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to throw away the been dered us by this company—a bonn for which, by the grand overland route, we with British Columbia, were asked to pay £12,500 annually, and then wait five years for its completion; whereas by the present scheme we are asked for no autisidy, we obtain all, the immediate advantages offered by the grand line, and in a very much shorter time. Should the bill be adopted by the grand line, and in a very much shorter time. Should the bill be adopted by the House, it is not at all improbable; looking at the fact that the Atlantic cable is expected to be laid this summer, that we may in direct communication with London before Chrismas, an idea that, but a year ago, would have been set down as chimerical in the extreme. The interference with the standing orders of the House, although not a practice to be enceuraged, cannot, in the present instance, be productive of any evil consequences; the principal object of the three works notices; the principal object of the three works notices; the principal object of the three works notices; the principal object of the house, it is not at all started in the company is streamed. The interference with the standing orders of the House, although not a practice to be enceuraged, cannot, in the present instance, be productive of any evil consequences; the principal object of the three works notices required for private bills, have arrived by that time. The Banquer is three weeks notice, required for private bills, is that no other interests, public or individual, may be prejudiced, and as no such difficulty can possibly arise in this case, the rules may safely be dispensed with. There will be abundant opportunity offered in committee, for the full discussion of the bill, and the rejection of any of its provisions which may seem objectionable, without adopting a course which may endanger the success of the success of the kind which has yet taken place in Victoria.

MINING ENTERPRISE IN BRITISH COLUMand the Artesian Company on Williams parties which have been formed to develop the mineral resources of the neighboring solution. One is the Goese Greek Bed. Rock Flume Company with a capital of time thousand dollars divided into many shares; and the other is the Horsefty Greek Mining Company, with a capital of seven thousand dollars divided into seventy shares. Both company of the poor lad Thomas Searle, panies have obtained leases from the was also resolved to get in half a ton of the parties. Court, was again brought before Mr. Pembers of the neighboring solution of the pentier, of Oakland, in the State of Oakland, in the papy, with a capital of seven thousand delars divided into seventy chares. Both companies have obtained leases from the Gevernment, and none of the stock will be thrown in the market. Goose Oreck falls into the Cariboe Lake opposite Keithley's Oreck, and the banks yielded largely in 1861. It can be easily worked with a bed rock flume, and the company look forward confidently for a rich harvest of the precious metal. The Horsefly was worked in 1860 and 1861, and the celebrated Blue Lead discovered there must be fresh in the recollection of all old colonists. It has been described since the latter year owing to release his companion. Burnaries agony, death put an end to the sulfact and of the sulfact flow in the main top-gallant yard of the Princess Royal on Sunday. Hir funeral we understand will take place from the H.B.

Company's Wharf at 2, p. m., to day.

The Copper Mines.—The schooner Laura and a whaleboat left the harbor on Sunday morning with twelve miners on beard bound for the Departure Bay and Sangster Island copper mines. They were sent up by the contractors, who intend pushing the works are fined five shillings, and Williamsen ordered to find security for his good behavior.

SUPREME COURT.

(BEFORD HIS HONDR CHIEF JUSTICE CAKERON.)

Summary suit, Important Cariboo wages and Sangster Island copper mines. They were sent up by the contractors, who intend pushing the works since the latter year owing to small compa-nies not being able to get down to the bed

VANCOUVER ISLAND COAL .- The discovery of mining speculators who have hitherto thought of nothing but copper. We learn that no less than six well defined seams of coal ex-ist in little more than a square mile of ground near McNiel's Harbor, and that the quality is much better than the general run of the Nan-aime article; should the mine be opened, seagoing vessels will have to go round the north end of the Island to load. Something like this is wanted to open up the northern end of the terra incognita which we inhabit.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

TVESDAY, March I.
STREET Row. John Thompson was again prought before the Police Magistrate yeater THE TELEGRAPH SCHEME. day charged with assaulting Ah Took, a Chinaman. The prosecutor swore that he was proceeding to Johnson street when he was

have arrived by that time. The Banquet is

LAKE DISTRICT MINING CO.-A meeting of this company was held yesterday when it was resolved to send 8 or 10 pounds of the quartz to New Westminster for assay. It was also resolved to get in half a ton of the Court was again brought before Mr. Pember 15 and 15 Dependencies.

The humble Petition of Horace W. Calling and the State of California an

of large deposits of a valuable quality of coal ber of the side bar of this colony by His lately made between McNiel Harbor and Honor Judge Cameron. This is an act of justice that we have always con-

first house into which it has been brought from this source.

WEDNESDAY, March 2. DEATH AND INQUEST.—On Monday fore-DEATH AND INQUEST.—On Monday fore—not engaged the plaintiff. o making and neon the dead body of a young Indian boy of Mr. Park said there was great difficulty in

the search to open up the northern endold the theorem interesting which we minimals.

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it is said, to come here) stabbed his klootchman. Namoukoush, another well known.
Indian; killed the Euclataw shief's klootchman. Minmin is almost dead from wounds
received. Blueskin and his tillicums fixed at
Tiercop in his house. The Comox Indians
are frightened out of their senses. The Euclataws, who have for some time been
threatening to drive out the Comox Indians,
low say they will do it in earnest, and warm
the white people to keep out of the way.

GOLD STREAM. -Scraps of intelligence he saw the prisoner strike the prosecutor.

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have to pay assers ments alike.

Model Verdict.—The following ne plus tra of verdicts was handed by the foreman of the special jury in the case of Emmick vs. Duncan, at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. "The jury find, that the evidence is so directly contradictory, that we can't find anything proved by it, but from the probabilities and interences to be drawn from whole case as brought before us, we find the plaintiff antitled to a verdict of \$446, whilst we wish to state our verdict does not east any imputation on Mr. Duncan's versacity." Comment is undecessary.

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The following petition of the California State Telegraph Company, through their President, H. W. Carpentier, was laid before the House of Assembly on Menday, by Mr. De Cosmos:—

morning with twelve miners on beard bound for the Departure Bay and Sangster Island copper mines. They were sent up by the contractors, who intend pushing the works vigorously through.

Adams v. Barnston, Laumeister and Suter.

Mr. Bishop for Plaintiff; Mr. Dennes (in the absence of Mr. Green) for Defendant Barnston, Mr. Park (instructed by Mr. Dennes) for defendants Laumeister and Suter.

Mr. Bishop said this was a suit for wages for work done on a claim in Lowhee, known as the Princess Alexandra.

He called the plaintiff, who proved the work done, and engagement by Foley, the manager; and also produced an order given by Foley on Barnston, Mr. Stewart was called as a witness, and corroborated plaintiff's statement as to the work done. On cross-term their mains, into the San Francisco Bath-house, Government street, this being the first house into which it has been brought

Mr. Dennes, on behalf of Barnston, urged the nonjoinder of the rest of the shareholders as a good reason why his client should not be held liable, and further that his client had

grounds being that the verdict was against the weight of evidence—that the damages were excessive, and on the ground of misdirection. Rule nisi granted.

Another motion was made for a rule to show cause why this writ and all precedings in this case should not be set aside and why Mr. Bishop, Mr. Cary, Mr. Green, and Mr. Masdonald, or some one of them should not pay the costs of the proceedings on the ground that the action had been commenced without the authority of the Company. Rule miss granted.

The decental Committee of Management for the reception of Governor Kennedy.

GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee beg to lay before you the following Report:

They have met, and after due deliberation have unanimously agreed to submit the following arrangements as the order of the day.

Having counted with confidence that the sum pledged by the general committee at its last meeting, would be forthcoming without any additional calls being made on the mem-A third motion was made to strike Mr.

Green's name off the record as one of the plaintiffs. Rule nisi granted. The rules to be argued on Tuesday, the

BEFORE HIS HON. DAVID CAMERON, ESQ. Emmiek v. Duncan.

