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State Education.

High School! High School! High School! The 322 pages of the Public Schools Report fairly reek with praise of the Victoria High School. The Superintendent of Education for the whole Province has found time to pay it twenty-four visits during the year, while he has not once darkened the door of a large percentage of the Mainland schools during the five years he has been in office! It is pampered, and the other schools in the city are turned into force-pumps, hot-houses for filling its favored class-rooms, while education in the interior is left to take care of itself. Now, all this is, we respectfully submit, radically wrong. Our system of free state education is costing close upon fifty thousand dollars a year. Where does that money come from? The pockets of the people — the whole people, from Cassiar to Kootenay and from Sooke to Barkerville. Every man contributes his quota. Under the present unequal system of taxation, the farmer is made to contribute more than his full quota. That being so, it is an injustice to bolster up, at great expense to the whole body of the people, a favorite school in a favored locality and starve education in the interior. We would not be misunderstood. Could the state afford and did circumstances justify, we should rejoice to see a free high school in every district and a university in every town. But that the state cannot afford it those ten petitions, those ten unanswered prayers from settlements destitute of common schools, proclaim with trumpet tongue. How can the Government possibly justify itself in giving the luxury of a high school to the wealthiest community in the province, while important settlements are left in absolute educational destitution? By what principle of justice do they leave the struggling settler without a common school, and with taxes screwed out of his hard earnings, give a free high school education to the children of the rich at Victoria? *It is a monstrous injustice!* This is the phase of the report to which we take exception. This centralization and luxury in a community where state aid is least needed, and this neglect and educational starvation, where state aid is most needed, is what we object to. In the present circumstances, we contend that the duty of the state ends with a good common school education. As the ability of the state increases, let the standard of the common schools be raised, until they cover the high school ground; but whatever the standard is, education, free state education, to be just, must be available to all—must be as broad as the basis of taxation on which it rests. The prayer for schools has gone up from ten destitute settlements, and has remained "in abeyance," unanswered, for years, because the Government cannot spare the money; and yet that same Government can, year after year, lavish expenditure, the very money taken from the pockets of these supplicating settlers, upon educational luxuries at the capital. One's ideas of justice and fair-play utterly revolt at such a condition of affairs. If, in this matter, there is to be any favoritism, it should be extended to the struggling settlers who stand most in need of help—certainly not to the wealthy communities who are well able to help themselves. — Moral: The High School at Victoria should be self supporting—made to stand on its own bottom—like the High School in this city, and the thousands that are annually squandered upon it should be employed in extending common school education in the now destitute settlements.

Dead Millionaires.

An American exchange, the San Francisco *Bulletin*, gives a list of the distinguished capitalists claimed by Death during the past few years. The number given is a score. Commodore Vanderbilt heads the list with seventy-five millions, and the twenty aggregate $250,000,000. The same paper says:—

Last evening Rev. E. R Dille, pastor of Central M. E. Church, delivered a discourse on the subject of "A Fool's Soliloquy Interrupted." The sermon related to the acquisition of wealth and the responsibility of those who acquired it. He said the farmer, in his daily occupation, gets nearer to God than any other class of men, for he looks directly to Providence for the reward of his labors. He does not get rich by usury, by renting houses for saloons and other immoral purposes, or by defrauding his neighbors. It is no sin to get rich if riches are amassed honestly and properly used. Men exhaust their ingenuity to find a new way to spend their money. If they would only look around, they could see empty flour barrels and empty coal bins which they could fill. A man who lives for himself alone had better worship an idol in a Joss House. Money belongs to God alone, and it is put into the hands of men as a sacred trust for the sake of humanity. The fortunate should care for the unfortunate, those that can see for the blind, the well for the sick, the rich for the poor. Those who have a surplus should divide with the deserving needy. If God has granted privileges and blessings to any of us, whether spiritual or temporal, they were only given us that we might divide them. God never intended that the rich man should live in a palace and the poor man in a hovel. He never intended that a man should hoard $75,000,000, and it is a crime for a man to possess that amount. It is a crime for a man to hoard $1,000,000 in a city like this, where there is so much poverty and misery and woe. The wealthy owe a debt to the poor, the saint to the sinner and the happy to the miserable. A good man should act as though he were the steward, not the proprietor of the fortune he possesses, and unless he does so act, God will not trust him with the higher riches of Heaven.

