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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

FOREIGN PORTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
San Francisco, Feb. 3-Salled-Bk Aureola, Sea-Feb. 4—Arrived—Ship Bonanza, Departure Bay. Utsalady, Feb. 3—Sailed—Bk Emma Augusta, San

Francisco.
Port Blakely, Feb. 4-Arrived-Sch Reporter, San Francisco.
Port Gamble, Feb. 4—Sailed— Bk James Cheston,

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Pt. 7-Arrived — Ship Belvidere,
Saniamo; ship Bonanza, Departure Bay.
Sailed—Bk Malay, Departure Bay.
Seattle, Feb. 5-Sailtd—Bk Great Western San
Francisco.
Port Discovery, Feb. 6-Arrived—Ship War Hawk,
San Francisco.
Port Townsend, Feb. 7-Arrived—Ship Topgallant,
San Francisco.

At the villa adjoining Yale, 29th ult., the wife o . Onderdonk, Esq., of a son.

PASSENCERS.

Per stmp IDAHO, for San Francisco—Victoria—
Miss Emma L Spring, Miss Charlotte Spring, Charley
Spring, Rev S McGregor, Mrs McGregor and 2 chdn,
R Sylvester, Win Humphreys, and I Chinaman. Puget Sound—Capt Cutler and Wife, Miss Simonson,
Miss Cofman, Mrs Rea, Mrs Ludlow, S Meyer, Chas
Fry, teo 8 Brown, F Thell, J Finley, A Bell, D Lows
W H James, O Hatewhost, J Flynn, A M Deven and
wire, Hy Wilson, A H Doran, E H Gross, J Hopkins,
J W Forbes, Peter Firk.
Per str MAUDE, fin Nanaimo—Mrs
Donald, Mrs Penny, Mrs Stark, Mrs Cameron, Mrs
Russell, Miss Prince, M Bate, H Price, J McPhee, D
McDonald, R Nightingale, H Wilson, Father Rondeau, T Clark.
Per str PHINCESS LOUISE, fin New Westminster.

deau, T Clark.

Per str PRINCESS LOUISE, Im New Westminster, Mr and Mrs Hunter, Mrs Irving, Miss Harvey, T Lett Stalibehmidt, T Briggs, McLennan, Ramssy, Donnelly, Fletcher, Robinson, F Page, Sterling, Wilson, C B Sword, Moresby, Turnbull, J P Howe, L B Hamilin, A Hill, W N Goverough, Lambly, J Adair, Sirr.

DEATHS.

to this city, at I o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, 9th Feb., August, infant son of Jacob and Elizabeth Sehl, aged H months.

The funeral will take place from the residence of the parents, Kane street, at 2 o'clock THIS (Thurs-day) AFTEINOON. Friends are respectfully invited

THIRD PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 9.

MENESIAY, Feb. 3.

PETITION.

Mr. Ferguson presented a petition from John Adair, jr., and Joseph Hunter, praying that certain privileges be granted them for mining purposes on the South Fork of Quesnel river. The projectors ask a lease of mining ground in return for cutting a canal and building a dam in the locality named.

Referred to Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Smithe presented a petition from A. B. Gray relative to the official map of 1880, alleging that after the map was filed at the office of Lands and Works an alteration was made in such map. The peti-tioner asks an investigation and that the map be restored to its original form. Referred to Committee on Private

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Mr. Beaven presented the public accounts to the 31st Dec., 1880.

RAILWAY.

Mr. Ash moved that this House proves of the agreement for the bailding of the Canada Pacific Railway made between the Dominion government and the tween the Dominion government and the Syndicate, to confirm which a Bill is now before the Dominion Parliament; and further, expresses its entire confidence that the present Dominion government will fulfil, as far as is practicable at the present time, all the obligations of the Dominion to the Province for railway construction.

The hon, mover said that no question that could come before the Legislature this session could exceed in impertance that respecting the fulfilment by the Dommiion of the railway clause of the terms of union. It was not a question that should be left till the last of the session. The credit of the House would be affected by leaving the matter till the last of the seswas in a position to deal with the subject

sion on the flimsy ground that some tele-gram had not been received, or a dispatch had miscarried. He thought the House now and for the purpose of having it discussed he had brought forward the resolution. The sneering allusion in the Speech to the railway was not at all satisfactory. The hon, gentleman reviewed the question from its inception and claimable that the present Dominion and claimable that the present Dominion and claimable that the present description and claimable that the present description are considered. ed that the present Dominion government ed that the present Dominion government had always shown a disposition to push the railway on with all possible speed. We ought to acknowledge that disposition in a marked manner, as they were about to carry out the original terms of union. He felt sure that the public at large did not understand what were the obligations of the Dominion to this Province. At the close of last session this House passed a resolution to the effect that the Dominion Government two properties of the province and it was necessary the House should watch its progress. The committee to consist of Messrs. Helgessen, Galbraith, E. Brown, Abrams and the mover.