The following gentlemen were empanelled as a special jury:

J. C. Nicholson Foreman, James Moore,
A. N. Nicholson, Robert Homfray, Frederick
Pearkes, Henry Walton, E. J., Smith, and

Benevolent Societies, the L. O. of Good Fellows and Caledonia Society, and a cordial invitation to all sitzens.

The Thomas Hester Ferrell. The Bankrupt came up for his last examination, and was discharged from the proved his debt. Mr. Green objected to had not proved his debt, the name of Mr. Derham did not appear in the Bankrupt's schedule. His Honor decided that Mr. Bishop had no locus stands. No other oreditors appearing, the Bankrupt passed his last examination, and was discharged from this final discharge.

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So soon as it is ascertained that the Governor has arrived the Colonial Secretary to proceed to Esquimalt to receive His Excellency to Victoria.

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and has constructed lines of Telegraph ex-tending through the said State and the ad-joining States and Territories, and connecting with the telegraphic systems of the Atlantic States and of the British Colonies in North

States and of the British Colonies in North America.

And whereas, the President of the said California State Telegraph Company has been authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the said Company to represent the said Company and to bind the same in all matters and things connected with the extension and construction of its telegraph lines from California northward; and whereas, it is expedient to enable the said Company to extend its telegraph lines to the City of Victoria, with a view of increasing the facilities of the said city for communication with the Pacific and Atlantic States of the United States and with the Cacadas.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Honorable Body to pass an act to authorise the said President of the said California State Telegraph Company and his successors in office and their assigns, to construct and lay a line or lines of telegraph cable or cables across any stream, creek, fiver, strait, bay, gulf, water, or water-course, within the Colony of Vancouver Island and its dependencies, and to authorise the said President of the said California State Telegraph Company and his successors in office, and their assigns, to construct or lay a line or lines of Telegraph over any private land situate between or adjacent to, any public land or highway.

Having counted with confidence that the sum pledged by the general committee at its last meeting, would be forthcoming without any additional calls being made on the members of this committee. Your committee have endeavored to make the arrangements werthy of the occasion and the liberal spirit of our citizens. They contemplate erecting three arches with appropriate flags and other devices, and to erect a platform for ladies. Plans of which are here submitted.

Two bands have been engaged, a carriage to be drawn by six horses, with coachman; two postilious leaders on.

They have appointed to act as Grand Marshal Mr. W. J. McDonald with Mr. Chas. Street and Mr. J. T. Pidwell as assistants.

They have arranged for the firing of salutes.

Mr. Bing and Mr. McCreight instructed by
Mr. Denness appeared for the plaintiff.

The Attorney General instructed by Mr.
Daske for defendant.

This was an action for \$520, claimed for wages. The case was tried last year before a special jury, who could not agree upon a verdier. The evidence addreed is the same as that given the last time the case was tried. drews, the Hebrew, French and German Benevolent Societies the L. O. of Good Fel-lows and Caledonia Society, and a cordial

gunboat in the harbor and answered from the ship.

The procession will be in waiting to receive His Excellency and to escort him to the Gevernment Buildings.

On landing, His Honor the Chief Justice, the Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly, and the Mayor of the City, will be introduced.

They will secort His Excellency to the carriage in the line. The Colonial Secretary, senior officer of the fleet, and the Mayor will accompany His Excellency in the carriage.

The procession will then move towards James Bay along Store street to Johnson street, thence to Wharf street, along Wharf street to Yates street, up Yates affect to Government street, along Government street to James Bay.

The address prepared by the Committee to be signed by them on behalf of the people.

The report was approved and adopted.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved—That no Society or organized body shall be permitted to form in the line of order other than the one assigned to them by the Marshal of the day, deputized by the committee of arrangements for the occasion.

The committee appointed to prepare an address submitted a very appropriate one for the occasion, which was immediately adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secre-

dopted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary invite all schools to take part in the ceremonies of the day.

On motion the Secretary was requested to communicate with the Mayoress to submit to her a design for a flag, and to ask her consertion.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE The Oregonism of the 20th ult, announces that is is that morning printed by steam, the proprietors having had a steam engine manufactured in Portland for the purpose. Our neighbors exhibit a most commendable enterprise in this undertaking, and we wish them every

Sporborg & Rueff,

# The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, March 8, 1864.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, March 3, 1864 Mease met at 3:15 p. m. Members pres-mess. Messre. Young, DeCosmos, Powell, Ranklin, Trimble, Jackson, Duncan, Carssaid, Bayley, Dounes entiremen Bat

MOUNT DOUGLAS RESERVE. Mr. DeCosmos said that although this reerve had been made some time age, it was dentiful whether it had been properly secur-to the public. He would therefore move that an address be presented to His Excellen-cy praying that the hecessary steps be taken to be course the reserve to the public forever.—

Mr. Bayley seconded.

Mr. Young laid a rough sketch of the reserve before the House.

Mr. Bayley said he hoped the lines of the
reserve would be properly defined, so that the
mathic should not suffer, as they had done in
the matter of Beacon Hill Park. Motion car-

Dr. Trimble introduced a motion for an en gairy into the means of defraying the expen-ces of lighthouses. The House appointed Wednesday poxt to go into committee on the

Orders of the House he suspended in accordance with the recommendation of the committee in regard to the Telegraph Bill.

Mr. Dutten seconded. It was highly important that telegraphic communication be had with San Francisco and the East, as soon as possible. Motion agreed to a soon at the sand th

hed released to as practicable, of The appropriation Act for the supplies for the year 1264, was read a third time and passed.

-vol) ad CHIEF JUSTICE'S PENSION. The bill granting a retiring pension to the present Chief Justice, was read a second

INCORPOBATION ACT: Mr. Young moved the second reading of the Ast to amend the Incorporation Act of the city of Victoria. It was unnecessary for him now to go into the merits of the bill; it and been carefully drawn up by the gentlebill, and although doubtless oren to amende ments in committee, he thought hen mem-

second reading. agribled formations of the Powell seconded at H. Rusharl nO ments to make in committee. Incommittee of Mr. De Cosmos said a great part of this was the same as the old Act, and would

simply require ve-enacting. But the bill ereates a great deal of new machinery which would require careful examination. The must be made clear, and to confirm the net of 1663. He differed from the framers of the tribe, named Classomie, Mr. Banfield was present Act in enacting that the present bya ship, when the latter intentionally capsized should be repealed. The next point was in wards. He did not believe in passing on Act in which the boundaries of the city were that of appointing councillors—three in each ward—who should elect the Mayor. He was decidedly opposed to the Mayor being was decidedly opposed to the Mayor being elected thus. The clause also stipulated that they will willingly give up the murderer, scribed by the return of the conneillors should go out in rotation, and read a third time on Thors—specially in the sank from the did not believe in passing on the waster himself, to give credibility to the cased. The mountail cortege moved from the police force, and many friends of the detail the sank from the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and many friends of the detail the police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He police force, and discussed in committee of the whole. How He pol that of appointing councillors—three in each was decidedly opposed to the Mayor being cleeted thus. The clause also stipulated that they will willingly give up the murderer, the councillors should go out in rotation, the councillors should go out in rotation, during a term of three years. This he was

OF CHIS WILL BILL DW SEES WO The House went into Committee on this bill, Mr. Bayley in the chair. The bill was passed without discussion. The Committee

eported the bill out out state off yaq Committee, that a copy of the charter of the Telegraph Company should be laid before the House; also the State Act under which

House met at 3:15 p.m. Members present

- Mesers. Young, De Cosmos, Franklis, Tolmis, Trimble, Foster, Bayley, Dennes.

