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Free Trade and Confederation

Our correspondent upon Free Trade does not, we are glad to find, insist upon his original proposition of confining Free Trade in Vancouver Island, to those articles which are not produced upon the Island...

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Census

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Table with columns for Age, Sex, and various population statistics for Victoria and vicinity.

THE MONSIEUR

We were asked yesterday a score of times what Millard & Reedy meant by chartering the vessel for San Francisco, and parties who ought to know better were free in offering odds...

THE EXHIBITION

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY REPORT. We take the following report from the Liverpool Daily Courier of 8th August, and as this Company does a large portion of the Insurance Business in this Colony, we have no doubt it will be read with interest...

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The Colonial Finances.

It would be interesting, and somewhat curious, to trace the analogy between the feelings with which the Lords of the Treasury regard Governors of those colonies which have contracted loans in the English market...

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7. Report of the Sanitary Commission. That in view of the existence and probable increase of the small-pox in the city and vicinity, the Sanitary Commission recommend...

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday at Requisite, on the body of a dead Indian named Joe, found on the same morning lying between two rocks near the town. From the evidence of Mr Howard it appeared, that he knew the Indian, and saw him the night previously near where the body was found.

OUR PAGET SOUND CORRESPONDENCE. POST TOWNSEND, W. T. Oct 5, 1868. The following vessels cleared from this port: On Sept. 30th the ship Helios, for San Francisco—still in the harbor, but standing out this afternoon, as the fog lifted, the first time for more than a week.

ST-1860-X. A great French physician says: "More than half of the disease in the world comes from neglect to fortify the system against changes of climate, weather, and food." This splendid Tonic is now used by all classes of people for every symptom of a "Stomach out of order."

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Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Government Under Confederation.

Considerable misapprehension exists as to the Revenue and Expenditure of the local Government in case we were admitted into the Dominion, on the financial terms proposed by the Yale Convention... The third article in the terms proposed by the Convention stipulates for an annual subsidy to be paid by Canada to British Columbia...

Table with columns for Revenue and Expenditure. Includes items like 'Fixed Subsidy', 'Road Tolls', 'Mining Receipts', 'Licenses', 'Fines', 'Courts', 'Miscellaneous Receipts', 'Fees of Office', and 'Total'.

Table titled 'Goals and Wards' with columns for various categories and their respective values.

Any one who will take the trouble to compare the above figures with the Estimates of 1868, and with the expenses incidental to the local Government under the "British North America Act 1867" will find them correct... There is not the smallest reduction made in the salaries of officials, or in the number employed.

Without considering what retrenchment could be made, the Revenue, Expenditure, and Surplus would be as follows:

Summary table showing Revenue, Expenditure, and Surplus Revenue.

It will have been observed that Education, Charity, and Public Works have been excluded from the above estimate of Expenditure. Provision will therefore have to be made for the expenditure under these heads out of the Surplus Revenue...

The New Westminster Agricultural Exhibition held on Wednesday last was opened by the Governor. Mrs Seymour was also present. His Excellency said he felt a deep interest and abiding faith in the rich resources and future development of the Lower Mainland.

DEPARTURE OF OLD RESIDENTS. By the G. S. Wright which left a few days since for Portland, Mr M. T. Johnston and Mrs Johnston sailed for San Francisco, there to reside. Mr Johnston has been the resident partner of Messrs Sprout & Co in Victoria for several years past...

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday from New Westminster with the Cariboo express and \$60,000 in treasure. She had a large number of passengers on board, some immediately from Cariboo...

A FIRE PREVENTION. On Saturday, Chief Engineer Kelly, and Councilor McKay as Fire Warden, made an examination of the city stores in connection with the amount of powder kept on hand over that allowed by the ordinance.

NEW GOLD STRIKES. So far as we can learn from those just returned from the upper country, much importance is attached to a new strike of gold in Lightning Creek. The prospect, said to be large, was discovered in the bill immediately behind the old Bachelor claim...

CARIBOO NEWS. At the Assizes, Chief Justice Bogie, on the 22nd Sept, sentenced M. A. Benicio to nine months imprisonment for embezzling a sum of money from the Miners Bedrock Drain Company.

ELECTIONS. Write have been issued, and forwarded to the up-country districts for the election of members to the next Legislative Council; the writs for remaining districts will shortly follow.

NEW PILOT BOAT. The Pilot boat W. A. G. Young, is approaching completion. She will make her trial trip this week, when no doubt she will give a good account of herself. The cost is close on \$2000.

DISCHARGED. The cargo of the bark Moneynick has been discharged in excellent order. She will be dispatched to San Francisco by Messrs Millard & Beady during this week.

