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HWGISLATIXE AFF＇AIRS． Charles Lerer gives us an amusing col baquy betweot a distinguished personage who
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ent was good－retrenchment was neceessary but then the Liberal members should no he Honse of Assembly should have cat dow Liberal members undertake to do it？ ggravated by deciding apon the sehem outside the House．To think that the pub－ lic business of the coun whe meet in secret conclave t arrange the political programme that is to eard of so monstrous an outrage on a re
presentative body？Even in responsible Governments who ever heard of the minis－ outside the Legislative halls to decide o their political course of action？The
thing is preposterous！The way the busi－ 3essof the Honse of Commons is carried on i man had his own say，and dared his neighbor preeoncerted action．The same thing may
be said of the Canadian and every other re spectable colonial Legislature．The whole
work is extemporised when the members meet，every one pitches in indiscriminately else could they get through the business o the session？Let us suppose，for an instan
that the Ministry concocted their schemes and plans outside the House－that their sup porters were made a ware of the programme，
and that evergthing so far as they were con－ cerned was cut and dried before the House
met－can any one not see that the termina－ tion of the session would be indefinitely pro
longed？The way really to carry on the public basiness with despatch is to ignor preparation－to go into the House of Assem bly an unorganised body，a respectable mob
with neither head nor tail，object nor aim It was by such goodj management that $V a$ couver Island got through her ten months we not take the Chronicle＇s advice and cume baek to it？Well，we shall say why．W through the Legislature in a couple months．We want men to go into the House with fa purpose before them，with a clear one and the mathod to accomplisb oun a band organized reprosentative to inaugurate reforms and to save th oekets of the iababitants，We are glad to he colony there is an ${ }^{\circ}$ independent majority in the Assembly，and one that，come what

##  the pubiic service any less efficient than has been；but much that will hate then double effect of reducing taxation an saving the public time；for the Execut <br> obliged to dispense with much of that red tape，which has bad the effect of ing a needless number of officiale，of consu－ ming an endless and equally needless quann tity of stationery，and which has public to dance attendance at nearly every get the moat trifling bill against the Exeen live paid．The charge made by some of the obstructive members is the eehoed by our obstructive contemporary，that partiality was shown in which has baspe made is too ridiculon Which has bepne made is too ridicolions almost for comment．Every person acquain－ ted with our system of that appointments are not filled by the As－ sembly，but by the Executive，and thot if the House abolishes or a malgamates the office of Treasurer with some other depart－ meat of Government the mines whether the official remored might no the gentleman who by the action of the House changes，if an＇y are to be made，belong so the Governor．Al the House bas：to do is to

 to work out the other portion or the problem． who are ，notoriously anpopular or anfit，in o accomm those who have shown a desire for their position，that is his responsibility， The time，however，is not far distant when he House on the part of the people will
## TELEGRAPHIO

Special Dispatch to the＂Colonist．＂ EUROPE
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Gazette of December 18th says that Stephens， e Fenian leader，was not in the employ of y mistarnmentent，and that he was appointed Wes absolutely necessary to keep up the ap－
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oom O．M．Clay，the proprietor of the Stock－ $n$ Independent．＇Plaintifisis allege that they of Ovecland Telegraph news enjoyed by thop the
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## Regina v. Maurice Carey - Mr. MeCreigh moved that jadgment in this case be arrested and the prisoner discharged, on the ground 

 that the penal laws of England were not aplicable to this oolony, not having bee
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plaintif and Mr. Mccreceight for the defendants.
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company was quate interestigg, a number of
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tribute his $\$ 100$ and tribute his $\$ 100$, and His Honor remarked
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agreed to contribute his quota, making nug
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t t was finally determined that the question
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Supreme Covrt.-Regina vs. Carey.Argument was yesterdag resumed by Couin
sel before His Honor the Chief Justice sel before His Honor the Chief Justice, wit
whom sat Ohief Justice Begbie of Britse Columbia, on the motion of Mr. McCreigh
for an arrest of judgment in the above case some length, and was followed by $M$
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fully concurred with him in his decision.

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Fridy, Jan. 12. 1866.
Present:-The Hon. Trasurer, Hon. Mr
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tendance, he would suggest that the Counci
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on Thursday next, at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
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1st inst., Bailey Bush, of Bush Praiite, sha 18t inst., Bailey Bush, of Bush Praiiie,
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stantly. He was found some two or stantly. He was fond some two or
bundred yards from the house, lying on
bask with his righ ehe ofe back with his right shoe off. From the posi-
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Edmond Conway Asisistant Engi.jeer, gives public notice that the Compauy is not re--
sponsible for any debts contracted by persons
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him or by James W. Pitfield, or Chas. R.

Divoros- Mary Ann Engle hias filed petition in the District Court at Port Town
send for divorce from her husband, Frederia Mitden Sprzor-Mr. Thos. Cunningham
member for Nanaimo, made his maide member for Nanaimo, made his maiden
speech in the House yesterday on the Comox
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 Tuesday, January 16, 1866 The brief announcement, which we gave
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scarcely did justice to the importance of the bown, passed a tariff, bill, which the Upper
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 Special Dispatch to the "Colonist""SIERRA NEVADA STILL ASHORE
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 bis is as far as reasonable retrenchment eank are frmly convineed that if His Ezcellency House in good faith, and carries the of the the public service will just be as efficientlyperformed as ever. If, however, His .Excellency does not accept the views of the Assembly; if he thinks the members do Dot in
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it is so, we would earnestly appeal to the people, and ask thers, througb a general election, to adopt his ideas of $\mathrm{ex}_{n}$
penditure for 1866 . There is nothing like an old course when' one is in dontt We are roted yesterday againat almost every These gentlemen, and we would call cour readers attention to their votes in
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