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# THE MOSQUITO

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## SUMMARY.

A literary fossil—the Mainland Guardian.

Why is our Postmaster's name omitted from the civil list? Is it because it is on the uncivil one?

We observed a young man sitting in an easy chair cleaning drug store windows. He can claim to be the laziest man in town.

Mr. G. S. McLaren arrived by Wednesday's boat. He is looking first-class, and reports business as very dull in California, Oregon and Washington Territory.

The order of the day. That a certain J. P. not a thousand miles from Ladners Landing rise to explain the particulars concerning the New Calved Cow. DELTA.

With reference to our hat band item, in our first issue. Three bachelors dispute as to who it was meant for. We answer — of them, that is if no mistake was made in the initials.

A gentleman in town complains that our first edition was not bright enough. Please do not be too previous. Did you ever see a mosquito bright when first hatched? Wait until we have sharpened our bill on some fat subject.

Dr. John Garrow in his letter to the Columbian, omits three of our city doctors. Would it not be better, Doctor, to act straight, and give us the one name so that there may be no mistake.

Coun. Deane resumed his seat at last meeting, and withdrew his resignation. He concluded to swallow the dose, and the council must have given him some sweet plums to help it down.

Civilization is evidently spreading among the celestials as a proof of this

we had a Chinaman figuring at the Police court for being drunk and disorderly under the cognomen of Patrick Reilly.

The question, "has been asked the editor, who paid for the sidewalk up Douglas street. Was it the councillor to whose house it leads? or was it the City? If the latter, who authorized the expenditure?

Port Moody is the terminus because the government says so; Coal Harbor will be the terminus for our local government says so. New Westminster can be the terminus if we only make it so. —Mosquito.

The following assertion was made a short time ago by one of our principle merchants: "I have \$3500 in my safe to be invested in "starting a good newspaper in New Westminster." Give us the coin, boss. You shall have your paper. Only trust in providence. ♪

Mr. Dawson of Maple Ridge writes to the Columbian, and says in short that Mr. Ross, Immigration agent, has stuffed his books concerning actual settlers. Will Mr. Dawson inform THE Mosquito whether he is making a bid for Mr. Ross' position or not? ♪ We know what we do know.

Immigration office. "Mr. J. W. Sexsmith Sr. claims to have had the order of this government position in place of Mr. Ross, who is to be discharged. This is not fair. Give it to a poor man, please. Do not give it to one who does not need it, although he is a good Methodist.

The sidewalks are safe. ♪ That is somebody must build and pay for them, whether it is to be Coun. D— or the ratepayers. But what about the roads? The ratepayers pay for them, and they are not not safe and in many cases one would think they had never been built as roads. ♪

At the council meeting last Monday evening a resolution was passed for the building of a new tank on Columbia street, at Daggetts. Last fall a resolution was passed, ordering the old tank to be cleaned out; this was never done. Mr. Gentlemen of the board of works, do your duty this time or THE Mosquito, will consider you a fat subject!

Another literary fossil—the Victoria Standard.

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### OUR SERIOUS ARTICLE.

Experience has proved to the people of New Westminster that our present mail steamers do not study the interests of our city in the smallest degree, but to the contrary, and we need not expect any better treatment from any line of steamers that are owned in Victoria. The influence of that city has always been used against the advancement of New Westminster. Now, the question arises, what can we do to remedy those evils? We need a steamboat for 'he Victoria route, built for the express purpose of coming into this port at any season of the year. At no time during the past winter would a boat thus constructed have been unable to reach us. The winter of 1863 was an exception to the rule, and even that is 23 years ago. The steamboat we require need not be a very large one, but should be built for speed, and be able to make the trip in from 5 to 6 hours. Such a boat ought to be built for about \$20,000. The sum could surely be raised in our city for this purpose if the principal merchants take any interest in this very important matter. The Nanaimo people own a controlling interest in the Amelia, and no difficulty was experienced in raising the money. If a city smaller than ours can do this, surely we can. Another steamboat is required for the river trade. The Columbian has shown, in a leading article upon the subject, the extortionate demands made by the railway contractor; and again, any person travelling on the road in its present state, is risking his life while so-doing. The settlements up the river are all very anxious to have a steamer that will run through to Yale. That place itself would subscribe largely towards such a boat, and as the trade would no

warrant the construction of a steamer like the Irving or Rithet, a small one nearer the size of the Reliance, would meet with ample patronage to pay good interest on the investment. Something must be done during the coming season, and what is to be done should be done quickly.