Mr. Helgessen seconded.

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The hon moved that a committee be appointed to inspect the Dry Dock now that disposition to this House. ernment were bound to begin the Island Railway before the spring of 1881. Now, he objected to leaving such important matters till the end of the session. They matters till the end of the session. They should not be kept till the last moment. Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper had opposed the Island Railway bill in committee and at the third reading. The bill was the battle-ground of the two parties. In a late speech Sir Charles Tupper pledged himself and his party to the carrying out of the railway obligation. the carrying out of the railway obliga-tions of the Dominion to British Colum-bia. Sir John Macdonald said that they were going to build the road and the original treaty would be carried out.
With regard to our own Government with regard to the hon, gentleman who is "Minister of Finance and Agriculture," (Laughter.)—in a speech in this House on the 11th March, 1874, he claimed that no alteration had taken place in the terms of union. The Attorney-General stated the same thing at the same time. This showed that this Government never assnowed that this Government hever as-sented to any change in the original terms and that none was contemplated by the Dominion or Imperial Government. What right, then, had we to call on the Dominion Government as we did last ses-sion? He thought the Dominion Gov-ernment was not beyond to regard the entries the thought the Dominion Government were not bound to regard the resolution of this House last session. When we had confederation it was thought ten years would be sufficient to build the mail now, but in the light of the property of the property

railway; but in the light of a later experience it was found that ten years were still necessary for the completion of the road. The Conservative Government had

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TELEPHONIC.

Shown a disposition from the first to fulfill the bargain, and the House should express confidence in their good intentions. There was a great difference, however, in the claims we may have upon the Dominion Government for construction and the claims we may have upon the construction and the claims we may have upon the construction and the claims we may have upon the construction. and the claims we may have upon them in compensation for delays. The two were distinct questions and should be consider-ed by this House thus early in the ses-

Seconded by Mr. Bennett. Hon. Mr. Walkem said he did not in tend to enter into a lengthy discussion on this question; but the hon, gentleman was peculiarly unfortunate in this resolu-tion, he having formed one of a ministry

that had strongly protested against the default of Canada in this regard. Mr. Ash.—What I said was that the Carnarvon terms bound the Mackenzie

Government.

Hon. Mr. Walkem said he was refer Hon. Mr. Walkem said he was referring to the hon. gentleman's extraordinary course in this matter, he having stated that the Dominion Government was not bound to build the road, and having previously maintained that we had a claim on that Government. Two years ago the same hon. gentleman had moved to raise the Island Railway reserve and he (Mr. Walkem) was surprised at the course he proposed to take to-day. He wanted to thank the Dominion Government for what? Nothing. It reminded ment for what? Nothing. It reminded him of the celebrated "O be Joyful" tel-egram which the hon, gentleman sent to Mr. Mackenzie in 1875. (Laughter.) Mr. Ash. -That was Mr. Beaven's tel-

egram. Hon, Mr. Walkem. — I was not aware that Hon. Mr. Warenn.—I was not aware may John Ash, whose name was signed to the telegram which The Colonist rightly styled "O be Joyful," was synonymous with the name of Robert Beaven. (Laughter.) He now wishes to thank the Dominion Government for nothing, as he did in the "O be Joyful" telegram. (Laughter.) Without the least intelligence except telegraphic scraps before us, when we don't know whether the bill has even passed, we are asked to thank the Dominion Government for—nothing. Papers were promised and they would be brought down in time for discussion and action this session. The House would be asked to deal with them in a proper way and would decide definitely this session that they would not be put off any longer with promises that might never be intended to be fulfilled. The Dominion had dealt with this railway matter as if the Province was this railway matter as if the Province was no party to the agreement. He had been a party to no breaking of the terms. He had protested from year to year and that hon, gentleman had been one of the protesting parties—his voice had been loudest in denunciation of Canada's default. When the papers came down the House would be asked to discuss the question. Those papers would be laid before the House and the opinion of the House would be asked upon them. The Syndicate would be asked upon them. The Syndrate measure had just crossed the threshold of the Senate, the grave of the Island rail-way bill. He viewed this resolution as

one fraught with the greatest danger to the country at large and he now moved the previous question.

