

The San Juan Question.

It will have been seen by our published reports that the Legislative Council of British Columbia has unanimously adopted a resolution asking His Excellency the Governor to urge upon the Imperial and Canadian Governments the importance of retaining possession of San Juan Island, on account of its relations to British North American interests.

'strong man' must speedily evacuate, as he will have been shown by his strength as effectually and ignominiously as Sampson was.

Saturday April 9

THE NEWS AS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.—The Little Newsman is in a rage because we seriously suggested that in order to 'catch the public eye' he should provide each reader with a powerful microscope.

SEATTLE.—The prosperity of this place appears to have been short-lived. During the past summer lots were sold rapidly and a third more houses added to the town.

QUEEN ELIZABETH.—Historic version of Good Queen Bess and her days is under preparation at the Theatre Royal and will be presented at an early day with new scenery and all the original music.

OLYMPIA.—To judge by the scarcity of house accommodation, this place must be thriving. Many new houses have been put up and some new stores opened.

RETURN CRICKET MATCH.—The return match of cricket between the Fleet & Esquimalt and Victoria Eleven will take place on Beacon Hill to-day, commencing at 10 1/2 a.m.

REV. MR. SOMERVILLE.—It is reported that this gentleman intends to visit Scotland during the summer and will leave in time to attend the General Assembly of the American Presbyterian Church, which meets in Philadelphia on the third Thursday in May.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.—The requisition upon the Mayor to call a public meeting to consider Responsible Government and the Delegation to Canada has been promptly met by his Worship, and Monday evening at the theatre indicated.

BENEFITS OF ANKEXATION.—Mr Pannofort, who left last week to give entertainments on the Sound, found that he had to pay five dollars for a license before he could give his readings.

A NUMBER of liberty-men from the Mohican, who had overstaid their leave, were nabbed by our Police yesterday.

FOUR STEAMERS are due here to-day, viz, the Active, California, Enterprise and Otter.

THE ENTERPRISE carried 60 passengers and a large freight yesterday.

THE U.S. MOHICAN will sail for San Juan Island on Wednesday next.

Legislative Council

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ROAD TOLLS.—The Council went into consideration of the Governor's Message respecting the abolition of tolls on four roads.

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European Mail Summary.

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Letter from Australia.

Melbourne, January 29th, 1870. The following jottings respecting Melbourne, may perhaps prove interesting to you, especially as some of the inhabitants of your distant Island occasionally express themselves as desirous of visiting Australia and Victoria, of which Melbourne is the Capital.

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The Weekly British Colonist

Wednesday April 13, 1870.

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"A man proved wrong against his will is of the same opinion still."

But we are led to think that there are others who are honestly in the fog, who are accustomed to regard responsible government and representative government as synonymous terms.

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Sunday April 10 Legislative Council. FRIDAY, April 8. ROAD TOLLS.

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vote is disregarded! The government to-day, sir, has afforded us the best possible argument against representative government, and given us a weapon which we will not fail to use in arguing for responsible government.

Return of the Otter—The Skeena River Route—Anthracite Coal, &c.

The steamer Otter arrived from the North yesterday morning. On the way up, after calling at Nanaimo and Fort Rupert, she arrived at the Queen Charlotte coal mine on the 21st March.

The Otter was detained at Melkalah for two days by heavy gales, and left for Massett Harbor on Wednesday morning, the 30th, and arrived there that afternoon.

The Anthracite Coal brought from Skidegate Bay by the Otter yesterday will be landed to-morrow. Captain Lewis visited the works and inspected the seams, and pronounced the supply of coal almost inexhaustible.

AN INTERESTING GAME.—It appears there is soon to be another election in Washington Territory. Several of the Republicans have bolted from the ranks, and are not likely to support Garfield, the present delegate.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise, Capt Swanson, arrived from New Westminster yesterday at 5 p. m., with a lower country mail and express.

