The Weekly British Colonist.

Tuesday, December 26, 1865.

## THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

In our remarks yesterday on steam communication we cursorily noticed the advertisement of the Government calling for tenders. Where many thousand dollars are at stake, as well as the trading interest of the country, we may, we think, be excused for recurring to the subject. In doing so, we would again impress upon the attention of the Government the necessity of transmitting the notice by telegraph to the San Francisco papers. If this should not be done the public interests are bound to suffer. The advertisement calls for tenders up till the 12th of January, giving but three weeks consideration for those interested. The object of the notice is of course to secure the best and cheapest communication; but if the tenderers are few—if the area of choice is limited—the chances are that we shall obtain neither a cheap nor a good means of conveyance. It is just possible there may be companies or persons in Victoria capable of supplying all our wants—capable of providing us with steamers large enough to carry all the passengers we may expect; but it would be a serious blunder to rely upon Victorian efforts. What we want, as we have said before, is vessels large enough, and running frequent enough to bring what the steamers brought us in 1862. At that time we had as many as eight hundred passengers on a single trip. We want steamers to be able to bring, if necessary, the same amount now.

There are other equally cogent reasons why we should place the matter before the California companies. It is on California we must rely for our mining population, and it may be found to be all important that the steam companies or a steam company in San Francisco should be interested in our welfare. We can gain nothing by overlooking them, but there is the possibility of a hostile feeling rising up against us that would work us material injury. Under any and all circumstances, it is the duty of the Government to make the best bargain, and that they cannot do, if they exclude the principal steamer port from competing for the subsidy. Whether the amount voted by the House will be large enough remains to be seen; but we think the members were wise yesterday in endorsing the six months' scheme. Had they adopted the yearly proposition they would undoubtedly have destroyed the efficiency of the Spring communication: for they would necessarily have increased the rates of passage, which, it is all important, should be kept low. If we have got a certain amount of money to invest, it is a great deal better it should be spent on twelve steamers that would come in six months than twelve steamers that would be spread over the year. The argument that has been broached by some that if we did not have a yearly subsidy we should lose the return travel has no weight. The miners who will travel the Fraser route will scarcely be foolish enough to take the more circuitous and more inconvenient one by Colville. The Oregon people may deal in amusing puffery of their facilities, but they cannot shorten a mile by calling it a furlong. From the dreaded bar at the mouth of the Columbia River to Walla Walla is journey enough, by the British Columbia route, to take miners almost to the Big Bend. When, however, we add to this the fact that the steamer "49," which the *Oregonian* has just assured us, with a little national exaggeration, is ploughing the waters of the Columbia, cannot navigate the river until the latter end of May on account of ice, we think we have sufficient advantages over our Portland competitors to leave them hopelessly behind in the race. These advantages must not, however, as we have shown before, lie dormant. We must make the best of our position, and leave no stone unturned to inform the miners and people generally of California, through reliable sources, of the mineral riches of the Upper Columbia, and the unequalled facilities of the Fraser River route.

STEAM! STEAM!—Tenders are called in our advertising columns by the Government of this Island for a direct line of steamers from San Francisco for a period of six or twelve months to run either twice or three times a month to this port only; twice or three times a month to this port and New Westminster alternately, or twice or three times a month to New Westminster, calling at this port, both coming and returning. The contract to commence about the beginning and not later than the 14th February. For further particulars see advertisement. As the time allotted for the tenders is so short that persons in San Francisco will be debarred from tendering, we would suggest that the advertisement should be telegraphed to San Francisco for insertion in one or more of the leading journals there.

SICKNESS IN IDAHO.—The Idaho *World* says, since the 5th of November, 1864, to 5th of November, 1865, not less than one hundred and twenty persons were received in the Hospital—many of them in a horribly mutilated condition—occasioned almost entirely by the caving of banks, falling of trees, and other incidents and vicissitudes of mining life.

## METHODIST TEA MEETING.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Church in this city took place Wednesday evening and was highly successful.

Tea and refreshments were served up at half-past six p.m. in the basement of the church on Pandora street, and the quantity and quality of the numerous little delicacies placed upon the tables and dispensed by fair hands, showed with what untiring zeal and energy the ladies of the congregation had worked in behalf of the cause.

After tea was over, the assemblage were invited up stairs and took their seats in the church which they soon filled to excess.

The Choir occupied a platform in one corner of the building, and during the evening sang the following sacred music with great effect: "The Soul will Comfort Zion," "Great Jehovah," "With full voiced choir resounding," "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way," "Lift up your heads Eternal Gates."

The chair was occupied by the Rev. Dr. Evans, and within the railing sat His Worship the Mayor, the Rev. T. Somerville, and the Rev. Mr. Browning.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, made especial allusion to the building of the Church and its financial condition, concluding with some practical observations and moral lessons.