Mr. Smithe saidthat that motion would not prevent a discussion of the motion for previous question. He was quite with the leader of the government on this mat-er, but he would like to see the rights of the House under a motion for the previous question settled now and forever. He quoted from the rules of order and referred to British parliamentary practice on the subject. Mr. Ash rose to speak.

The Speaker—There is no debate or amendment on this motion.

Mr. Ash insisted that if the previous Mr. Galbraith presented a report from the Committee on the Bill to amend the Gold Mining and Mineral Acts, suggesting several amendments.

Mr. Ash insisted that if the previous question was in order it would have been moved in the British House of Commons the other day when the Irish obstructives were blocking legislation.

Hon. Mr. Walkem said the rule was so were blocking legislation.

Hon. Mr. Walkem said the rule was so plain that he could not see how there

plain that he could not see how there could be any mistake.

Mr. Ash said the leader of the govern-

ment did not wish the question discussed, he wished it shelved; but if the previous question was put the vote must be taken

aye" or "no." Hop. Mr. Walkem said that the previous question precluded all discussion of the main question and all debate.

Mr. Smithe contended that clause 17, rules of order, made it clear to him that debate was allowable on the motion for

previous question.
After some further discussion
The question was then negatived almost unanimously.

Mr Ash—Then the motion is open for

Mr. Ash.—Inch the motion is open for discussion.

Mr. Speaker—No. I refer the hongentleman to rule 80.

Dr. Ash gave notice he would move a substantive resolution on Friday.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. Drummond moved that a select committee he appeared by this House to

committee be appointed by this House to visit the Royal Hospital, Public Schools, and Gaol, and report to this House; the committee to consist of Messrs. Abrams, Cowan, E. Brown, McGillivray, and the nover. Carried.

Mr. Wilson moved that a committee be

for Esquimalt (Mr. Helgessen) knew all about the dock. Why not give a member outside of the district a chance of a ride.

(Laughter.)
Mr. Wilson—The committee will pro

Mr. Wilson—The committee will probably walk. (Laughter.
Mr. Abrams suggested that the whole
House should visit the dock. (Laughter.)
Mr. Mara—As the committee are to
walk, let Mr. Smithe be added. (Laughter.) He hoped the Minister of Finance and Agriculture would see that no cab bills were paid.

ons were paid.

AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Pimbury asked, is it the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to submit to this House a report on agriculture during the present Session?

Hon. Mr. Beaven said that information had been collected, but that its publication had not been decided upon by the govern-

THIRD READING Firemen's Exemption Bill and Docu-nentary Evidence Bill were read a third ime and passed.

MARKING CATTLE.

Mr. Harris moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the marking of cattle. House went into committee, Mr. Abrams in the chair.

House adjourned till 2 o'clock on Thursday.

Dr. Ash—On Friday to review his rail-

way resolution.
Mr. Drummond—For alteration and reconstruction of Royal Hospital Commit-

Supreme Court of Canada : Act to amond the School Tax Act; Act to carry out objects of the Better Administration of Justice and Judicature Act; Act respecting Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Gaol Delivery and of Assize and Nisi Prins

Marking Cattle.

The following is the text of a bill relating to the marking of cattle, which passed the House yesterday:

"1. Notwithstanding anything contain-

"1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the "Cattle Ordinance, 1869," or the "Cattle Marking Act, 1875," brands for branding cattle and marking cattle may be transferred, from time to time, by the person in whose name they are recorded or registered, to any other person. Provided always, that no such transfer shall be valid unless the same shall be in criting signed by the party purking such writing signed by the party making such transfer, and filed with the officer ap-pointed under the said Ordinance and Act to record and register cattle brands and marks, who, upon such transfer be-ing filed with him, shall register the same by making a memorandum of such trans-fer in his record or register of cattle brands or cattle marks.

brands or cattle marks.

12. Upon registering such transfer such officer shall cancel the prior registration or record of such brand or mark by writing thereupon the word "cancelled," and shall also write thereupon a memorandum naming the person to whom such brand or mark has been transferred, and and showing the felia of the weeverd or and shewing the folio of the record or register where such transfer has been re-corded or registered."

The Fire in Chase River Mine.

A few days ago the fire in the Chase river coal mine broke out afresh and raged with much greater fury than it had done since its discovery. Tremendous efforts were at once made to prevent the fire from reaching the Douglas workings. These efforts were fortunately crowned with success. All the available resources of the generating and city fire department. of the company and city lire department with their engine were brought to bear on its extinguishment. Gradually the fire was circumscribed was to prevent further spread, and a telegram received here by the general manager, Mr. Bate, Esq., who came down last evening, states that it is now entirely under control and in a fair now entirely under control and in a fair way of being speedily conquored. A largo number of men are at work in relays, night and day. Their efforts will not be relaxed until every spark of fire is put out. Mr. Bate speaks in high terms of the courage, ingenuity and indomitable perseverance displayed by the miners and all concerned in fighting the fire fiend under the greatest possible difficulties. All the resources of the Wellington col-liery were placed at the disposal of the manager of the Vancouver company, but manager of the Vancouver company, but fortunately, beyond a powerful pump, which did splendid service, they were not required.