NO SLIDE.—The report that a slide had taken place on the wagon road above Yale is incorrect. The Government road-men have removed the cribbing to renew the timbers, and stages above and below the spot exchange passengers and loads.

THREE LITTLE DELEGATES.—A mission went to do; one got a sinouore, then there were but two. Two little Delegates left the thing to run, one was bamboozled, then there was but one.

PORT MADISON, W. T.—At these lumber mills there are seven barks waiting to be loaded with lumber. Two new vessels for the company are also upon the stocks.

THIRTY CANOES, filled with Sitwah men and women to the number of 300, are reported on the way in from the Northwest Coast. The natives expect to do a lively stroke of business with the Flying Squadron.

A SLIGHT fire occurred yesterday morning at 2 1/2 o'clock at the French Bakery, Johnson street, which was extinguished with little damage.

TACOMA, W. T.—The largest lumber mill on Puget Sound has been established at this place.

LAND SALE.—Mr. Franklin yesterday sold 160 acres of farming land at Cedar Hill for \$12 and \$14 per acre.

AN imitator of Traupmann, living in the South of France, killed a farmer sixty-two years old with a pickaxe, buried him in a grave dug in advance, planted a young walnut tree over it, and sodded it, so that the disturbance of the soil might escape notice.

The Patient Combination.

ERROR BRINGS COLONIST.—The recent debate in the Legislative Council on the question of providing funds to defray the expenses of three delegates to lay the Terms of Confederation before the Canadian Government has attracted a more than ordinary amount of notice.

The fact was pretty plainly elicited that the following is the personnel of the proposed delegation: Messrs. Trutch, Carrall, and Helmecke.

As to the first named gentleman, there can be no question of his fitness, or to the policy of his appointment. In his hands the Government or Imperial and official view will be fairly and ably presented.

In Mr Carrall we have the representative of the Confederation party, and although a young and comparatively inexperienced politician, yet one of undoubted honesty of purpose, and with a thoroughly warm friend of Confederation, and one who enjoys the confidence of the party in the districts which he represents, although not sound on Responsible Government.

In Dr Helmecke we have what a man who was once a Confederationist, but who has fallen from grace; who once was a warm supporter of Responsible Government, but who is now an opponent; one who was once a very loud advocate of retrenchment, but who now throws retrenchment to the dogs—tells the people that it is all bunkum and claptrap, and that he made use of it to fool the public, and may have to do so again.

Let us suppose that such a trio were sent to Canada, and that the two former gentlemen differed with the Canadian authorities upon some vital point in the Terms, with Mr Helmecke to decide, how is he likely to go? Can anyone tell? Has anyone the slightest idea how he would decide? Can anyone (even Mrs Titmuss) afford anybody the faintest glimmering of a notion as to how he would likely throw his weight? If anyone can tell, he knows the Doctor better than the Doctor knows himself.

If we are to judge of his sneers at Canadians and everything Canadian, of his known hatred to Confederation and everything and everybody connected with it, of his oft repeated determination to defeat it if he can, we can only say that he will throw the weight of his influence on the side most likely to prejudice the cause we all have at heart.

How is such an appointment likely to be regarded by the country? How will it be regarded by those who have stood by Confederation through good report and evil report? How will the Confederation party, composed as it is of eight-tenths of the British population of the colony, regard it? It will be condemned beyond a doubt. By what process of reasoning can they be expected to approve of the appointment of a man who hates the very name of Confederation, and makes no secret of it?

To send such a man is to insult the Confederation party in the country, and to expect that he will act honestly in the cause is to expect a moral impossibility.

Dominion Mail Summary.

THE TORONTO GLOBE ON RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We have received Dominion exchanges to the 28th ult. Our files containing the proposed Terms of Confederation having reached Canada a few days before the mail left, it is chiefly interesting to note the opinions of the press thereupon. The Ottawa Citizen, a Ministerial paper, publishes the Terms, with lengthy comments, and it is gratifying to observe that they are upon the whole unfavorable.