The committee as private bills reported that the Telegraph Company had somplied with the Standing Orders of the House, except those which had been waived by the committee. The bill was then read a first time and was again referred to the committee

on private pills of sant to one manual and re mendments to offer, when the bill came up amendments to offer, when the bill came up in committee, viz.: to provide for the construction of proper telegraph posts within the city; to provide that the chief office should be in Victoria; and to provide that the government should have power to control the line, in case of requiring it for military despatches

HO PRETIREMENT OF CHIEF HISTICS. The House went into committee on the bill to penalon the present Chief Justice, Mr. Bayley in the chair. The bill was passed as read, and the committee rose and reported its

MONDAT'S BUSINESS. On Monday the House will go into commitee on the new incorporation bill. "The Telegraph Bill will also come up for a third eading The transfer BET

FROM THE NORTH-WEST COAST. The sloop Leoneds, Capt. Peter Francis. AMr. Dennes said he would support the ses of and until a cond reading, although he had some amend-arrived last night from a trading, voyage to Commissioner of Indian Affairs with resident the north-west coast of Vancouver kalanda MURDER OF MR. BANFIELD.

> Banfield, late Indian agent at the Sound, was drowned designedly by an Indian of that going off in a canoe with the Indian to speak the cance, and then kept pushing the unfor-BAD CONDUCT OF THE INDIANS.

contribute of the great of these years. This he made there would be suffice of the great of the

venge had now been 'ghted, and before long' another invident happened which brought matters to a head. Cleeshens' daughter being about to be married, he asked for an as-pop (gift) from Banfield, which was denied. All former malice was again taked up at this fresh malice was again taked up at this fresh insult. Petty trading quarrels grew into co-lossal magnitude; the Ouche-Cleasit dispute assumed proportions greater than eyer—and the casus belli was only to be washed out by Telegraph Company should be laid before the Honse; also the State Ast under which they hold their charter. He believed that the company were bound not to forward treasonable despatches, and it might occur that despatches sent from this country would be stopped from this reason.

Mr. DeCosmow said he was not aware that the hon, gentleman was a memore of any Cammittee on the subject. Helcould state for the information of the hon gentleman that all companies and corperations is California worked under a general Act. So far as carrying treasonable correspondence went, the same objection might be made to the line of mail steamer.

The House adjourned till to day (Friday.)

Minutes of previous meeting read and continue of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steam of discovery, in the casus believed that the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the steamer of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the perpetrator. Too cowardly to the steamer, and an option of the steamer of the perpetrator. Too coward the steamer of the steamer of Bitnisiq of Farbar, March 4, 1864; if dians told, him the story that the sea was diags told him the story that the sea was rough, Banfield's canoe he got capsized, and not being a good swimmer, got entangled among the sea weed and was drawned. The capsio, however, remembered the day as being remarkably fine, and that there must be a lie somewhere, and soen the particulars cozed out, through members of the tribe who as a body were very well disposed to Gamo field from the discoveries of his successor as Anderson & Co.'s Trader. The circumcapt. Francis, only that the perpetrator of the crime was not Classomic but Cleet sak. a slave, who was bribed to commit the assault sination by Cleeshen, the obief, with ten Mr. Black gave notice that he will ask the the well known San Francisco vocalist Mrs. blankets. The above facts are familiarly hon. Attorney General if any provision has been doing of late in Italy, to known to every one in Berclay Sound, but been made with regard to furnishing the proceed to which land she left this city some it is not likely that the murderer could be brought to justice, for though Cleesh-en's an additional clerk to act as Registrar. Influence has weakened since Banfield's Also, that he would ask the hon. Attorney death, still the ladians—"lisrs from the beginning"—would stoutly deny the whole sold in the Cariboo district. particulars if brought to Victoria, and there-fore without straining a point of law the murderer would escape, which would do more harm than good, the Indians being certain to put the interpretation upon it that the whites were affaid to punish him. The murderer

as in other cases of the same nature would be hailed as a travelled here. Last June I went ashore at the Ohiat village in the same cance, (it wants both bows and stern) to Chinook build ; and the Indian has turned round and asked me if I was not affaid as 4 Banipe" was killed in this. Numerous such murders secure slong the agents, having jurisdiction over the natives in the districts (as in the United States and The Leonade reports that the Chiat Indians white pioneers must hang on a very precariat Barelay, Sound, state that Mr. William ous footing.

FUNERAL OF OFFICER CURREY The remains of the late John Currey were. tunate man off with a paddle, till he sank from Supt. Smith, all, the available, members of

land was impressively read by the rector, the as altered. Rev. E. Critige. At the conclusion of the day.

Members present—Hous. Attorney General, Collector of Customs, H. M. Ball, H. Nind, J. A. R. Homer, H. Holbrook and W. S. Black sale nome

second time, which gave rise to a warm discussion, when it was moved in amendment by the Collector of Customs, seconded by Mr. Ball, that the bill be read a second time on Thursday next. The amendment was carried on the following division: Ayes—Messrs. Hamley, Nind, Crease and Balt; Noes—Messrs. Homer, Holbrook and Black. Mr. Holbrook obtained leave to bring in the Telegraph Regulation Bill, which was read a first time.

The Lean Act was laid on the table in order to be read a second time on Wednesday.

A California Singer in Italy.

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY, - The following are the weekly receipts at the Custom House during last month: For week ending 6th Feb., £697, 7.11; for week ending 13th, £791, 6s.; for week ending 20th, £1161; 10 9; for week ending 27th, £1434, 16 1. Total, £4085, 0 9. Number of passengers entering at this port during the same period, 533.

Members present, Hons, Attorney-General, H. Nind, J. A. R. Homer, H. Holbrock, J. Orr, W. S. Black. rr, w. S. Black. Hon. W. S. Black enquired of the hon.

Atturney General whether any provision had been made for furnishing the gold commissioner en Williams Creek with an additional clerk to act as Registrar.

The hon. Attorney General replied that he had received no intimation of such appoint-

meet, nor was he is a position to say whether the Governor had any intention of doing so. The same hon, member also asked for inwade the late John Currey were formation respecting the sale of town and conveyed to their last resting place in the rural lands in the Cariboo district. He was Victoria cometery on Thursday afternoon, informed that the subject was under the patronage of the Prince and Prince and Prince and Informed that the subject was under the patronage of the Prince and Prince and Prince and Informed that the subject was under the patronage of the Prince and P would shortly be given.

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Speaker fixed Monday next to go into committee on the bill.

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TURSDAY'S SITTING.

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> solution was passed. The Loan Bill-to raise a loan of £100.-000-was read a third time and passed. Hon. H. Helbrook obtained permission to introduce his Bill to regulate the telegraphic communication of this Colony. The bill was read a first time, and ordered to be committed

the future." This resolution was adopted the

Committee rose, reported progress, and the re-

for Tuesday next.

The House went into Committee of the Whole upon the California State Telegraph Bill, Hon. W. S. Black in the chair. After The amendment was carried.

The California State Telegraph Bill was introduced by Mr. Holbrook, and read a first Committee, when the House samed, and on motion of Hon. J. Orr, it was ordered to be

A California Singer in Italy.

Our readers will be pleased to learn what

Mrs. States has made an engagement for the season of Carnival and Lent with the Manager of the Pergela Theatre, the largest in Forence. Having soon after her arrival in Milan in October, sung before the Directors of the principal theatres in Italy and before many persons of nate among others the niece of the Emperor Napeleon now the wife of General Tour—her voice was pronounced by them to resemble strikingly in quality that of Mine Malibran. She has been heard by all the great Masters of Italy, who say that all she requires is a perfect knowledge of the language, paying a high compliment to those who directed her musical education."

" Signor Metecartez, the Director of the Censervatory of Milan, and Romani, the Grand Master of Florence, compliment my wife's voice highly as well as the talented artiste to whem she is indebted for its high cultivation. Mrs. States was immediately engaged for the Pergola theatre where she was to make her debut on the 20th January,

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## The Weekly

Tuesday, March

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met going up, between I DEATH AND INCO WOLL MARCERON OUR CORRE ed Stow Port Douglas,

EDITOR BRITISH COLONI chronicle another fatal acci-by drowning, on Wednesda in the person of our fellow G. Watson. He was one of migrated to this colony in considerable means by his i was a native of the State of and leaves there, I hear, a the mourn his untimely end.
The particulars attendant mediately referred to in the Coroner's Ioquest, he report of which is annexed
The weather here has a lee so broken up on the lake discharge their carres. discharge their cargo at wagons and pack trains morning with freight for the road on this portage is in go The tolls for last week an

W ARE THE THE VINQUE

At an enquiry helden this 1864, at Douglas, in the dis quire into the cause of deat deceased, before the following Foreman—R. Jesse; C. W. Branigan, D. Robertse firers, J. G. Daly, T. P. Hughes.