The Public Accounts.

The statement of the Public Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1881, was laid before the House yesterday. The total receipts for the half-year were \$186,532.06, and the total expenditures, \$170,522.27—showing the sum of about \$16,000 to the good of the Province, which reduces the deficit of \$64,000 from the previous six months to \$48,000. The chief source of revenue was from the Dominion government subsidy, \$104,009.50; read tolls, \$25,455.14; licenses, \$12,787.50; land sales, \$11,334.07; miners' certificates, \$4720; school tax, \$5,709; real property tax, \$2,250; and registry fees, \$2,539. The smallness of the school tax collected is a pitiful exhibition of the imbecility of the government arrangements. The Allen claim has shrunk from \$3090 to \$30.83. The total indebtedness after deducting all good assets is \$708,887.58. The statement of the Public Accounts

THEATRE ROYAL.—This evening the THEATRE ROYAL.—This evening the Victoria Ameteur Dramatic Society will present "Heads and Tails" and "Breaking the Spell" at Theatre Royal. As the proceeds are to go in aid of the Royal Hospital it is searcely necessary for us to advise the public to attend. The entertainment will be the best of the kind yet given here. We were present at a dress rehearsal last evening and speak with confidence.

MIDNIGHT ORGIES -Two white men. one a comparative youth, were found on the streets about two o'clock yesterday morning too far gone with alcoholic stimulents to take care of themselves or find their homes. They were accordingly locked up and appeared at 11 a.m. to answer for their conduct. Pleading answer for their conduct. Pleading guilty they were both fined the usual five shillings or the six hours continement in gaol.

An Old Friend.—Mrs. Schultz, for-merly Madame Anna Bishop, who made her first appearance in public as a concert singer 44 years ago, and afterwards achieved success on the operatic stage, visiting Victoria in 1873 sang on the 7th inst. to a third generation of New York auditors. The event is still more noticeable from the announcement that she sings with much power and sweetness, albeit she is 66 years of age.

SEATTLE.—Mr. James McNaught, late president of the Seattle Gas Co., has sold out his stock like a sensible man, as he is. D. Horten and W. Renton were the buyers... A mortgage for \$5,000,000 from the Oregon Improvement Company, in favor of the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company of New York, has been filed for record in the King County Auditor's

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER. --- The steamer Princess Louise arrived yesterday afternoon from the river. Fifty-five head of beef cattle, five or six tons of hay and about eight tons of turnips were landed at Cadboro Bay. The Fraser is open as far as Chilliwhack and the river steamers are making casual trips to that

A VICTORIA GIRL IN CHICAGO. A VICTORIA GIRL IN CHIRAGO. — A dispatch from Chicago dated Saturday 21st says: "Annie Pixley, the actress performing "M'liss" at the Masonic Theatre, Nashville, was the recipient tonight of a testimonial from the citizens in the shape of a rich set of jewelry. There was a formal presentation on the stage during the performance."

THE Chicago merchants have resolved not to sell oleomargarine, butterine or any other villainous compound of that class.

RUMORED. -That Onderdonk & Co. are about to buy or build a line of river steamboats and place them onthe Through to Yale route from Victoria.

Onegon.—A span of Eugene City bridge fell on the 8th, involving a loss of \$10,-WANTED. - Fifty laboring men to work on the Drydock immediately. *

Hon. Mr. Walkem-Act respecting the Presentation of Testimonials to Rev. ers had with extraordinary liberalty cor- The Sunday School Treat at St. S. McGregor, M. A.

A large audience, many of whom were A large audience, many of whom were ladies, assembled yesterday afternoon in Broughton Street Hall on the occasion of a presentation of addresses and testimonials to the Rev. S. McGregor, M. A., who with his estimable lady and family will bid farewell to our shores to-day. All the elders of St. Andrew's Church and nearly every member of the Managing Commit. every member of the Managing Commit-tee were on the platform. Robert Wal-lace, Esq., read the following

ADDRESS. St. Andrew's Church,

Victoria, B.C., 9th Feb., 1881.
The Rec. S. McGregor, M.A.
REVEREND AND VERY DEAR SIR:—In the near prospect of your departure from this province, in pursuance of the intima-tion you gave us several months ago, but which we had hoped might terminate differently, we, the office-bearers of this church, desire to express on behalf of the congregation their and our own warm feelings of respect and attachment to you, as well as our sincere regret at parting with you and our sense of the very great loss in many ways which the absence of your matured experience must necessarily be, not only to this church and congrega-tion, but also to the Presbytery and the whole mission, which have indeed been to you objects of the deepest interest and, solicitude

solicitude.

