynolds, J. Macaboy, J. S. Shannon, B. Hiddings, J. D. Mable, C. Watson, J. Kamm, W. L. Clancy, and 12 children.

CONSIGNEES.

Per bark NEW WORLD from Puget Sound—Carson & Co. Geo. Iye, J. W. Bell, W. E. Irvine, Shannon, W. G. Cowman, Hutchinson & Co., Dr. Tolmie. Per bark FIDELITY, from Portland—Gen McKenny, W. B. & Co., Wolf & Morris, A. Q. M., J. G. P. C. Brooklyn Mills, S. F. N. T. Mitchell, A. V. W. L. V. P. R. B. H. L. S. J. C. B. G. H. Dr. Thomas G. L. W. S. M. G. L. H. C. J. P. S. J. W. W. Imperial Mills, J. B.

IMPORTS.

Per bark NEW WORLD, from Puget Sound—34 sheep, 30 bbls flour, 2 horses and 1 wagon, 1 cow, 1 wagon, 2 boxes, 3 barrels, 22 cattle, 3 pigs, 7 cats, 30 lbs apples, 1 box quinces, 4 boxes. Per bark FIDELITY, from Portland—3000 lbs. Per bark ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—22 lbs wheat, 40 lbs, 1 box sugar and flour, 1 horse, 40 boxes apples, lot luggage and groceries, 11 boxes coal. Value \$700.

DEPARTURES.

In this city, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. Arthur Browning, Mr. Thomas Carrington, to Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr. William Holmes, of Brunette farm, New Westminster, B.C. Per bark Columbia copy.

DEED.

At Williams Creek, Cariboo, on the 13th September, 1867, Mr. John Trench, aged 48 years. At Millwaukie, W. Canada, on the 9th October, 1867, after a short but severe illness, Miss Luiza C. Wabara, of Oyma, Washington Territory, aged 17 years and 23 days, eldest daughter of the late Dr. U. G. Wabara and Mary C. Wabara. At Kingston Green, England, in the 73d year of his age Admiral Jos. Nis. California and Melbourne papers please copy.

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Ob. 9. WEEKLY BRITISH... A report comes by... purchased the Danish... the bargain is really... will get three islands... St. Thomas, Santa... and several other... The group... Columbus on his... Between El... and the four pie... today—Onba, the B... Domingo and Porto... the most impo... of 78 square mill... in 1850 at 38 7/8... About two fif... planted with cane... sugar crop varies fr... 4000 hogsheads. The... indigo and coffee... almost nothing. The... capital town, Christi... and entrance, and is... St. Thomas is about tw... less than three miles v... bars of woods; parch... The area of cultivated... 2500 acres, half of which... sugar. The free port... Amalia is the centre of... The annual importation... at \$5,000,000, and the nu... touching at the port i... 2196. St. John is about... long, four miles wide, v... with little water and... Small crops of sugar and... raised, and some care is... raising of live stock. Th... anchorage at Christiansbo... ported purchase by the U... of the Bay of Samana, in... Republic of St. Domingo... \$1,000,000, now alleg... been finally arranged, is... with steps taken by some... York adventurers 15 year... that date it was propos... 6000 or 5000 American set... country, the population of... limited at only about 2... the obvious intent was to... with its valuable c... which, owing to the deve... given to steam navigat... Pacific by the then newly... measures of California wa... one of the most valuab... that could be opened up... period, in order perhaps to... the national feeling on th... was represented that Fran... signs upon the Republic, an... the time also a futile at... made to raise in London a... loan of \$750,000. Subseq... temporary re-occupation o... mining by Spain, and the ex... the civil war in America, se... diverted attention from t...