The Rev. Mr. Somerville next addressed the audience, and with his usual tact commenced by relating a humorous anecdote about waking up the wrong man. The wrong man was of course himself, and he thought it would be advisable when inviting clergymen and others in future to these gatherings to fix upon some subject for them to talk about, for he had been two days revolving in his mind what he should say to them, but could not hit upon a fit subject. He believed his intellect had been affected by the frost. Some argued that the mind was only matter, the offspring of the senses, and if it were matter, why could it not be as visibly affected by frost as the water in our bedrooms (laughter). On his way hither, however, he was happy to say that it had thawed (laughter). On arriving at the Church door his foot slipped and he fell. Here was a subject at once—Sweep your own door! Every man should sweep his own door, not excepting those who conducted this Church. There was truth involved in these words. The Rev. gentleman then proceeded to enlarge upon this text in eloquent language, showing the necessity of every man putting forth his best efforts and energies in the accomplishment of all that was desirable and good, the perfection of the whole depending on the perfection of the units. It was too prevalent a custom among men to cast good things upon Associations. We should learn not to pass over our poor, or to hand over our Government to others. The position of the Church depended upon the individual energy and character of each member of it. This tea meeting was indebted for its success to individual energy. The Church was built by it. Through it Columbus discovered America. Through it John Wesley extended his Church throughout the length and breadth of the land. The speaker concluded with some excellent moral hints and practical illustrations, enjoining upon his hearers prayer and practice, the only two oars which rowed us to Heaven; energy and singleness of purpose inside and outside of the Church; and the attainment of perfection by allowing the hand to work in harmony with the intellect and the heart.

The Rev. gentleman's remarks met with applause.

Mayor Franklin next said a few words, recalling the time when it was difficult from the mud and other obstructions to reach this church, the construction of which, in what was then looked upon as the country, was considered a wild scheme. It was not only gratifying to see every pew in that church now occupied, but that the good example set had been followed by other congregations, and no less than four churches of different denominations now stood upon Pandora street. Though creeds differed widely, there was one upon which all joined hands, and that was, "Peace on earth and good will toward man" (applause). He was pleased to be present out of respect to their honored pastor, whose cool judgment and assiduity were always cheerfully extended to the public good, and he hoped he might long be spared to his highly respectable congregation.—His Worship ended by expressing good wishes towards the Methodist Church on this Island.

Dr. Evans said there were two reasons why His Worship sympathised with them. The first was his natural goodness of heart, the second because he owned a brick or two in the building, having subscribed liberally when funds were much needed. He hoped His Worship's term of office might witness not only the material but moral and spiritual progress of the community.

The Rev. Mr. Browning next addressed the meeting with his characteristic flow of language, in the course of his remarks inculcating the great principles of the Catholicity of Christianity and of the mind. He had been told when he was coming out here that the moment he landed on this Island he would set foot on Missionary soil where sectional differences were unknown, and all labored for the common good. He had however, been enlightened. When the laity of every Church congregated on such occasions on terms of brotherhood he would wish to see ministers of every denomination there to talk to them. He would desire to see social barriers broken down, and all meeting on terms of social equality. After adverting to the disadvantages under which many young men labored in this colony from the want of friendly hands to lead them into respectable social enjoyments, the Rev. gentleman concluded by moving a vote of thanks to the ladies who had worked so energetically in aid of the cause, which was received with loud applause.

Mayor Franklin then moved a vote of thanks to the choir for their valuable and pleasing services, which was also heartily received.

The chairman expressed a hope that before another anniversary rolled round an addition of 30 feet or more would be made to the south end of the church. The building had been so framed that the addition could be made without great expense, and the plans were in preparation by Messrs. Wright & Sanders.

The National Anthem was then sung by the choir, and the pastor having pronounced a blessing the meeting separated.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Dec. 19.

SLEIGHING—Everything in the shape of a sleigh was in requisition yesterday, and numerous parties were to be seen gliding over the smooth surface in every direction. Towards evening and all night more snow continued to fall, and as it now lies several inches deep the ground will probably be fit for this enjoyable exercise for a long time to come. Old stagers predict a similar winter to that of 61-62.

ACCIDENT TO MR. WADDINGTON.—We much regret to state that Mr. Alfred Waddington, Superintendent of Education, owing to the slippery state of the streets, fell last evening on Yates street and broke his right leg. He was immediately removed to his residence on Fort street, where doctors Dickson and Ash were soon in attendance and set the fractured limb. The sufferer is doing as well as could be expected.

HOME AND COLONIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).—Messrs. Lowe Brothers, of this city, have been appointed local agents of the above named Fire and Life Assurance Company. The authorized capital of this company is £2,000,000, one-half of which has been issued, and the Directory includes the name of Baring, and other well known English capitalists. The operations of the company extend all over the world.

THE GLARAMARA—The steamer Otter went out yesterday to tow this ship into Esquimalt harbor, and lighten her so that she may enter this port. The damage sustained by vessel and cargo will be made a matter of general and particular average.