After the long and intimate relationship of pastor and people that has subsisted between you and us during eleven years past, we cannot refrain from bearing our hearty testimony to your unvarying courtesy; friendly, genial spirit; Christian genial spandy bearing high examples. ing courtesy; friendly, gental spirit; Christian, gentlemanly bearing; high exemplary character; consistent walk and conversation; steadfast devotion to right principle; patient, practical, business-like attention to details, and sound discretion in the conduct of church affairs --qualities all admirably combined in you; and by the proper exercise of which throughout that long and, in many respects, try-ing period (during the larger half of which you were the only minister in the pro-vince representing the Presbyterianism of the Church of Scotland) you have been enabled, standing alone as it were, to dis-charge the onereus, arduous duties and to uphold in a becoming manner the dignity of your office. In so doing, you have also, we are glad to know, won and will earny with you the respect of all good men with whom your have come in con-

Those years of changes have witnessed many meetings and partings among us, scenes of happiness and of sorrow, pros-perity and adversity, with the recollection of which your name and kindly acts must ever be pleasantly associated in our memories. Nor can we cease to remember with gratitude how readily responsive you have been to sympathize with any of us on such occasions; to minister to the needy or distressed in mind, body or estate— ever willing to spend and be spent for the good of all at whatever cost and incon-venience to yourself, and nover deterred by discouragements from striving to pro-mote the extension and usefulness of the Church of Scotland's work in this new

Church of Scotland's work in this new country.

With this we beg your acceptance of the accompanying small testimonial, which, though of but little value in itself, may serve occasionally as a token (if such were necessary, which we are sure it cannot be) to remind you of our attachment and your own connection with us here.

Cordially offering, in conclusion, the expression of our warmest regards to Mrs. McGregor and your dear children, we pray that wherever in God's good providence it may please Him to appoint your future lot, you and yours may be abundantly favored with health, prosperity,

future lot, you and yours may be abundantly favored with health, prosperity, peace and the truest happiness for time and eternity.

We remain, reverend and dear sir, your faithful friends,

ROBERT WALLACE,
ALEX. MUNRO,
JOHN FINLAYSON,
JOHN SINCLAIR,
Elders. THOS. RUSSELL,

A. B. GRAY,
JAMES CRAN,
H. F. HEISTERMAN,
R. B. McMICKING, R. P. RITHET, WM. SPRING, W. G. REID, J. H. LAWSON, JAMES BURNS, R. W. BURTON,

JOHN DORMAN, Mr. Wallace here presented Mr. Mc-Gregor with a very valuable gold watch,

suitably inscribed Rev. Mr. McGregor delivered the fol-

REPLY: St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, 9th Feb. 1881. To the elders and managers of St. Andrew's

To the elders and managers of St. Andrew's church.

My dear Brethreen.— Allow me to thank you very heartily for the most kind, but too flattering address and the very beautiful and valuable testimonial which you have just presented, and through you, the congregation of St. Andrew's church, which you so worthily represent.

I need scarcely assure you that after the long and cordial intimacy which has existed between us as people and pastor and to which you so kindly refer, nothing but a strong sense of duty could induce me to

a strong sense of duty could induce me to break the ties which bind us together and to hand over to my successor the spiritual oversight of St. Andrew's church and my seat in the presbytery of British Columseat in the presbytery of British Columbia. Reasons, however, which I have already intimated to you, and particularly my feeling that a change of work has become for a time at least absolutely necessary have induced me to take those steps which have resalted in the present separation. When I came among you eleven yours got I did not intend to make my years ago I did not intend to make my home in British Columbia for a longe period than three years and then, with the consent of the colonial committee, return to the parent country. Yet such has been the fascination of your beautiful Victoria, your own kindness and the courtosy of your citizens generally to mine and to me that our sejourn has been pro-longed until now. You refer truly to the fact that for several years I occupied the position of being the solitary representa-tive of the ministry of the church of Scot-land in the province, and justly character-ise that period of my labors here as a "trying" one. Yet I cannot forget, and more particularly at such a moment as this, that mainly, and in the first instance, to you, the office bearers and members of St. Andrew's church, I owe my deliver-ance from that isolated and trying posi-

