

THE BEAUTIES OF OUR REPRESENTATION.

There is something gratifying in the fact that, despite the grumbling and discontent of those real estate owners who think themselves hardly dealt with, if property does not double its value every three months, the number of our registered voters is rapidly increasing. This increase is, however, by no means due to the reforming tendencies of our members of Legislature; for with all their faults, we cannot accuse them of any of the iniquities of the Manchester school. An extension of the Franchise, be it never so small, would, in their eyes, shake that exceedingly sound structure called the British Constitution, to its very foundation. To allow the most trifling acquisition of voting intelligence, by widening the circle of our representation, would indeed be a calamity, only equalled probably by that serious disaster, which befell the mother country in the repeal of her Corn Laws. The addition to the number of voters is, therefore, as we have said, not due to any change in our Franchise Act—that enlightening emanation of the Hudson's Bay Assembly of 1859—but to the increase of the twelve-pounders or the owners of real property.

On the electoral roll of 1863, the number of voters was 1051. In our present registered list we find 1235, showing an increase during the last twelve months of 184. In Victoria, there is an increase of 74 voters, in the District, 42; in the Town of Esquimalt, 7; District of Esquimalt and Metochin, 12; Lake, 4; Saanich, 8; Salt Spring and Chemainus, 22; Nanaimo, 7; and Sooke, 8. The total number of voters at present in Victoria Town is 658; in Victoria District, 188; Town of Esquimalt, 66; District of Esquimalt, 84; Lake, 65; Saanich, 50; Salt Spring and Chemainus, 61 (24 are, however, objected to); Nanaimo, 38; and Sooke, 25. At a superficial glance this statement would indicate a pretty fair proportion of voters to the inhabitants, considering the conservative views of the landed aristocracy who make our laws. But when we examine the electoral roll, carefully, we find that instead of 1,235 voters we have but 827, just about two-thirds of the number of voters on the registration list. This total number of valid voters outside Victoria, Town, is, strange to say, but 169; yet there are 577 illegitimate voters. Such representation is the veriest of shams. Victoria ostensibly returns only four members, but virtually she elects the whole fifteen; for there is not a single constituency on the island in which some of her resident voters have not a majority. In the District of Victoria there are but 37 resident voters out of 188; in Lake District there are but 14 out of 65; in the town of Esquimalt the proportion is about the same as the latter. We might, indeed, search the world over for a more outrageously ludicrous state of affairs. With seven agricultural constituencies, returning ten representatives, we have but two members who have the slightest pretence to a knowledge of or interest in the agricultural resources of the country. How is it possible therefore that this important interest can be attended to, in the absence of proper representatives in the House. The men who really return the members for the outlying districts are non-resident land jobbers and speculators—the most dangerous and anti-progressive class in any colony. In every other new country the Legislature has been compelled to enact laws for the protection of the industrious farmer against the insidious influence of the idle and non-improving speculator. Here, however, industry seems to be the principal taxable commodity, and the laws are framed to give the jobber in land every facility to make money out of the hard working agriculturist. The backward state of our agriculture is due mainly to this lamentable fact. Immense tracts of land are held throughout the island in their primitive condition, to the prejudice of every honest farmer or intending settler, and the present class of representatives, returned by the inimical influence alluded to, are not exactly the men to remedy this state of affairs. Were the whole representation of the Colony thrown into the scale of Victoria, however absurd the thing might appear, we would at least have an honest expression of public sentiment. At present, however, thirty or forty men, engaged in speculating in the public lands, virtually rule the country by returning representatives from nearly the whole of the agricultural districts.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held yesterday on the infant son of Mr. Robert Williams, who was drowned in a well or water-hole on Sunday last. After hearing the evidence of the father of the child, and of Mr. Wm. Leigh, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The jury also returned the following extra finding: The jury empanelled to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of Robert Charles Williams a child of 23 months of age, who was drowned by falling into a well, while agreeing that in this particular instance every reasonable precaution was used to prevent accidents, request the Coroner to draw the attention of the government to the necessity of precautions being taken to avoid the recurrence of such accidents by ordering all wells on lots occupied or not, either to be fenced in or filled up, with such other recommendations as he may think fit.

Signed ALFRED T. ELLIOTT, Foreman.

WILLIAMS CREEK HOSPITAL.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—I have received from Mr. Courtney, Secretary to the Williams Creek Hospital, the enclosed list of subscribers to that institution, and should feel obliged if you would give it publicity through your columns. I am, sir, etc.

E. C. BROWN.

Late Sec. to Williams Creek Hospital.