### OUR NAME.

We have chosen the name Mosquito for ourselves because we intend to be found everywhere, giving full and fair warning of our presence, singing notes of warning, or, if necessary, coming down on our victim in such a quiet, noiseless way, that the first thing he knows will be our sting. We do not intend to be void of "the milk of human kindness," but we may have to obtain it by inserting our bill in some fortunate possessor thereof. And further, if some victim should try to kill us, the attempt might be attended by a self-delivered slap in the face, while we fly safely off, singing a joyful note of satisfaction and defiance.

### THE "MAIL" REFUTES.

EDITOR Mosquito:—Allow me, through your columns, to deny all current rumors which intimate that the Mail is connected with your Journal. Such, you are aware, is not the case, and I take these means of refuting all such false statements. Very truly, yours.

E. K. SARGISON.

### MR. DEANE HEARD FROM.

MR. Mosquito:—Your kind of pests mostly attack new comers. I am an old hand here; therefore, you must be the new comer and mistaken your man. All I wanted the council to do, was to administer the physic to me, the same as they had done to others, which they declined and said the sidewalk could go into consumption and rot, they could stand it as long I could, thus entirely ignoring the trust reposed in them by the citizens as guardians of their interests. Your inexperience and youth will be the cause of your making many mistakes, but when you do catch the right man be careful and

find out the right spot, and then push in your sting right up to the nose and leave it there.

I am very much pleased with your little sheet; its appearance, independence, and true inwardness for our Royal City, and its interests, which has not yet been found to exist in the Coal Harbor Vindicator, or the Port Moody advocate;—those two papers being wholly taken up with their personal interests. Now, laddie, use more paper and larger type, so that an old man can read it, and I will at once quit the two destroyers of New Westminster, and take yours.

Hoping you will soon enlarge, and grow up to the full stature of a man and wishing you every success.

I am, sincerely yours,  
R. W. DEANE.

Our old citizen, Mr. George Weaster, returned on the Idaho, after an absence of two years.

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### LOCAL JOTTINGS.

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**SKATING RINK.**—Our reporter visited the skating rink last Tuesday evening, and was highly amused with the amusing antics of the young gentleman from Sapperton who finished the evening by going down on his knees to all the ladies.

The young gentleman from the hatchery must be careful, or he will have some trouble on his hands with one of our stago proprietors.

The city lamplighter applied for an increase of salary to enable him to keep a horse. Supply him with a donkey, gentlemen of the council.

Two Dominion officials who do all they can to forward the interests of our city:—The Dominion government agent, and the agent of Marine and fisheries.

The fourth folio.—The Victoria Times calls upon the ministry to explain why Mr. Allen's claims have been overlooked. THE MOSQUITO would ask the Times to explain what it means by "Mr. Allen's claims." Are they his great abilities, or good services rendered the country?

If the would-be musical critic (who in giving his opinion of the merits of the various soloists at a late concert, said he considered a certain amateurs understandings to be perfectly hideous) wishes to know something ten times more intensely horrifying, we advise him to stand in front of a perfect mirror, and examine carefully the reflection of his own physiognomy.

It is time for the merchants of this city to become alarmed at the depressed state of the money market. One of our leading produce dealers in buying a new hat the other day had to do so on the installment plan.

If the dude-clerk, and would-be masher had as much snap in him as the whip he is so fond of flourishing, he would be of more use to his employees.

The Colonist claims that New Westminster has the biggest hogs. Is it because we have a Cuning-ham in the house?

It is the intention of the Mosquito Publishing Co. to enlarge the Mosquito to more than double its present size, on the arrival of the plant from San Francisco.

Summer is coming and the plumbers must go.—It is rumored that a prominent plumber is about to depart for a Southernland(?)

It is rumored that our worthy fellow citizen, Mr. James O'Halloran, is about to take unto himself a better half. Well done, Jimmy! Don't forget THE MOSQUITO when you do the job!

The steamer Idaho, from Tacoma, arrived on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, bringing 13 passengers and about 35 tons of freight.

### NOTES AND QUERIES.

In this column we propose to insert any short suitable questions which may be propounded to the public, through us, together with or followed in the next, issue by the answer, and we invite the assistance of the public to make it both curious and complete.

Why is the present house of assembly fit to legislate on game?

Ans.—Because the birds are well represented therein.

In what state of public morals is a country when official letters are sent by the government in such a way that they are both official and yet so private that they cannot be used in justification of any act performed because of the instructions contained in them? Please tell me Mr. Mosquito.

Can anyone inform us why "hah, hah," takes the back street when going to lunch at the Colonial hotel?

### Telephonic.

[To Mosquito.

MARCH 7.