tion. I cannot forget the generous manner in which you responded to my suggestion and enabled me to visit Scotland for the purpose of inducing other ministers of the church to cast in their lot with us here in the west, nor your great pleasure in learning that the colonial committee of the dear old church of our fath-

dially agreed to send four additional la-borers into the field. I cannot forget the fact that to you so many of our coun-trymen throughout the province are at this moment greatly indebted for the means of grace now so fortun-ately within their reach. It is furthermore a matter of much satisfac-tion and a cause of years, much gratitude Last evening about 150 of the children

tion and a cause of very much gratitude to remember that had I followed out my original intention and left British Columbia at the end of the first three years of my ministry I would have left it with out a single clergyman to represent the Scotch clurch. Whereas now in the good Providence of God the cause that we all Providence of cod the cause that we all love so deeply is left in the hands of a Presbytery and of able and zealous ministers of the church, through whose wise and devoted labours it shall grow with the growth of the country and through the blessing of the Great King and head of the church be crowned with abundant

success. In conclusion, it is unnecessary for me to say that whatever our future lot may be, it is wholly impossible that we should ever forget British Co imbia or cease to ever forget British Co imbia or cease to take a lively interest in her prosperity. She shall always remain associated in our memories with scenes of social joys and alas! of apcial sorrows of the living who are now around us and of those who have gone from our midst, of cheerful happy meetings and of sorrowful partings. It is the birth place of all the members of as little family and the later vertically and the later our little family and the last resting place of one of their number, and it is the home of some of the kindest and truest friends that ever cheered and strength-ened their fellowmen with the genial sun-shine of their presence. Yeur kind ad-dress and very beautiful and valuable testimonial form additional links to that chain which already binds us to you and

chain which already binds us to you and
the country—a chain which time cannot
destroy nor distance sever.

For your kindly wishes for Mrs. McGregor and our little ones, accept my
very sincere thanks. I cherish the hope
that the children may never do any act to
disgrace the place of their nativity, and my wish for them is that their lot may be cast in a community where they shall meet with such genuine kindness and secure as many friends as they have done among you in Victoria.

That Almighty God may bless you all,

as individuals, as a congregation and a community is our most sincere and earn-

Faithfully yours, S. McGregor.

Thos. Russell, Esq., from the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, then read the following address on behalf of that body:-VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9, 1881.

To the Rev. Simon McGregor, M. A.:

VERY DEAR SIR,—We, the office-bearers and members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society beg to express our sincere regret at your early departure from this Province, as intimated in your letter of resignation of the 4th inst. For the long period of eleven years you have been of resignation of the 4th inst. For the long period of eleven years you have been one of the Society's most active and zealous members, and for the greater portion of that time you have held the office of chaplain, than which in a society whose chief aim is to assist the indigent and helpless there is no office of more inhelpless, there is no office of more importance. You have at all times dis-charged the duties pertaining to your office in a most efficient manner and much office in a most efficient manner and much to the satisfaction of your brother members and "brithir Scots." Many a case of want and destitution has been brought by you to the knowledge of the directors and temporarily assisted by the limited means at their disposal, which but for your benevolent attention might never have been known to the Society. There have been goes also where there have been accounted. have been cases, also, where through your active exertions the Society has been enabled to send the unfortunate and needy to their friends in Scotland, and other

distant lands.

It affords us much pleasure to recite the above simple facts, and also to bear testi-mony to the interest taken by you generally in the affairs of the Society; the reg-ularity with which you have attended all meetings whether for ordinary business or those of a more social nature, and where your business tact and kindly and urband manners won the regard and esteem of all who had the pleasure of meeting you. Your loss will be much felt by the Society, and your place will not be easily filled. On parting with you we beg leave to present you with a slight token of our esteem, and wish you and your family under the Providence of God all prosperity,

the Providence of health and happiness.

Thos. Russell,
Proside A. Allan, Secretary.

At the close of this address Mr. Russell romarked that the testimonial (a large and beautiful silver salver suitably inscribed) was of little value in itself, but in the fuwas of little value in itself, but in the future the reverend gentleman and his children would look upon it with feelings of satisfaction, knowing that it was the gift of sincere friends who appreciated his labors for the benefit of the Society and the advancement of the benevolent objects it had in view.

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Mr. McGregor, in reply, said he found it very difficult to express his feelings of regard and thankfulness for the address just presented and the beautiful and valuable gift which accompanied it. The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society had always occupied a high place in his sectionative. had always occupied a high place in his estimation. It was always a pleasure to attend its regular meetings and annual gatherings, and to seek out and assist in helping their fellow-countrymen in need. In behalf of Mrs. McGregor and his family he again thanked the Society for their kind expressions of regard, and if in the future he and his family should have the estification of sections of the results of the results. satisfaction of seeing any of the members on the other side of the water he need on the other side of the water in feed scarcely say that they would meet with a most cordial welcome. He was convinced that his children would look upon their handsome and valuable present as a precious heirloom and would refer to it with pride as coming from the beautiful land of their birth where their youthful days were spent.