LILLOET PARSONS, March, '64.
Never Sweat Co, \$100; Dr Walker's Lectures, 115; L. Redfield, 10; Grier Co, 164; Bald Head Co, 172; D Fraser, 25; Per John Katz, 100; Abbott Co, 100; Judge Begbie, 50; H Walker, 20; T Kelly, 25; Cotton & Elmore, 25; Judge Begbie's Lecture, 55; Baby Co, 50; A. D. McInnes, weekly subscription to Sep. 4, 25; P Dunley, 25; J Burns, 25; T L Wood, 25; Watty Co, 142 50; Barker Co, 50; H C Courtney, 1st sub, 5; J Russell, 5; Cameron Co, 225; Moffat Co, 50; J McWha, 2 50; A Friend, 5; D Cushman, 10; J Hands, 10; H C Courtney, 2 sub, 20; Per H C Courtney, 35; Judge Begbie's 2d Lecture, 39; A Friend, 5; More & Handy, 2 50; J Adams, 10; Dole & Co, 3 50; G Platt, 10; L Lasky, 10; Cohen, 2 50; Cash, 2 50; Beas & Hamburgers, 5; Murray, 2 50; Beedy & Co, 10; W Meachum, 5; Cash, 5; Lewton, 2 50; Jerald, 5; O Vandehen, 10; Jim Ake, 5; Jarvey, 5; S T Wilson, 2 50; Mr. Garfield's Lecture, 125; Tilton, 5; Sage Miller, 10; Sam Grant, 10; Per H C Courtney, 20; McLean, 10; J Thompson, (Baby) 10; C Mulvey, (Baby) 10; Per Dr. Black, 30; E Neupeder, 10; W. Coker, 10; A Jacob (Baby) 10; Grizzly, Co, 50; Lewis & Davis, 5; Lemon & Smith, 25; James Orr, 15; Per James Orr Cushman, 15; Wm Farrer, 5; Cargili, 8 50; Caladonia, A and Hardy, 74; Carothers, 10; Mr Hamilton, 5; Prince Wales Co, 105; Dead Broke Co, 48; J Turgoun, 10; J D McInnes, per Mr. Coker, weekly sub, to 11th Oct, 20; W Raby, per Dr Walker, 5.

CASKET FOR SIR JAMES DOUGLAS.—The beautiful casket which has been made for the purpose of containing the address presented to Sir James Douglas on his retirement from the governorship of the colony, is now on view at Messrs. Watson and Bombach's, Yates street. It is 12 inches long by 6 inches broad, and 4 inches in height, and is constructed of ten different kinds of wood, indigenous to the island, viz, oak, maple, yellow cypress, red cedar, white cedar, dog-wood, yew, pine, pitch pine and fir. It is heavily mounted and ornamented with Cariboo gold, resting on four male dog dolphins, richly chased; each corner is decorated with a carved shield, one of which bears the arms of the colony—a beaver and pine-cone—and the other three the Cross of St. George, the Cross of Scotland, and the Harp of Erin, respectively. The front of the casket is richly carved by an elaborately carved gold plate, with richly chased key plate, embossed with Her Majesty's Head and Royal Crowns; the back showing a similar ornament, bearing a wreath of Bilties, in front of which is a smaller plate with the monogram "J. D." The whole casket is bound with gold, and is lined with pink satin edged with gold. On the inner side of the lid is a silver plate bearing the inscription: "Presented to Sir James Douglas, K. C. B., with an address from the inhabitants of Vancouver Island, on his retirement from the Government of the colony, March 1864." Upwards of 15 oz. of gold has been used on the casket and with the workmanship will cost \$600. The value of the casket complete will be \$700. The gold work is by Messrs. O'Connell and Kemback, and the wood-work by Mr. Jeffrey, the design is by Messrs. Wright & Sanders, Architects.

SAN FRANCISCO ASSAY.—The Lake District Mining Co. received by last steamer returns from a quantity of quartz sent down to San Francisco some time ago, showing \$12 to the ton, gold and silver—from outcroppings.

PORT ANGELOS.—Our advices from this port are to the 17th inst. Nothing of importance had transpired. The chief topics of the day were the annual election and the appraisal value of town lots.

THE ASSIZES.—The Assizes commence this morning at ten o'clock, before Chief Justice Cameron.

FOR ALBERTA.—The bark Speedwell was towed out of harbor on Saturday by the steamer Fidelity; she proceeds to Alberta, there to load a cargo of lumber for China.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Alpha arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with 70 tons of coal for Mr. R. Brodick.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday evening from New Westminster with 32 passengers.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The steamer Brother Jonathan left yesterday, at 10 a.m., for Portland and San Francisco.