THE BARK NARRAMISSIC after reaching Royal Roads on Sunday afternoon encountered a strong northerly wind, which commenced blowing towards dusk and blew her off shore again, since when she has not been seen.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Indian Maid arrived yesterday from Nanaimo, with 60 tons of coal to R. Brodrick.

REAL ESTATE.—Lot 147 Johnson street, with erections thereon, was sold yesterday by Messrs. J. P. Davies & Co. for $1,300.

Wednesday, Dec. 20.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS—The examination of the Victoria Public Schools commences to-day at the District School, under Mr. Burr; to-morrow the examination of the girls' school, under Mrs. Fisher, will take place; and on Friday, the boys, under Messrs Jessop and Nicholson. The exercises will commence each day at 9 a.m. These examinations have been fixed on different days so as to give parents, guardians, and others interested in educational matters an opportunity of visiting each. The late accident to Mr. Waddington, the Superintendent of Education, will of course prevent him from taking part in the exercises. This will be a great disappointment, not only to that gentleman but to the teachers and numerous visitors who will attend the examinations. After two weeks vacation the schools will re-assemble on Monday, January 8th.

ANOTHER INDIAN MURDER—A Songish Indian named Clan-shin was arrested yesterday by the police on suspicion of having murdered an Esquimalt Indian on Friday evening last. According to report the accused is charged with having made his victim drunk and thrown him on a fire, from which the poor wretch extricated himself and rushed into the water, where it is supposed he was again set upon by his assailant from a canoe and was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered.

SPORTING.—We learn that a match has been arranged between George Baker, the Canadian Pet, and a young Englishman named Joe Eden, formerly in the Police, to fight according to the rules of the P. R. for $500 a-side, $50 of which are already deposited. They will meet within three months at San Juan Island. Preliminaries to be settled, and articles to be drawn up at Connor's on Monday evening next.

MR. DENNES AND HIS CONSTITUENTS—An advertisement in our columns since the early part of last month announces that the member for Salt Spring Island and Chemanus proposes to visit his constituents on the 23d inst. We are requested to state that in consequence of the want of steam communication and the bad state of the weather, the visit has been postponed until the early part of next year, of which due notice will be given by advertisement.

SPOKEN.—The scow General Harney, Captain Roder, with hay and grain bound from the Sound to New Westminster was spoken on the 16th in the Gulf of Georgia, by a boat from Semiahmoo, and requested to be reported. A heavy snow-storm came on soon after she was seen.

SLEIGHING—Every sleigh in town was in requisition yesterday, the streets and roads being in fine order for the exercise. In the evening some of the members of the Germania Sing Verein traversed the streets in a large illuminated sleigh, singing national airs.

FROM PUGET SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson, Captain Finch, arrived yesterday from Olympia and way ports with twenty passengers and a large freight of live stock and produce as per manifest. She left again shortly afterwards to carry some live stock to Bellingham Bay, intending to return as usual on Tuesday morning next.

SENT TO THE CHAIN GANG.—An Indian named Billy Williams was sentenced by the Police Magistrate yesterday to two months hard labor for stealing a blanket from a Klootchman.

LEECH RIVER.—Accounts from Leech River state that Wood & Co., who had struck good pay in the blue gravel in their hill tunnel had a quantity of dirt ready to wash, which they were unable to do for want o water.

THE STEAMER ACTIVE—A telegram to Seattle says the Active passed up Columbia river on Monday afternoon.

Thursday, Dec. 21.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCE—Last night, about eleven o'clock, a violent outrage occurred in Fort street, which might have resulted fatally but for the prompt interference of the neighbors. It appears that about a quarter of an hour after Mr. Richard Brodrick, who resides at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets, had retired to rest, he was aroused by a loud knocking at his door, repeatedly demanding admittance. After rapidly dressing and seizing a whip he went out, and was met by an infuriated policeman who passed him rapidly into the house. Seeing that the man was either crazy or drunk, he called for assistance, when a young man of the name of Macpherson came out of his room, and was fiercely attacked with the man's baton. The fellow then took hold of two ladies who were conversing in the sitting room, and so alarmed them that they feared murder would be committed. At length the man was overcome and conveyed to the station house. He was evidently under the influence of a mania that two pistol shots had been fired at him, for which there appeared to be no foundation. Some difficulty was experienced in obtaining a prompt attendance to the case from the police authorities at head-quarters.

THE WEATHER—More snow fell yesterday, and sleighs were kept merrily gliding along all day. In the evening one of the traces which held a pair of spirited greys, belonging to Mr. Williams, gave way, and the horses, after letting out their heels, set off down Government street. A young lady seated in the sleigh had presence of mind enough to jump out, and escaped with a slight bruise. The horses were stopped before proceeding far.

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From W. Vesalius Pettigrew, M.D., Hon. F.R.C.S., England, formerly Lecturer upon Anatomy and Physiology at St. George's School of Medicine: "I have used it in Consumption, Asthma, Diarrhœa and other diseases, and am most perfectly satisfied with the results."
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