An Early Visit.—Yesterday morning between one and two o'clock, Supt. O'between one and two o'clock, Supt. O'-Connor and a posse of constables made a search in a Chineso house on Cormorant street 'well known to the police where stolen property was supposed to be con-cealed, but nothing of any consequence was found. The police in plain clothes are watching suspicious characters and their houses with much vigilance. The result of the plain clothes system are like ly to be very satisfactory.

John's.

belonging to St. John's Church Sunday school, together with a large number of their parents, friends and velatives, young and old, assembled at the school house where an admirably arranged treat awaited them. After being regaled with all the good eatables and drinkables abandantly provided, the machinery of the powantly provided, the machinery of the powerful oxhydrogen magic lantern was urranged. The first series of slides was illustrative of scenery on the route from England to Calcutta, and comprised beautiful views of Gibraltar, Malta, Constantinople, the Isthmes of Suez, Calcutta, &c. These were illustrated and explained by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese in a most interesting and attractive manner, frequently eliciting hearty applause. The mechanical work was excellently done by the Rev. P. Jenns, the rector of the mechanical work was excellently done by the Rev. P. Jonns, the rector of the church. The second set of slides illustrated in a very humorous and laughable manner a nursery version of a "A Tale of a Tub," the recitation being by Mr. Eustace Jenns. A number of amusing pictures were then thrown on the canvas, which both young and old appreciated. To the young people, perhaps, the most interesting portion of the programme was the stripping of a manmoth Christmas tree loaded with prizes of all descriptions. The entertainment was interspersed with music at intervals, and before the prizes music at intervals, and before the prizes were distributed Miss Arthur, of Esqui-malt, a charming, little five old girl, sang a song very prettily and was loudly applauded. The treat concluded at a late hour with the national anthem.

Narrow Escape of an Octogenarian from Doath by Burning.

On the evening of the 3rd inst. as Mr. Bray, superintendent of the upper section of the Yale-Savona railway, was on his way from Savona to Spence's Bridge in his sleigh, accompanied by Mr. A. Yearxa, he noticed that the cabin of an aged Mexican named Sacramento was in flames. Mr. Bray and Mr. Yearxa sprang at once from the sleigh and hastened to the house. They were nearly suffocated by the smoke and scorched by the flames; but they found the poor old man lying on the floor and at the imminent—risk of their lives dragged him into the open air, placed him in the sleigh and drove him to the railway hospital where he was attended by Dr. Sheldon. It was found that he was not burned but he suffered very much from exhaustion caused by suffect At latest advices he was doing well.

WRECK OF ANOTHER VESSEL ON COLUMBIA RIVER BAR.

The Officers and Crew Saved.

ASTORIA, Ogn., Feb. 9 .-- The schooner ASTORIA, Ogn., Feb. 9.—The schooner Emily Stephens from Humboldt Bay, in attempting to sail into the Columbia river to-day by the south channel, lost the wind and the captain let go both anchers. Both chains parted and the schooner drifted into the breakers. All hands took to the boat, which was sighted by the steamer Columbia. She succeeded in rescuing the men and afterwards getting a hawser on to the schooner and bringing her into the harbor. The breakers broke over the schooner, but she was saved without suffering material in jury. fering material injury.

The Interior.

At the 134-mile house on Feb.1st there was a heavy snow storm. The road was badly blocked. At the same house on the 30th Jan. the thermometer stood at 49° bolow; at Quesnel, 52°; at St. Joseph's Mission, 56°; and at Bohannon's 53°. On the 3rd Feb. a thaw set in and the mercury rose to 37° above zero on that day. Hay and grain were scarce and advancing, and no butter to be had st any price. From Nicola intense cold and a foot of snow were reported on the 29th ult. Cattle were suffering; but the sudden thaw probably relieved them. Between Yale and Boston Bar the wagonroad is blocked with snow. The mail and express which arrived yesterday were brought through by Indians.

Marine.

The sale of the bark Aureola to the Oregon Improvement Company for \$20,000 has been recorded at the Custom House at San Francisco. One-half the ship Two Brothers has been sold for \$18,-000, and one-quarter the brig Deacon for 3000.

The steamer Beaver took out the barque Southern Belle to Cape Flattery yesterday on the way to South Africa.