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SIR LOBERT.—This vessel has been chartered in San Francisco for Sydney.

Tuesday, April 19.
FOR PUERT SOUND.—The undermentioned vessels sailed yesterday for Port Angeles, the sloop John Thornton with ten passengers; sloop Random with fifteen passengers; sloop John C. Caswell with seven passengers.

FROM THE STRAITS.—The schooner Winged Racer arrived yesterday from the vicinity of the new coal mine between Clallam Bay and Fish River, W. T., with 5 tons of coal as a sample.

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FOR HONOLULU.—The bark Constitution, Captain Pomroy, left Port Angeles on the 13th for the Sandwich Islands.

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Thursday, April 14.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.—The mail steamer Panama, Capt. Johnson, arrived last evening from San Francisco via Portland, bringing about 100 passengers and 100 tons of freight.

FOR CHINA.—The ship Napoleon III proceeding to Royal Roads yesterday preparatory to sailing for Shanghai.

SHIPS UP FOR THIS PORT.—Live Yankee cleared on April 14th; barque Sarita loading.

PASSENGERS FOR NAPOLEON III FOR SHANGHAI.—Messrs McKinnon and Turner.

SPOKEN.—H.M.S. Tribune on her passage up from Panama spoke the American ship General Godwin steering S.

Friday, April 15.
FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Thames arrived yesterday morning from Nanaimo en route for Alberni with 130 tons coal. She takes a few tons of merchandise from this island.

AT NANAIMO.—The bark Frances Palmer would complete her loading last evening. The bark Florida would finish next week.

PUERT SOUND MAILS.—The sloop Narcissus arrived from Port Angeles yesterday evening with the usual Paget sound mail.

FOR ALBERTA.—The steamer Thames will sail early this morning for the Alberni Mills with a cargo of coal and general merchandise.

THE BARK SPEEDWELL will sail to-day for Alberni to load with lumber for China.

EXPORTS OF GOLD.—Per steamer Panama, \$47,570.

Saturday, April 16.
FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise left for New Westminster yesterday, taking about 100 passengers, 6 horses, 62 sheep and a freight of general merchandise.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Meg Merrilies arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a cargo of coal and proceeded on to Esquimalt.

FROM SAN JUAN.—The steamer Otter arrived yesterday afternoon from San Juan bringing 33 head cattle, 26 horses and 63 sheep.

FROM LONDON.—The Chrysolite, Capt. Varian, left Deal for this port on the 6th February.

HIMALAYA.—The Otter, we understand, will tow the Himalaya round from Esquimalt this morning.

LOADING.—The Kinnaird, loading in London docks, was the only ship on the berth in England for this port.

Monday, April 18.
CHABARD.—Bark Sarita cleared at San Francisco on the 11th for Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo, with a large and valuable cargo, consisting in part of 4,312 mats Rice, the bulk of 600 qr. sacks Flour, 650 sacks Barley, 206 sks Oats, 526 sacks Beans, and 200 pkgs Provisions, valued in the aggregate at \$42,528 57. Sch. North Star cleared for Victoria on the 11th, with assorted merchandise, valued at \$5,715.

SAILED AND LOADING.—The Russian ship Oscar and George, Captain Runstrom, sailed on the 6th, for this port from San Francisco. The Live Yankee on the 11th for this port. The Sheet Anchor is still loading.

ENGLISH VESSELS LOADING FOR THIS PORT.—At Liverpool, the ship Envy, 800 tons burden, left for this port on the 10th. At London, the clipper ship Kinnaird, 555 tons register, of Messrs. Anderson, Thompson & Co's line, to follow the Chrysolite.

FROM THIS PORT.—The ship Arno from Alberni, with lumber, arrived at Sydney, December 2nd. The ships Ek and Fury also arrived at Sydney, November 29th.

THE steamer Sierra Nevada is to bring the next mail, and may be expected here about the 27th or 28th, as she leaves San Francisco on the 20th and comes via Portland.

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STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

APRIL 13th, 1864.

BRITANNIA, 100 shares sold at \$1 50, outside Garibaldi, 100 shares sold at 75c.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE, \$60 asked, \$35 off'd, b. 30 Skidgate, 60c off'd.

HOPE, 2 shares sold at \$2 50, b. 30 Britannia, 90 shares sold at \$1 25, b. 30

GARIBALDI, 50 shares sold at \$1 50, a. 30 100 shares sold at \$1, b. 30

Muir, 3 shares sold at \$2 50, w.