The Jury having viewed this avidence on the case. take evidence on the case.

Frederick T. Sylveste
sexamined, stated—I exam
decessed. I discovered i
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alive. I have seen decease he was last night. Whi was able to walk.

G. S. Nunn, Chief Consing, examined, stated—L. I was lying on my couch i I heard a splash in the walk. I heard a splash in the word some one singing out.
At the time, imagining paddling their cances. It could not be seen to the seen of the cancer of the country arrival I heard in the house, taking my descent the country of the count

eaking of the to set themsovereign in In another

The Weekly Coionist. Tuesday, March 8, 1864.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The steamer Enter prise arrived from New Westminster Wednesday evening at halfpast five o'clock, with 30 passengers. We have Cariboo dates to the 18th February, 8 days later than last news,

QUICK TIME. 10 1 DIME. I

Mr. John Laurie, who has given us the following information, made the round trip frem Victoria to Williams Oreek and back in the very short time of 29 days, or 23 days actual travelling time. The trip down from Richfield to Yale was made in 8 days. CLAIMS WORKING.

Matters are very dull on Williams Creek; the only claims working are the Caledonia and Burns Tunnel, and neither taking out very large pay. The Fernan Head Company are still prospecting running drifts from the bottom of their shaft.

The Idahe, Lowhee Creek, are said to have struck good pay, but no particulars are stated. In Trimble more that the peasing

A company on McArthur's Guleb have struck \$15% to the bucket, after having ran a drift! Il feet into the hill. Two or three

Unless the above heading should alarm any of our gentle readers, we will at once premise that it merely signifies "St. David's Day," concerning which we purpose saying a few words. On Tuesday the 1st instant, the Welshmen in this city, numbering over a hundred, and all with two er three exceptions hardy Cariboo miners, assembled together in Pattrick's Hall, Johnson street, to do

mind of any stranger attending the proceedings which we had the good fortune to witness on Tuesday night. Not only was conversation chiefly maintained in the quaint but practical and Canadian creeks; they get a small prospect, but nothing that will pay as yet. None of them have reached the bed-rock.

LIGHTNING CREEK.

A company above the Butcher Claim have obtained a prospect equal to that claim. They have driven 100 feet further into the selections.

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ceive nothing. Just then I heard another noise as of a man calling out, and a gurgling sound, such as would be uttered by a drowning man, and I immediately put on my boots and went into town to give the alarm. My dwelling house being at one end of the wharf enabled me to hear this plainly. On my going upon the wharf I perceived no person near.

By a Juror—Do you suppose if when you first heard the noise you could have saved the deceased, had you been aware that a man was in the water?

Ans.—I think so.

Thomas B. Humphrey being examined, stated—I went down to the wharf this morning, and together with Mr. Duncan Robertson and others, commenced dragging for the body, but without effect. We then offered a reward of five dollars to Indians to search for the body, which they at once did, and found it very quickly. The spot where the bedy was found was about twenty feet from the wharf.

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struck \$15\% to the bucket, after having ren a drift 11 feet into the hill. Two or three other companies are prespecting on the gulch.

And process is finished. It is not expected that the drain will be completed so as to enable the elaims to be worked before May or June.

Mr. Butler Anderson was met on his way up with the charter of the company at the 136-mile post.

A. the celebrated Canadian divine, to be three arceptions hardy Cariboo miners, assembled together in Pattrick's Hall, Johnson street, to do the largest of the Rev. John Hall, who has given notice of his intention of resigning his charge. Dr. Ormiston's fame as a preacher, a lecturer and a scholar, members number about eighty, and we may also with justice remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do the proceedings of the kind in Victoria, its members number about eighty, and we may also with justice remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do the proceedings of the kind in Victoria, its members number about eighty, and we may also with justice remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do with justices remark that none preserve their national characteristics more intent than do in the old country, and the arrival here would be a great acquisition both to the colony at large. We are informed that be will be offered a salary of \$3000 per annum.

SUPREME COURT .- Thornton v. Roberts:-Mr. Wood, instructed by Mr. Drake for plaintiff, and the Attorney General, instructed plaintiff, and the Attorney General, instructed am certain that I never said anything that now, at great expense, the tack voluntarily by Mr. Bishop, for the defendant. This was could warrant "B" making such a statement, left unfinished ? I won avaid I do not be in the could warrant by making such a statement.

—A large meeting of the Shareholders of this Congress, and which has refused to participate in it. Others have clearly shown that on Saturday. The report of the Roreman was read, and a description given of the workings, illustrated by an excellent plan of the mine, showing the large amount of work places on the mine, showing the large amount of work places on the mine of the mine, showing the large amount of work places on the large amount of work places. done, and also what is proposed to be done. The Shareholders agreed unanimously to push on the work, and the Directors were empowered to make the necessary arrangements. The shares of the Cempany were increased to 3,0.0 of \$10 each; and an account of funds showed that the Company had paid all their debts. It is more than probable that the same Foremen, will good a strain in

that the same Foreman will go up again in

produced, the Jury retired to consider the verdict.

The Jurors empannelled to enquire into the case to ascertain how John G. Watson met his death, and having heard the evidence adduced, are unanimously of opinion that it was caused by "accidental drowning."

(Signed) ROBT. JESSE, Poreman.

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Unless the above heading should alarm any of our gentle readers, we will at once premise that charge of the mine. very abusive language towards, him, whereupon, being drunk, he struck him with the
hatchet. Prisoner was committed for trial.

A CREEDERTY:—The congregation of the
First Presbyterian Church of this city have
decided to ask the Rev. Dr. Ormiston, M.

A. the celebrated Canadian divine, to bemunication with Victoria.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: SIR, -Noticing EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: SIR,—Noticing a piece in your paper of to-day's issue headed "murder of Mr. Banfield," and underpeath, the signature "B," and finding the public are taking the statement as granted, I should like to find out where "B 'got his information.

as there were only Capt. Henderson and Wm. Mumford, Banfield's relation, who came there soon afterwards, and myself: the two fermer not understanding ene word of their language, and myself who could understand it all, and I disappointed they has net cared to resume, now at great expense, the task woluntarily

SKIDEGATE BAY COPPER MINING COMPANY. the only Power which has distinctly declared

We willingly admit that with regard to its form the reply of England was not satisfactory. But after all, who would dare to say that the British Government is really wrong, or even that it has acted badly towards us? When a government like that of Great Britain believes, rightly or wrongly, but sincerely, that the proposition submitted to it is an unrealisable Utopia, is it not more worthy of it to declare so frankly than to join, from a frivolous courtesy, in an attempt which in its opinion would fatally deceive the hopes of Europe?
And if even, believing in the possibility of arrelative success, it decided, as far as it was concerned, not to contribute its part to this work of universal abacterial is there was

concerned, not to contribute its part to this work of universal abnegation, is there not more freedom, mere loyalty, in abstaining than in acquiescing, like so many others, under the reserve of particular interests?

No, I repeat it, England has not betrayed our alliance.

But it will be said, its policy at least springs from an odious egetism. This complaint is not new, and unfortunately it has more than once been justified. England is not like us, always disposed to take the sword in hand for the defence of the rights of others. Her temperament and her internal organisation favor but little this noble part. She has not, like us, an imposing army always She has not, like us an imposing army always ready. Continental wars are with her such weighty affairs that she hesitates for a long time to undertake them, and does not like to

The proposition on Tennah and Canadiac mails of god good growing regions and the proposition of the control of

Having forwarded to the Ohief Justice a copy of the resolution of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 15th instant, for the purpose of ascertaining his views, in respect of the arrangement for his retirement from of fine, which that resolution suggests. I have the honor to enclose, herewith copy of Mr. Cameron's reply, and I beg at the same time to recommend that the Appropriation Act to which he allindes should be passed at an early date, so that I can advise Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State thereof when transmitting the before mentioned resolution of the House,

Your obedient servant.