A telegram was received at Port Moody this morning, stating that the Euphrates, with a cargo of steel rails, arrived at Victoria, and will be at Port Moody on Monday.

### "WAS LOST, AND IS FOUND."

We feared his familiar face had forever departed from our gaze. He mysteriously disappeared at noon on Wednesday. Many were the enquiries made by his numerous friends, and as many times did they have to turn away disappointed. At times we thought he might have been captured by some roving tribe of natives, and it was our intention to send a party of armed men in search of, and rescue him. But our fears were removed on Thursday morning, when we found him at his usual place of business, and once more his graceful and pleasing countenance

gladdens our hearts as he skips around the billiard table. We are not in a position to state his whereabouts during the long period of our suspense, but when we speak to him about it he does not even greet us with a "smile."

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### INSURANCE RATES.

There are many things that absolutely require reform in B. C., and notably the rates payable in respect of fire Insurance. Outsiders will hardly believe that since 1877, when a ring of Victoria insurance agents got together and formed themselves into a mutual admission society, and fixed most exorbitant rates, no appreciable change has been made, except in the direction of increasing the same. In the old country the rate is 37½ cents for \$500. Our rate is \$5 for \$500, and the most frivolous pretends are urged to increase the rate, as some people are paying \$3.50 for \$100. Any one who wishes to figure the thing out can see that we are most grievously imposed upon and there is no reason why it should be tolerated any longer. Our fire record here is very small and we have now the best steam fire engine and fire brigade in the Province. We call upon the corporation, and the Board of Trade to take this matter up in downright earnest and put themselves in correspondence with some leading Insurance companies, not now represented here, and show them what a field for Insurance enterprise lies open in B. C. We shall return to the subject.

### SCENE—EDITOR'S SANCTUM IN THIS CITY.

Visitor—I wish to subscribe for your paper; here is \$3, that is for a year.

Editor—No, sir, our price is \$5, you will see it advertised in our first column.

Visitor—Yes, I know, you advertise \$5, but as the Columbian is only \$3, I thought your advertisement was only meant for the subscribers who pay about once in five years. I want to pay in advance so put me down and let me have the paper.

Editor—Impossible, sir. Our price is \$5 per annum, cash or no cash.

Visitor—Very well, Mr. Editor. May I suggest that your paper at this price is of more value to yourself than it will be to me. Visitor then departs and calling at THE MOSQUITO office takes it for one year at \$1.

We observe that Dr. Trew does not reply to the comments of the B.C., our big contemporary. Perhaps he is right. In the game of euchre the player who can take his cards from two packs can easily manage to win the game. There is such a thing as "stacking the deal" in other things than card playing.

### GREAT TIME AMONG THE HEATHEN CHINESE.

On Saturday night last as our reporter was coming up Columbia street, he met some boys running and at first thought that a fire had broken out, but was soon made aware that something more exciting than a fire was on the cards. So, gaining a good position on the Colonial hotel balcony, he witnessed a monster procession of the "Heathen Chinese," to the number of 1000 or more, marching down the street with the usual music, which seemed more like a thousand Tom cats at the dead hour of night on a neighboring house top, with an occasional bark of a dog, and the bray of an ass thrown in. The standard bearers went in front followed by a horse and wagon bearing a huge arrangement, like one sees in a Joss house, surrounded by transparencies, Chinese lanterns, etc. The din and clatter was something unearthly, and for a time our stout-nerved reporter felt inclined to fly to the banks of the peaceful Fraser, and end his days by taking a leap into the placid waters of that noble stream. But after the procession got past, he braced up, and went in for gaining some items for the "Skeeter." He proceeded to the store of one of the principal Chinese merchants and after stuffing his nostrils, commenced to make enquiries concerning the cause of the excitement. The merchant at once told him that the Chinese were installing a new Joss and assistant Josses. One of them was our worthy Chapleau; Joss No. 2 Commissioner Gray, and waiter on those eminent men was N. F. Davin. These were to be duly installed and for their services the Chinese were showing their appreciation. Henceforth Chapleau, Gray and Davin will be the gods of the Chinese in this province. Our reporter by this time had become so stupefied by the smell of opium from an adjoining apartment, and the stench of rows of bears claws suspended overhead, concluded he had better leave at once or find himself in the same state as Prof. Davin did in Victoria. The many readers of THE MOSQUITO will be pleased to know that Commissioner Gray has attained so much eminence, and, together with his colleagues, is now among the gods.

We would advise the gentleman in town, who does not belong to the I. O. G. T., but has been on a prolonged spree, to reform at once, or from being undertaker he may be undertaken.

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