SANGSTER, \$1 asked, 50c off'd

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Union, 100 shares sold at 15c, r. w.

BOOKS, 20 shares sold at \$2 25.

SOCKS, 25 do do 4 25.

SOCKS, 25 preferred shares sold at \$6 60.

N. Pacific Coal Co, 4 shares sold at \$30.

BRITANNIA, 50 shares sold at \$1 20.

DO 5 do do 1 1/2.

Q. Charlotte, \$40 asked, \$35 off'd, b. 30.

Muir Company, 5 shares sold at \$2 50, b. 30

SKIDGATE, \$1 20 asked, 60c offered

SANGSTER, \$1 asked, 50c offered

GARIBALDI, \$1 asked, 50c offered

VICTORIA STOCK AND SHARE EXCHANGE.

Wednesday, April 13th, 1864.

SHARES SOLD.

Union Copper Co, 1 original, \$45

DO 2 do 945

THURSDAY, April 14th, 1864.

SHARES SOLD.

Alberni Mining Company, 50 shares at 65c

Queen Charlotte Copper, 2 shares at \$35

Britannia Gold Mining Co, 50 shares at \$1 25

Garibaldi Copper Min. Co, 50 shares at 90c

Eureka Copper Min. Co, 1 share at 810

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SHARES SOLD.

Goldstream Q'ts'g'g' Co, 1 sh at \$ 5 00

Union Copper Co, 100 sh at 15 1/2 sp

DO 100 sh at 17 1/2 sp

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Jenny Lind Gold Co, 1 sh at 10 00

Portland Mining Co, 2 sh at 28 00

DO 2 sh at 28 00

DO 2 sh at 5 00 sp

Parson's Q'ts'g'g' Co, 25 sh at 2 00 sp

DO 25 sh at 2 00 sp

For see; at anchor inside the bar, barque Samuel Merritt and Almatia waiting to cross.

The Ocean Bird left Port Madison on the 19th of March in company with the bark Rival, encountered heavy gales from S. and S.W. until the 2d April, when she capsized. The crew remained on her bottom six hours, the mast giving away partly righted. The cabin and forward house were both swept away and the men were on the wreck from Sunday until Friday morning without provisions and water. The cabin and forward house of the men were badly frozen.

J. D. ANDERSON, Purser.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer BROTHER JONATHAN—Wm Evans, Miss S Evans, Mrs J G McKay, Mrs H Polderman, Mrs C Wilhelm, John Stevenson, Mrs James Anderson, W F McCulloch, Miss McDonald, Chas S Stone, George Duff, H McDonald, E Summers, J Reed, W L McLellan, D Leonard, W Lewis, W O'Neil, J Bingham, J North, J Condon, Mrs Deater and child, G Vignolo, B Derham, D Murphy and wife, John McCully, C F Lippman, J McWaters, J M Coleman, Gomasly, D Siddall, E W Crooks, Miss M A Williams, E H Chantress, M Phillips, J Campbell, P R Davis, H McKay, R Wilson, L Forest, O Goldsworth, F Maroon, Wm Thomas, T Smith, J A Lord, Wells, Fargo & Co's messenger.

Per steamer PANAMA, from San Francisco—Gov Seymour and 3 servants, Capt Holmes, W H Evans, J McCully, Jas Graham, A H Birch, Chas Mallory, Jas Bergman, S E Brown, D J Taylor, Wells, Fargo & Co's messenger, John Bland, J McWaters, Dr. Asa, E Vaughn, Jas Anderson, J Harrison, John Work, W D Pope, Geo F Pope, Judge Austin, F W Hibben, Mrs Hibben, John Stevenson, B Stevenson, M Doolan, W F McCulloch, M Ross, G McGrath, Mrs Robertson, child and 1 Chinaman, Taylor, S M Herst, Geo F Kyle, C A Brown, and fifty others.

PER ELIZA ANDERSON from Olympia and way ports—Messrs Spinklock and boy, Geo F Robinson, G R Buchanan, B Hood, Dralander, McKinnon, Baxter, Robt Randall, Thos Fadler, John White, E Bordin, Cammings, Mrs Eisenbitz, Mrs Ross, and 1 Chinaman.

IMPORTS.

Per str BROTHER JONATHAN, from San Francisco—41 pkgs iron pipe, 1 do specie, 1 do drugs, 30 do boots, 1 ea mds, 12 ea Chinese provisions, 30 ea oranges, 29 ea hats, 3 ea Brogans, 1 ea cloaks, 1 ea harness, 2 ea shirts, 15 ea buttons, 1 ea soap, 1 ea cheese, 1 ea stationery, 1 ea cards, 4 pkgs butter and oil, 20 dry goods, boots and shoes, 1 ea paper and fancy goods, 2 sewing machines, 2 ea hats, 4 horses, 12 pkgs fruit, 11 ea oil, 5 kegs nails, 3 rods iron, 15 hd cattle.