Your obedient servant.

Governor.

On Account, Court House, 1864. 5:
Sin; —I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, transmitting to me, by direction of the Governor, a copy of a resolution of the Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, bearing upon the position which I have now the honor to hold in this Colony, and anquiring what views I may entertain in respect of the arrangement which that resolution suggests.

In raply, I desire that the Legislative Assembly may be informed that I am quite willing to accept to the terms of the Resolution of areas it concerns myself, as soon as these

as far as it concerns myself, as soon as these terms are embodied in an Act, and passed by the Legislature in the usual way.

[A have, etc., etc., (Signed) DAVID CAMERON, C. J. William A. G. Young, Esq., Colonial Secretary.

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The Speaker fixed to-morrow (Tuesday) to take the correspondence into consideration.

Mr. Franklin said this very discussion fixed the correspondence into consideration.

Mr. DeCosmos had great pleasure in presenting a petition from H. W. Carpentier, the President of the California State Telegraph Company, praying to be allowed to construct a line of telegraph between the States west of the Rocky Mountains and the city of Victoria. The hon member said it was unnecessary for him to offer snything in favor of this petition, as its advantages must be fully apparent. The California State Telegraph Company proposed to extend their lines to this city by constructing nearly 350 miles of telegraph, including 25 or 30

Mr. Franklin said this very discussion (laughter).

Mr. DeCosmos said this subject had been trained at a very impoportune mement, when she was a very bard asked the Origing to the dense in objecting to the seling in one, if not both of the colonies, when the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive, but on the feeling in one, if not both of the colonies, ont on the part of the executive to the one of the feeling in the neighboring colony. He hoped the hon, member that the part of the colonies at a very finding of the feeling in o

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would support it with pleasure.

Mr. Street said that in common with his is a hon friend the member for Victoria, he was rather surprised at the introduction of this bill in its present form, leaving out altogether the express stipulations which had been previewally made by the House; unless these resolutions were incorporated in the bill he would feel bound to oppose it.

Dr. Helmcken could not see the need of introducing these provisions into this bill; it was quite easy to make them a subsequent mater. The purpose of the present bill was to secure the pension to the Chief Justice in the event of his resigning, and we could hardly expect him to resign till a sufficient guarantee were given him.

Dr. Powell said he had supported the resolutions in reference to the retirement of the Chief Justice, with the understanding that they should be carried out. (Hear, hear).—

He would much prefer even to see the present incumbent keep his seat than have an appointment made which would be distasteful to the people of the colony. He could not see why the resolutions might not be introduced into the proposed bill; he could not support this bill unless the provisions for a future appointment were made as specific as the granting of the pension.

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this bill unless the provisions for a future appointment were made as specific as the granting of the pension.

Mr. Young said he looked at this bill as a simple matter of business. There are resolutions sent by the House to the Home Government asking for the appointment of a Judge with certain qualifications, and offering to pay the present incumbent a pension. Here Majesty's government cannot force the Chief Justice to resign, unless he is incompetent to perform his duties and will naturally sak him if he is satisfied with the provision made. This bill was intended to meet this case, and he thought was simply meeting the views of the House.

The House is a future of the Chief the Chief the Chief with the provision made. If the hen mover would amend his motion, and propose to annex the whole of British Columbia, he would heartly support him.

Mr. Franklin said this very discussion

The metalty, Marchi 6, 2864.

The bill providing upplies for 1540 passed standing st He would move that an address be sent to the home government from the two Houses of our Legislature praying that Queen Charlotte Island be made a part of this seleny.

Mr. Young said he would be very happy to support this motion if he saw the alightest probability of the success of the motion. He could not see a single argument which could be addreed in its favor. We might just as well ask Her Majesty's government to annex Bute Inlet and all the Waddington read.—

Hauptterl. Geographically, the Island be-[laughter]. Geographically, the Island belonged to British Columbia, not to Vancouver Island, and the Home Government would undoubtedly se decide. He would be very sorry to make a request which would expose us to be snubbed by the Home government.—

hear, hear).
Mr. Franklin said the comparison of Bute Inlet with Queen Charlotte Island, was quite

(langiter). Mr. DeCosmos said this subject had been

them, they would have the whole matter concisely before them, and would not require to make any further enquiry. He would move that the resolutions be added to the bill new before the House.

Mr. DeCosmos asked the hon member if he would accept an amendment which he had drawn up, to the effect that no appointment as Chief Justice should be made of a barrister who had practised in this, or the neighboring colons.

The Committee on Standing Orders reported that they would recommend the suspension

boring colony.

Dr. Helmcken said the amendment wa certainly plain enough (laughter) in fact far too plain. He did not wish to offer a gratuitous insult to the bar of this colony, (hear, hear). He thought that a resolution to the effect that the present Chief Justice should not resign till his successor arrived from

England, would fully meet the case.

Mr. Bayley said without any intention to cast a slur on the members of the bar of this colony, he totally objected to the remark of the hon. Speaker, which would not prevent our barristers here from going home and getting

barristers here from going home and getting the appointment.

Mr. DeCosmos said he regarded the resolutions adopted by the House as binding as if they were embodied in an act of parliament. (Hear, hear.) He was surprised to see this House called on to pass this bill; the views of this House in passing these resolutions, were that they should be at once sent to England, but instead of that they had been making a circuit between the Chief Justice, the Governor, and this House. He would call on the introducer of this bill to explain why these resolutions had not been sent at ence to the Home Government. The views of this House were that these been sent at once to the Home Government. The views of this House were that these resolutions should go forthwith to England without delay. Why should individual interests be held up as superior to the interests of the whole country, as preposed by this bill? When the promoters of this bill would explain why the resolutions had not been sent home, and why they refused to insert the resolutions in this bill he would be prepared to view the matter is a different light. As to an insult to the bar of this colony, he could not look at it in that light; he believed that the members of the bar were auxious for the appointment of an English

barrister.
Dr. Helmeken said the resolutions had only been passed on the 15th of February, which was a delay of 15 days, and His Excellency having been in British Columbia at the time, and as the resolutions had to be accompanied by a despatch, that could not be done till His time.

TO-DAY'S BUSINESS.

To-day (Wednesday), the House will receive the report of the Committee on Standing Orders on the Telegraph Bill; also, go into Committee on the bill to pension the known to the Chief Justice. If this matter could be accounted by a despatch, that could not be done till His Excellency same down. As to the resolutions going to the Chief Justice that was a matter he had nothing to do with as Speaker of the House. Doubtless the Executive considered it their duty to make the resolutions into Chief Justice. If this matter

The bill quotifing fact to any supplies to 1864, and the supplies of the suppl

that they would recommend the suspension of the rules of the House. Private Bills Committee reported their concurrence with said action. The bill will brought up to-day. House adjourned.

CARIBOO LETTER.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

RICHPIBLD, CARIBOO, Feb. 17th, 1864. RICHEIBLD, CARIBOO, Feb. 17th, 1864.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—As the express has gone out, I snatch the opportunity of sending you a few lines by private hands.

THE WRATHER.

Until yesterday the weather was very mild, but to-day it has set in very cold. Thermometer 24° below zero.

CLAIMS WORKING.

There are but few claims at work. The Caledonia has not paid any dividend for two weeks. Burna Tunnel work paying a little. Eureka paying a small dividend.

JUMPING COMMENCED AGAIN.

There is great excitement about claims on the creek, records having run out. Several good claims have been jumped.

it no alalai Wata THEATRE Some young fellows have opened a theatre here. There have been three performances—well attended—acting good.