The steamship Idaho will sail for San Francisco at noon to-day. Her passenger list will be found under the usual head-Her freight consists of Sound p duce, 433 tons.

The steam tug Goliah came down from Nanaimo last evening and will cross over to Port Townsend this morning.

Nanaimo.—The Chinese who burglarized Horne & Son's store have been committed for trial... Nanaimo customs for January, \$1,583.32... An aged Indian, known as the "Coal Tyhee," from the fact that 30 years ago he discovered the first-coal at Nanaimo, is dead... Tuesday first-coal at Nanaimo, is dead... Tuesday morning there was not a single ocean going vessel either at Daparture Bay or at Nanaimo, but in the afternoon the barques Harvest Home and brig Huzard arrived at Departure Bay from San Francisco.... Work was resumed in the levels on the south side of the Slope in Chase River mine yesterday and coal hauled to the surface. The fire is off the third level on the north side of the slope and close to the 'fault' that divides Douglas and Chase River mines... The family of J. Leask River mines... The family of J. Leask River mines...The family of J. Leask has been visited with a severe affliction. On Saturday his eldest daughter died and

FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE. - Mr. T. C. Nuttall, agent for the Phomix Fire Insurance Company of London, and the Canada Life Assurance Co. of Hamilton, Ont., has laid on our table the Phomix almanack and an illustrated calendar for business men and others, being useful as reference and guide. The Phenix has been established since 1782, and the Canda Life has a capital of \$1,000,000. CARIBOO .- On Saturday last a political

CARIBOO.—On Saturday last a political meeting was held at the theatre; the several candidates made speeches, all declaring themselves supporters of the present government. H. M. Ball, who is now at Ottawa, was represented by his agent, Mr. John Glasson...Wm. Nordberg, watchmaker, died on the 5th inst....The weather, which had been very cold for a week, turned mild on the 5th inst.

CANADA.

PROF. HIND'S CHARGES.

Grand State Ball at Ottawa,

OTTAWA, Feb. 2-A grand state ball is in progress to-night at Rideau Hall. The invited guests number 700, including the clite of the Dominion. Lord George Campbelland Lady Thornton and daughter are present.

HALIFAX, Feb. 3-Prof. Hind, in a lot-Halifax, Feb. 3.—Prof. Hind, in a lotter to the governor general on the fraudulent fishery statistics, says: In the parliamentary debate only six senators participated, and only two desired to look the matter squarely in the face. All were eager to look at anything but proofs and facts. He cites a letter from Prof. Baird the scientific witness of the commission, verifying his (Hind's) charges.

Halifax, Feb. 7—Prof. Hind, in an-

that FAX, Feb. 1—Froi. Hind, in another letter to the governor-general, says that he first pointed out the falsified figures on the fishery matter to Sir Leonard Tilley, who was then (1878) a privy councillor. He said with apparent emotion that he would never forget the service Prof. Hind had rendered in exposing the first He may triefed Vinning false. Prof. Hind had rendered in exposing the fraud. He next visited Vinning, fishery agent for New Brunswick, who gave him a written acknowledgement for the service rendered, and exclaimed on aseing the figures, "Crooked, by God!" These frauds were conceived in 1871. Tilley attested them and is responsible for them although he may not have known of the fraud. But as to the fact that they are frauds them is not againly doubt.

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ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 8 — Bishop N. Thibault was hanged this morning for the murder of Charlotte Hill at Lakoviewlast September. He made no confession.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8—Chief Joseph, the head of the Oka Indian Tribe, died sud-

denly yesterday. New Westminster.—A steam forry from Westminster to Surrey....The latest novelty at the Mechanics Institute,

latest novelty at the Mechanics Institute, a California lion stuffed with straw...
Cheam Hill road is in a dangerous state...Mr. J. Colbeck and Mr. W. H. Keary, new Conneillors, for Patrick's Ward...Maple Ridge Municipality has been recreated, D. Dockstead, Warden...Coquirlam bridge totters...Carge of butter, argue votates and cut from A. butter, eggs, potatoes and oats from America sold for cash at New Westminster. ... A water-power grist mill to be erected at Langley... The Guardian riddles the Gladstone government, but forgets our own incubus.

ANOTHER STAR PAPER .-- About 13 columns of reading matter are supplied in this issue of The Colonist.

GREAT BARGAINS! A. GILMORE, JOHNSON STREET,

wishes to inform his friends and the pubwishes to inform his friends and the public that he will for a short time sell at cost the balance of his winter stock of Clothing, Boys' and Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, Monkey Jackets, Underclothing, Socks, Hats, Boots and Shoes,

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