Per steamer PANAMA, from San Francisco—15 ea rubber boots, 12 ea cordial, 21 kgs lead, 1 ea ware, 2 rls mds, 3 ea hats, 1 ea shirt, 1 ea tobacco, 1 ea dry goods, 4 ea pipe, 1 ea ink, 10 chis option, 20 ea boots, 2 kgs candles, 10 kgs butter, 1 ea box, 2 ea candles, 4 ea matches, 1 ea paper, 2 bbls whisky, 9 bxs kankles, 1 ea crockery, 5 horses, 13 hd cattle, 30 bxs oranges, 6 ea oil, 10 ea vegetables, 48 ea apples, 300 sks bacon, 80 sks flour, 1 ea coffee, 15 ea eggs, 10 ea lard, 1 ea cider, 1 ea peaches, 1 ea mds.

Per str ELIZA ANDERSON, from Olympia and way ports—59 hd cattle, 12 horses, 44 sheep, 3 hogs, 2 qrs beef, 60 sks oats, 25 sks oysters, butter and eggs. Value, \$4,380.

Per sch WINGED RACER, from Port Angeles—160 bush oats, 3 hogs, 100 doz eggs, 75 lbs butter, Value, \$190.

Per sch WINGED RACER, from Port Angeles, 65 tons coal, value \$40.

Per sch GAZELLE, from Port Townsend—12 tons hay, value \$192.

Per sch ELIZA, from Port Townsend—100 bushels barley, 10 tons hay, value \$229.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

April 12—Str Eliza Anderson, Finch, Page Sch F P Green, Howard, Burrard's Inlet

April 13—Sch J K Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan

April 14—Str Panama, Johnston, Astoria Sch Winged Racer, Peterson, Port Angeles

Str Eliza Anderson, San Francisco Sch Discovery, Rudin, Saanich

Sch Native, Smith, Sooke

April 15—Str Eliza Anderson, San Juan

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THE DANISH SITUATION.

With all the advantages to of telegraphic despatches, serious drawback which we notice. We have, by the news from the Danish sea March 23; yet to get hold of the fighting which has taken place, the commencement of hostilities, refer to English newspapers, February 14th, thus making movement of over five weeks back, in this instance, is of interest and importance are not passed by unnoticed, or at least inference, on account of their being furnished five or six of the details. When we look at the character of our European connection with the present war, we find the greatest difficulty of our subject. We have important places that have been and we have Danish towns where that would lead us to far narian tongue had been Chinook. We shall, however, amidst the mass of confused statements, to give something of the description of the events which have been fought on the Duchies up till the 2d of February the army having arrived before the chain of fortification Schleswig—made their first demonstration against the Danes. This place commands the part of the Schlei, a fine river Treene, forms a strait fence from the Baltic to the number of Danes who are or five forts as Misunde, 2,000; but they maintained well, repulsing the several from the 2nd till the 5th. They were, however, ultimately way, in order to prevent being cut off, as other portions had succeeded in taking the strong position of the front of the Danewerk. This latter engagement, were Austrian army corps, with them and drove them into. From this defence they promised fire on the Austrians, finally obliged to retreat, and Austrian forces united, enemy, who evacuated the wig, and fled along the coast. Although in a hurried retreat, more mischief here than that of the allies on Misunde of. Here and there along the borders were subjected to the both the soldiers and the men in ambush in the forest a place called Oversee came up with the Danes sanguinary and desperate had taken place ensued covered ground extremely treating army, and in turn and wounded over a thousand. The Prussian forces, however, and the tide of victory turned, became as completely outmaneuvered by the Danes. The safety of his army, to be made. The mother child to the rapacious wolphengarten regiment, with a only equalled by the famous ment at Waterloo, but not itself upon the German battle the other portion of the effect its retreat; but a man was sacrificed. On the or within six days of the funds, the Austrians entered determined resistance was inhabitants as well as by the German troops suffered place was at length taken, the same day, sat down before six weeks they have now a laster place, but beyond the ports, have made but little reduction. In the morning portion of the allied army north, crossed the frontier, Denmark proper—a doubt on the part of the Germans first have disclaimed all doing with the integrity of Denmark.

By the news published issue we see that this North and Frødericia bid fair to seal fame in connection with the Danes, as well as description of these impor