There is also a debating society started at the Hespital. On the opening night Dr. Browne gave a lecture; subject, "Experience in the Crimes." It was very interesting and well attended.

ABRIVAL OF CATTER. A large herd of horned eattle arrived on the

The fourth tewn, is growing rapidly. Mr. Smith, of Richfield, has just completed a first-class saleon there. It is the best site for a town on the creek, and likely before long to be the largest. SICEMESS.

There is a good deal of sickness on the creek There is a good deal of sickness on the creek, principally scurvy and general debility, caused as much by a want of cleanliness as anything cles. In the Hospital are three patients; one broken leg, one general debility, one frest-hitten—four toes have been amputated. The latter is a Swede; was frost-bitten at Mouth of Quesnelle.

Business generally is dull.

OREGON ITEMS, [From the Oregonian.]

MELANCHOLY GASUALTY .- Mr. Frank How-

BRITISH COL o 4. An Ordinance ove the Laws rela

Preamble Whereas, from the inciportance of Gold Mining is, it is requisite to make to the holding, sale, tran nosal of claims and interes tate the creation of p to confer privileges under more economical and syst daties upon the registration

matters; ... Be it enacted by the Gr Columbia, with the advice a Legislative Council thereo 1. From and after the so much of clause thirty-on Fields Act, 1859, as relate meeting of the Mining Boar ed to read as follows:

Mining Board . The Mining Board shall r

mmissioner, when and nion occasion shall req er such Mining Board. Repeals Section 33 of the G

2. Section 33 of the said 1859, shall be repealed, a provisions substituted in Election of Minin The General election of Mining Board shall be he

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appointment all vacancies the said Board, and when cur, and such appointees si til the next General Election Mining Board may act u
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Fields Act shall be amend he words Gold Commission of the said section. Mining Board to manage it 4. The words Gold Con and are hereby struck out f

six (36) of the said Gold wherever the same may occ lieu thereof the words " ms Mining Board' shall be ins auch clause, which shall b strued accordingly, reserving the Gold Commissioner, the fore spacified in clause 1, of Protection against dans

5. Upon complaint being Gold Commissioner is herel order all mining works to such manner as he shall th the safety of the public, or their rights, or the interest claims adjoining to or affect be either filled up or suffic his satisfaction, at the cost may have constructed the such parties shall be abser such order in the premises, Commissioner shall seem ex

Hill or Tunnel fi. All claims situated o fronting on any natural cl vine or water course shall drawn parallel to the chann on which they may be locat to constitute the frontage of to be marked by posts of that intervals of one hundred at right angles thereto to colines or dividing lines between Gold Commissioner may re

tain Tunnel Ci 7. Provided also that the sioner shall have power to any hill or tunnel claim on claim or any part thereof come within two hundred i Gold Commissioner may

partnership 8. Clause seventeen (17) a Act, 1859, is hereby repealed Bed-rock Flumes. Power

0. It shall be lawful for th sioner to grant, or agree to entry on or under any lands the purpose of constructing maintaining bed-rock flumes not exceeding ten years, we subject to such of the conditions hereinafter mentioned bed-rock flumes, as in the Gold Commissioner the int in his district, for the time b advisable. Provided that or agreement shall contain tion of the rights of the Cro rights of way and water, ar land for public or government (sr) far as consistent with the grant) a reservation of privalent for the time being.

Who may be a Bed-rock I 10. Three or more free mitute themselves into a bed pany within the meaning when duly authorized, as is mentioned, may enter upon gulch, ravine, or other wa colony, for the purpose of laying a hed-rock flume th not otherwise expressed in aforesaid, with the rights a under the limitations and r after specified.

Privileges of and requiremental Flume Compa 11. Any company so au said, and organized under this act, shall be entitled

posal of claims and interests in claims, and to sellitate the creation of partnerships, and also to confer privileges under certain restrictions of free miners associating together for the more economical and systematic drainage of mining ground, and to raise revenue from the duties upon the registration of various mining

Be it enacted by the Governor of British

so much of clause thirty-one (31) of the Gold Fields Act, 1859, as relates to the times of meeting of the Mining Board, shall be amend-ed to read as follows:

Commissioner, when and so often as in his Free

2. Section 33 of the said Gold Fields Act. 1859, shall be repealed, and the following provisions substituted in lieu thereof:

Election of Mining Board. The General election of Members of the Mining Board shall be held on such day, in each year, as the Gold Commissioner in each District shall appoint;

Vacancies in the Board. And the Gold Commissioner shall fill by the said Board, and when the same may occur, and such appointees shall hold office unatil the next General Election.

Mining Board may act without presence

3. Section thirty-five (35) of the said Gold Fields Act shall be amended by striking out the words Gold Commissioner in the first line

4. The words Gold Commissioner shall be and are hereby struck out from clause thirtysix (36) of the said Gold Fields Act, 1859, the ground so located. wherever the same may occur therein, and in lieu thereof the words " majority of the said Mining Board" shall be inserted throughout such clause, which shall be read and construed accordingly, reserving, nevertheless, to the Gold Commissioner, the power hereinbe-fore specified in clause 1, of this Act.

Protection against dangerous works. 5. Upon complaint being made to him the Gold Commissioner is hereby empowered to order all mining works to be carried out in his satisfaction, at the cost of the parties who at the time of the location of such bed-rock may have constructed the same, or in case such parties shall be absent, then to make such order in the premises, as to such Gold Commissioner shall seem expedient.

Hill or Tunnel Claims. fi. All claims situated on the banks of or vine or water course shall have a base line drawn parallel to the channel of the stream on which they may be located, such base line to constitute the frontage of such claims, and hundred feet. Lines drawn at right angles thereto to constitute the side lines or dividing lines between claims.

Gold Commissioner may refuse to record cer-tain Tunnel Claims. 7. Provided also that the Gold Commis-

sioner shall have power to refuse to record any hill or tunnel claim on any creek, which claim or any part thereof shall include or come within two hundred feet of any gulch or

Gold Commissioner may decide all mining partnership disputes.

8. Clause seventeen (17) of the Gold Fields Act, 1859, is hereby repealed.

Bed-rock Flumes. Power to Gold Commissioner to authorize Bed-rock Flumes. 0. It shall be lawful for the Gold Commissioner to grant, or agree to grant, rights of entry on or under any lands in the colony, for the purpose of constructing, laying, and maintaining bed-rock flumes, for such terms, not exceeding ten years, with, under, and subject to such of the conditions and stipulations hereinafter mentioned with regard to bed-rock flumes, as in the opinion of such Gold Commissioner the interests of mining in his district, for the time being, may render advisable. Provided that every such grant or agreement shall contain a proper reserva-tion of the rights of the Crown, and of public rights of way and water, and reservations of land for public or governmental purposes, and (so far as consistent with the objects of such grant) a reservation of private rights arising for the time being.

Who may be a Bed-rock Flume Company. 10. Three or more free miners may constitute themselves into a bed-rock flume com pany within the meaning of this act, and when duly authorized, as lastly hereinbefore mentioned, may enter upon any river, creek, gulch, ravine, or other water course in the colony, for the purpose of constructing and laying a bed-rock flume therein, and when not otherwise expressed in such authority as aforesaid, with the rights and privileges, and under the limitations and restrictions herein-

Privileges of and requirements from Bed-rock

11. Any company so authorized as aforesaid, and organized under the provisions of
this act, shall be entitled to enter upon any

new and unworked river, creek, gulch, ravine, or water course, and locate a strip of ground one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet long, in the bed of such stream, gulch, ravine, or water course, to each man of the persons after the bed rock flume has been extended through their respective claims at their own and enjoy the right of way from their upper line to extend the said flume for a further distance of five miles up the stream, gulch, ravine, or water course, in the bed thereof. Provided that such company shall for each of the men constituting the same, construct and lay at least fifty feet of flume during the first year, and one hundred feet annually there after.