The chief difficulty, it thinks, lies in the overland railway item, respecting which it says: "That there is an urgent and pressing need for a railway to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Provinces is generally, or we might say, universally admitted; yet it may be questioned whether it would be wise policy to limit the time for its commencement or its completion, or the amount that should be annually expended upon it. The work is a political as well as commercial necessity; as such it ought to and will be commenced and finished as soon as the finances of the Dominion will permit. To limit the time, and the annual expenditure upon it, would not expedite the work, but would rather tend to retard it. After pointing out one or two matters regarding which it does not possess sufficient information to feel justified in pronouncing an opinion, our contemporary says:—"With these exceptions the other points are simple enough and easy of arrangement, with the exception, perhaps, of the last—the pensioning off of the old British Columbian officials. It is rather opposed to Canadian practice to grant pensions; but we have little doubt that this point could be satisfactorily arranged by negotiations between that colony and the British and Canadian Governments. On a general view of the propositions, we see no reason to doubt that a satisfactory determination can be reached."

The Toronto Globe, the leading Reform paper, also publishes the terms and takes ground not materially different from the above. Regarding the railway it says, "The railway will be commenced as soon as circumstances will permit. The desire of Canada to see this work accomplished is as great as that of British Columbia—but the fact of a time being stated for its commencement will not ensure that it may be impossible to fulfil. On the other hand, the inauguration of the road will not be delayed because of the absence of the stipulating clause." The following is the conclusion of the Globe's article: "Confederation has been more than once held out by the Press of British Columbia as a means of obtaining a purely representative government; and the omission of any remark about this in the list of terms, and the opinion given by the Governor in his speech, is a mistake. British Columbia must be the same in this respect as all the other Provinces of the Dominion. The idea of treating the people of one Province as if they were children by telling them that they are 'too young' to be trusted with self-

government is absurd. The people of British Columbia are just as capable of regulating their own local affairs as the people of any other Province; and the proposition to confide the colony in the petition of the Dominion and at the same time to rule its people by means of impossible officials and government nominees, is too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment! The Dominion accounts for 1869 have been published. The receipts foot up \$36,866,647, and the expenditure; \$29,913,266, thus leaving a balance in the public treasury of \$6,953,381.

CARRIER-PIGEONS ON SEA-GOING STEAMERS.—It has been stated that had there been carrier-pigeons on board the steamship City of Boston, the uncertainty of whose fate keeps so many people on both sides of the Atlantic in very painful suspense, we should in all probability have long ago known of the cause of her delay in reaching port.

Audubon relates an instance of carrier-pigeons having reached New York from Carolina, a distance of not less than 850 to 400 miles, in less than six hours. He argues from this that they could visit Europe at this rate under three days. No such length of flight, however, would ever be required, because if all trans-Atlantic passenger steamers were compelled by law to carry them, they would naturally be furnished with birds domiciled on both continents, and in the hour of danger the bird belonging to the nearest land would be loosed.

Over legislation in reference to passenger vessels has continually occupied Congress, and frequently hampered enterprise. Which of our public men will render a real service to the whole community, and earn possibly at no distant date the thanks of a crowd saved by his intervention, by introducing a bill, which will pass and become law at once, making the carrying of these messengers of hope imperative on all sea-going steamers?—Am Paper.

For Peace River Gold Mines.

NOTICE. ON THE OPENING OF NAVIGATION on the Fraser river, the steamers VICTORIA and ENTERPRISE will commence their trips in connection with the Barnard's Express and Mail Line of Stages. THE STEAMER VICTORIA Will run from Soda Creek to the Canon at Cottonwood, connecting with the ENTERPRISE. Which will be placed on the route from the Canon to Fort George. Victoria, B.C., Feb. 16, 1870. Adm. Geo. 223 3m

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