NEW BUILDING. Ground will be broken to-day for the St. John's Chapel New School House; the building will be finished in six weeks.

The steamer G. S. Wright arrived at Portland on Saturday. The telegram, announcing her arrival did not state on what day she would again leave for Victoria.

THE BURNING OF BARKERVILLE. In addition to the report already published, we deem the following particulars, taken from the Cariboo Sentinel, of the 22nd ult., to be of interest to those absent from the Colony.

Long ere this the news of the conflagration of the town of Barkerville, William Creech has flashed across the wires to all parts of the civilized world. It remains only for us to give in detail an account of the circumstances and results connected therewith. No one but an eye witness can form any correct conception of a scene so fraught with disastrous results...

case, and the stiffness of night found every one quietly slumbering beneath a comfortable shelter, save a few who quietly patrolled the scene of desolation to watch the smouldering remains of the conflagrated town.

The first impression, and the almost universal exclamation at the time of and immediately after the fire was, "Barkerville is gone and the country is ruined."

The estimates that have been made of the loss are so varied that it is almost impossible to get at anything like an accurate statement. The following however, we think, is a close approximation to the principal losses, as ascertained from the parties themselves.

The number of buildings specified above is 86, to which may be added about 30 Chinese houses and cabins, which will make the total number of buildings destroyed 116. The losses have been variously estimated, though chiefly at random, from a half million to a million and a half; but we think the figures which we have presented will cover the extreme loss of property by the fire, as well as by that other calamitous and disagreeable contingency so universal upon such occasions—a base practice which, we believe, never has disgraced the Annals of Cariboo.

Soon after the fire abated, the despoiled merchants commenced to gather in their goods which were rescued from total flames, and it soon became apparent that there had been in the field, for large quantities known to have been saved were missing.

The fire was caused, it is said by some, by sparks from an attached kitchen, and by others, from an adjoining building, but from which ever source it originated, there can be no doubt as to its accidental character. No one there, however, is to be held responsible for the catastrophe.

No ordinary pen sketch can convey a true conception of the scene which followed. Night was drawing on and hundreds of men, women and children were compelled to seek shelter, and tons of goods and chattels lay scattered along the creek, and on the hill sides which must be stored, and like ants, whose storehouse had been overturned by the ploughshare, the despoiled human swarm were seen running in every direction, loaded with their wares, seeking a place of refuge.

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The first impression, and the almost universal exclamation at the time of and immediately after the fire was, "Barkerville is gone and the country is ruined." The impression pardonable indeed in a man suffering under the indescribable feeling of misery caused by the almost instantaneous loss of all he has in the world, and which may have been the accumulation of years; but to the calm reflecting mind, no fallacy can be more apparent. That it is a great misfortune, and will cause temporary damage to the entire colony, there can be little doubt, and that a few individuals may be ruined in their worldly prospects none will question; but the gold mining prospects of Cariboo remain unchanged, and the same spirit of enterprise and industry that has opened up the mines and supplied the miners, will continue the mining operations with no sensible suspension so long as it is believed that Cariboo is a profitable gold mining country, and the bare fact of four-fifths of the entire property destroyed being the sole and unnumbered property of the individuals who held it, is an irrefragable evidence of the prosperity and importance of the country.

NEW BARKERVILLE. Ere the smoke of the old town had died away, a new town, Phoenix like, has sprung from the ashes thereof. Already are there over thirty houses standing in symmetrical order on the old site, and the foundation of several others laid; and many more would yet have been in the course of erection were it possible to obtain carpenters and tools.

Another Fire. On Sunday morning at half past three o'clock, the inhabitants of Richfield were aroused from their slumbers by the cry of fire, which proved to be anything but a false alarm for it was discovered that the oven in Hicks's bake house was on fire, which in a short time would have communicated with the main building, and Richfield would have met the same fate as Barkerville. The oven's supports were built of stone and clay on a wooden foundation. The masonry not being sufficiently thick the wood ignited and caused the fire. Happily, however, it was extinguished in time, preventing further damage than the destruction of the oven.

Diogenes to Self-Reliance. Entreats Colonists, I had expected from his terribly long indignation that Self-Reliance would have produced his nominal list of reductions before this, but instead thereof he treats our readers with another specimen of self-laudatory bombast. You, Mr Editor, may know Self-Reliance well enough to be certain that he is correct; but I do not, he has been asked proof, and he is presumptuous enough to refer to himself as sufficient proof of the authenticity of his assertions; this gentleman wants to be taught that there is a difference between official letters and epistles to newspapers. I hope you will either expose him or insist on the proof, so that he may expose himself.

Long Rubber Boots. 30 PAIRS OF THE ABOVE FOR sale by the undersigned. FOUNDLEY & DURHAM.

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