Free miners may lay Bed-rock Flumes above Bed rock Flume Companies Claim. 12. In case any free miner or miners shall

the words Gold Commissioner in the first line of the said section.

Mining Board to manage its internal affairs.

Water course, for each one of the free miners.

"Abandoned ground" how construed The term "abandoned ground" shall be construed to include all new and unworked ground outside of claims actually held and worked upon any stream, gulch, ravine, or water course, which may have been discovered and mined for two years or more.

Such flume deemed abandoned and to revert to Bed rock Flume Company.

Bad-rock Flume Companies working "aban-doned ground" to be governed by Clause 12. such manner as he shall think necessary for the safety of the public, or the protection of their rights, or the interest of the holders of claims adjoining to or affected by any such works, and to order any abandoned works to be abandoned works to claims and organized as aforesaid, and locating upon abandoned streams or ground, shall be governed by Clause 12 of this Act, in all cases therein, and such abandonment shall revert to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies of free miners or companies of free miners shall be legally holding and working the claims an such stream or ground, prior to and the notice aforesaid, and cleaned up their section of the said flume, such claims shall be deemed to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies of free miners authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies authorized to be abandoned with the flume where free miners or companies of free miners authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the benefit of such bed-rock flume companies authorized to be abandoned with the flume to the protection of the said flume, such claims shall be deemed to be abandoned to the said flume, such claims shall be deemed to be abandoned to the flume to be either filled up or sufficiently guarded to claims en such stream or ground, prior to and

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flume company's claim' if within the limits

ine, or water course, shall not be deemed such application. "abandoned" within the meaning of this Deads and leavings not to obstruct stream

claim, how fixed.

17. Any Bed rock Flume company, aforesaid, locating upon any portion of a course of the stream." stream, gulch, ravine, or water course refer-red to in clause 16 hereof, shall have their location carefully surveyed, and a post with at which such company's flume will strike any such miner's claim, or perpendicularly below the top of such post, and the number of inches grade which such flume has in each

Atter due notice, Bed rock Flume Company can lay flume on any claim.

18. At the expiration of one calendar month, or such further time as the Gold Com missioner may allow, after survey and service of notice last aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Flume company to enter upon any claim or claims situated within such company's limits, and open a cut, and lay a bed rock flume through such claim or claims, in tive claims, and lay bed rock flumes therein.

Holder of such claim entitled to gold in

Provided that if such Bed rock Flume company shall so enter upon and lay the said flume through any claim or claims, as last aforesaid, the respective holder or holders of such claim or claims, shall be entitled to all legally authorized agents, may decide the gold taken from the cut and bed rock, in manner of working the claims of the co-part opening the said cut and laying the flume ners, the number of men to be employed, and

What grades to be maintained by private

claim holders. 19. Private claim holders putting in bed rock flumes to connect with bed rock flumes put in by Bed rock Flume companies, shall

Right of Bed-rock Flume Company to Water.

21. Bed-rock Nume companies, authorized and organized as aforesaid, shall be entitled and organized as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the use and enjoyment of so much of the unoccupied and unappropriated water of the unoccupied and unappropriated water of the unoccupied and unappropriated water of the stream or streams on which they may be located, and of other adjacent streams as may be necessary for the use of their flumes, by draulic power, and machinery to carry on their mining operations, and shall have the right of way for ditches and flemes, to copy and of laying their flume through such claim or claims.

Provided that such channel shall not be cut wider than necessary for that purpose, and the owner or owners of such claim or claims.

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Bed-rock Flumes declared personal property.

22. Bed-rock flumes, and any interest or in-

deposited in such filme.

Bed rock Flume Companies may enter on "abandoned ground."

14. Any company authorized and organized as aforesaid, shall be, and are hereby empowered to enter upon any river, creek, gard to cleaning up the flume repairs and other matters, is which both parties are interested, and pertaining to the rights hereby authorized and confirmed, as may be adopted by such Bed-rock Flume company.

37. Clause 3 of the Proclamation of the cleaning of the cleaning of the deceased.

38. Individual or company claim holders, building bed-rock flumes through their own ground. The personal representative of the deceased, when duly constituted, for all monies actually received and expended by him in the matter of the estate and effects of the deceased.

Miner's record covers only unappropriated to the matters, is which both parties are interested, and pertaining to the rights hereby authorized and confirmed, as may be adopted by such Bed-rock Flume company.

37. Clause 3 of the Proclamation of the 25th day of March, 1863, is hereby repealed, and the following provisions be substituted in a continuous distribution.

24. Individual or company claim holders, building bed-rock flumes through their own ditch, or any of the gold therein, unless he shall have been at the time of the deceased, when duly constituted, for all monies actually received and expended by him in the matter of the deceased.

Miner's record covers only unappropriated to the flume tepairs and other matters, is which both parties are interested, and pertaining to the rights hereby repealed, and the following provisions be substituted in a continuous company.

the length of such stream, galch, ravine, or water course, for each one of the free miners appropriate gold in flume.

25. Provided that if any private or company shall possess the exclusive right to work pany claim holders shall desire to abandon the ground so located. to such Bed-rock Flume company of such in-tention, and shall then have the right to pro-The term "abandoned ground" shall be seed at once to clean up their portion of such

Provided also that when such individual 15. Bed-rock flume companies authorized the notice aforesaid, and cleaned up their or company claim holders shall have given

Bed-rock Flume notice.

26. Any free miners or company of free miners applying for the privilege of constructing a bedrock flume, shall comply with the requirements of clause twenty-four (24) of the Gold Fields Rules and Regulations, issued on 16. Any portion or part of any river, the 7th day of September, 1859, and also put creek, gulch, ravine, or other water course, up a notice of such application in seme con-All claims situated on the banks of or creek, gulch, ravine, or other water course, ap a spicuous part of the town place, or at the ting on any natural channel, stream, ra- having four or more free miners per mile, le- spicuous part of the town place, or at the locality applied working claims, on such stream, gulch, rav. lor, at least five clear days before making

to be marked by posts of the legal size placed Act, but in such case any Bed rock Flume 27. The period at the end of clause two (2) Act, but in such case any Deu Fock Figure 27. The period at the end of clause two (2) company desiring to run a flume through such portion or part of such stream; guich, ravine, or water course, shall be governed by the following clauses of this Act. Boundaries of Bed rock Flume Company's said deads or leavings, forkings from sluices, waste dirt, large stones or tailings be allowed to accumulate so as to obstruct the natural

Minors of 16 (when partners) to be deemed adult free miners.

28. The interest of minors over sixteen a square top driven securely into the ground, years of age shall be subject to the same laws upon the lower line of each such claims, as apply to the interests of adult free miners, within such company's limits, and shall at and they shall enjoy the same rights thereto years of age shall be subject to the same laws the time of setting up such posts give notice as adults, but no person under the age of to each of the holders of such claims, in sixteen years shall be capable of holding any writing, of the distance in feet and inches, claim or interest therein.

Mining co-partnerships. 29. And whereas, it is necessary to previde facilities for the formation of mining copartnerships, be it enacted Minutes of co-partnership when no deed of

partnership exists. That all mining companies shall be govshall have other and written articles of co- as the case may be. partnership properly signed, attested and Limits claims by pre-emption to two claims

Duration of mining co-partnership. 30. No mining co-partnership shall continue for a longer time than one year, unless case the owner or owners thereof shall have otherwise specified in writing by the parties, failed in the meantime to open their respec- but such ce-partnership may be renewed at the expiration of each year.

Confined to mining. 31. The business of the co-partners herein eferred to shall be mining, and such other

matters as pertain solely thereto. Powers of a Majority.

extent and manner of levying assessments to defray the expense of working the claim or claims of the company, and all other matters pertaining thereto; provided that every such company's claim shall be represented according to law. Such majority may also choose a put in by Bed rock Flume companies, shall fereman or local manager, who shall repre-maintain the like grade, and build their sent the company, and have power to bind

partnership must register its partnership or lute, any Rule or Law or equity to the com-company name with the Gold Commissioner. trary notwithstanding. Assessments, when payable. Deceased free miner's claims not forfeitable.

33. All assessments levied during the time of working shall be payable within ten clear days after each such assessment.

Payment of Assessment, in default how

34. Any party failing or refusing to pay any assessment or assessments, leviable ac-cording to the provisions of this Act, after having received any notice thereof, specifying the amount due during the period the said party may be delinquent, shall be personally

and costs as aforesaid, shall be published by advertisement in some newspaper published in the District, for ten days prior to the day by the Gold Commissioner shall of sale, and if there be no paper published in the District, then notices of such sale shall deceased miner, thereby purpor

and the following provisions be substituted in

lien thereof: In addition to the above rights, every not exceeding in any case five per cent, on registered free miner shall be entitled to the whole amount collected. use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall in the opinion of the Gold Commissioner be necessary for the due working thereof.

neglect to produce the same, to refuse to her heirs and successors. record such claim, interest, or other matter.

Gold Commissioner shall charge a registration such conveyance, mortgage, or other docu-

Distinguishing number of claims abolished. 40. No distinguishing number shall here-after be required, or be deemed to have been ever required, for or in respect to any claim, any existing law or rule to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gold in claim to be ore of gold. 41. All gold found in any gold mine in the colony, shall be deemed and taken to be ore of gold, within the meaning of the statute. Claims recorded in the close season when laid

such claim laid over.

Three days' grace for every 10 miles before

43. Every free miner shall be allowed three days in which to record his claim by re-emption after the same shall have bee ocated, if such claim shall be within 10 miles of the Gold Commissioner's office, if more than ten miles from it, then one additional day shall be allowed for every erned by the provisions hereof, unless they additional ten miles or fraction of ten miles,

> 44. Every adult free miner shall be allowed to hold two claims by pre emption, viz., one quartz claim and one other claim and no more at the same time, but by purchase may hold any number or amount of claims or interests therein, which have been once duly egistered, subject to the laws for the time being regulating the same. And every adult free miner may lawfully sell, mortgage, transmit, or dispose of any number of claims or interests therein, lawfully held or acquired by him, whether by pre-emption er purchase

> What is a miner's interest in a claim. 45. The amount of interest which a free niner has in his claim shall, save as against Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors be deemed and taken to be a chattel interest equivalent to a lease for a year, renewable at the end of the first and every subsequent year, subject to the conditions as to forfeiture working, representation, registration, and etherwise, for the time being in force with respect to such claim or interest under any Law or Rule regulating the same.

> Forfeiture absolute. Provided that every forfeiture of a claim under any such Law or Rule shall be abso-

46. In case of the death of any free miner, while registered as the holder of any claim or ditch, his claim or interest shall not be open to the occupation of any other person for non-working or non-representation, either after his decease or during the illness which shall have terminated in his decease.

Gold Commissioner may keep afoot or sell deceased miner's claim.

47. And in all cases where the Gold Com-missioner shall find that such free miner shall party may be delinquent, shall be personally liable to his co-partners for the amount of such delinquency, and the amount of such delinquent's indebtedness having been ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction, his interest in said company's claim may be said for the payment of the amount found due, with interest (if any) and costs as hereafter specified.

Notice of Sale.

35. The notice of sale of such delinquent's interest, or such part thereof as shall suffice to pay the amount of indebtedness, with interest and costs as aforesaid, shall be published by advertisement in some newspaper published.

Every assignment of any assets interest and costs as aforesaid, shall be published by advertisement in some newspaper published.

declared to be personal property, and may be continued and working any claims on any guich, ravine, streem or water course, where a Bedrock Flume company how registered, and provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to tail their sluices, hydraulies and ground sluices into such flume, but so nevertheless as not in into such flume companies, authorized and at the Court House seates that it be ideal at the but be by public auction to the bidder offering to pay the amount due for the small sale shall be by public auction to the bidder offering to pay the amount due for the small acquire all the right, and at the Court House seates that the budder of flumes shall be opposite and at the Court House seates that the budder of the small sale shall be by public auction to the provisions of this Act, small be continued and ground sluices into such flume, but so nevertheless as not in the opinion of the Gold Commissioner, by rocks, stones, boulders, or otherwise unnecessarily to obstruct the free working of such flume.

Provided that such Bed-rock Flume Company shall be entitled to all the gold pany shall be entitled to all the gold in such flume.

Individual or company claim holders fluming, subject to same rules.

No one recognized except a free miner are required to do, and shall pay five pounds sterling per annum, in addition to the registration fee for each shalf mile of claim and right of way legally held by such company.

So. The following part of clause seven (7) of the Gold Fields Act, 1859, shall be deemed to have been never repealed, that is to say.

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No person shall be recognized as having any right or interest in or to any claim or ditch, or any of the gold therein, unless he shall be, or in ease of disputed ownership, than to account to the personal representative of the deceased, when duly constituted, for all manufacture in the original losses or in any other responsibility, than to account to the personal representative of the deceased, when duly constituted, for all manufacture in the original losses or in any other responsibility, than to account to the personal representative of the deceased, when duly constituted, for all manufacture in the original losses or in any other responsibility, than to account to the personal representative of the deceased, when duly constituted for all manufacture in the original losses or in any other responsibility.

> 50. Every Gold Commissioner who shall so act in the collection and custody of the estate and effects as aforesaid, shall be enw titled to his own use, to an allowance thereout

Fees on registration as in Schedule. 51. On the registration of any of the matters, acts, deeds, documents, or things mentioned on the Schedule hereto, there shall be payable

the due working thereof.

Production of free miner's certificate before record.

38. It shall be lawful for the Gold Commissioner previous to recording a claim or interest therein or other matter, to demand from the applicant the production of his free miner's certificate, and upon his refusal or registration, and for the use of Her Majesty, have heare and successors.

record such claim, interest, or ether matter.

General fee on recording mining matter.

39. For every record which the Gold Commissioner shall be called upon to make respectively, shall be made by an instrument whether of leave of absence granted or any in writing which shall be registered with the matter or thing whatever, relating to mining, Gold Commissioner, or other officer duly auand for which a special fee shall not have thorised in that behalf in the district in which been provided by any law, rate or regulation such property is situated, in separate books in that behalf in force for the time being, the fee of ten shillings and sixpense, but for every ment shall set forth truly expressed in words search of a record only four shillings and two at length, the full bona fide price, consideration, or value that has been or has to be paid directly or indirectly in each transaction, or

in default thereof shall be void. 53. In case of any dispute, the title to claims, leases of auriferous earth or rock, ditches or water privileges will be recognised according to the priority of registration, subject only to any question which may be raised as to the validity of any particular act of registration

Certified copy of record evidence.

54. Every copy or extract from any record or register, under or by virtue of this act, or the Gold Fields Act of 1859, the Proclamation of 25th day of March, 1863, or any gold district within 14 days after the claim therein rules and regulations required to be kept by shall have been laid over by the Gold Commissioner till the ensuing season or other specific date, shall be allowed or deemed to be so laid over, unless so much work shall ised to take and keep such record of register; have been bona fide expended thereon by the shall in the absence of the original register, holders thereof, as shall in the opinion of the be receivable in any judicial proceedings as Gold Commissioner fairly entitle him to have evidence of all matters and things therein

Saving of Crown Rights.

55, Nothing herein shall be construed to limit, er abridge the prerogative rights of her Majesty, her heirs and successors, in or to the Gold Fields of British Columbia. To be construed as one with the Gold Fields

56. This act shall be construed as far as possible with the Geld Fields Act, 1859, and proclamation of the 25th day of March, 1863, and the rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof respectively.

Schedule part of Act. 57. The schedule herete shall be part of

Short Title. 58. This ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the "Geld Fields Act, 1864." Passed the Legislative Council the 24th February, A. D. 1864.

CHARLES GOOD, Received my assent this twenty-sixth day of February, A. D. 1864.

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