A PHILADELPHIA VIEW OF THE CHINESE QUESTION.—When the immigration statistics of 1881 came along, showing that over 20,000 Chinamen had landed in this country during the year, the *Ledger* remarked that as a result of the increase in the number of Chinese immigrants we might expect fresh complaints from the Pacific Coast. These were presented in Congress on Thursday. Importers in New York are said to be agitated on the subject, because they fear that anti-Chinese legislation may interfere with their Eastern trade. The Chinese immigrants do not interfere with them, so they can well afford to be their champions. But there is, nevertheless, some justification for the protests made by Californians. The Chinese do not come to us like European immigrants, bringing their families and prepared to become citizens of the United States, and it is quite probable that they compete unfairly and injuriously with free white labor on the Pacific Coast. Hoodlum violence is not the proper remedy—in fact, it will require real statesmanship to find out what is best to do, and then to do it.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

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MONDAY, the 24TH DAY OF APRIL, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.

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Wednesday Morning, March 8, 1882.

The Dry Dock.

The profound importance of its nature and the universality of its concernment ought to lift the question far above all mere party strife. In its more infantile stages the dock was a political hobby-horse on which Ministers were wont to ride; but they have toyed with it until now it has attained such elephantine proportions that they stand blanched and trembling before the result of their own incantations. Like Pharoah's lean kine, it threatens to eat up poor Columbia, Ministers and all! In a former article the history of the dock was sufficiently sketched. A few remarks about its present position may not be misplaced, although the circumstance of the matter being *sub judice* must prevent any direct attempt to indicate where the blame rests. There can be no delicacy, no hesitation about saying where the *responsibility* rests. According to the well-understood principles of Responsible Government, Ministers are alone reponsible to the people, and cannot, by any process known to the constitution, shift that responsibility on to the shoulders of a subordinate, or even share it. It was seen in a former article how the Legislature was induced, by Mr. Walkem's solemn pledge that the work should not take a single dollar out of the provincial treasury, to adopt the scheme which promised to build the dock upon the Canadian and Imperial contributions. When, at a later period, he asked the Legislature to pass an act respecting the construction of the dock upon the basis upon which it stands to-day, Mr. Walkem made another promise or statement in order to induce members, especially Mainland members, to vote for his measure. It will be proper to remind the reader here that the former promise had been broken, and that, in negotiating terms with the Dominion Government, Mr. Walkem, or his fitting agent, Mr. DeCosmos, had absolutely agreed that all the cement required for the dock and all the plant and material provided and work done up to 1880 should be paid for out of the provincial treasury—which plant and material and work represented a sum considerably over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, if we are not much mistaken. This is how Mr. Walkem's solemn pledge was kept. But, having involved the province so far, and having arranged for the completion of the work without any further expense to the province, save and except the price of any trifle more cement that might be required, Mr. Walkem made an authoritative official statement to the House to the effect that one hundred tons more cement would be the very most that would, under any circumstances, be required to complete the work. Members hesitated, remembering how outrageously they had been misled on a former occasion; but a few cracks of the ministerial whip brought reluctant Mainland members to time. They reasoned with themselves, "Well, we suppose it will be necessary to spend thirty-five thousand dollars more, in order that the hundred and fifty thousand already spent may not be absolutely lost"—and so they voted for the bill which now governs the work. It is now known how frightfully they were misled by Mr. Walkem's second assurance. On Monday, the 27th ult., in order to avoid the odium of having the startling fact dragged to light by the committee of investigation which had just been formed, Mr. Walkem rose in his place in the House—the identical spot on which he stood on the first occasion, when pledging the Government that the dock should never take a single dollar from the provincial treasury, the same spot on which he stood upon the second occasion, when solemnly assuring the House that the very most it would be called upon to provide for would be one hundred tons more cement—and dumfoundered the members on both sides by announcing *that a still further supply of four thousand four hundred tons of cement must be provided!* Now, when in April, 1880, Mr. Walkem assured the House that one hundred tons of cement would be the maximum, he must either have made the statement knowing it to be false, for the purpose of misleading members into voting for his bill, or he made it without taking the trouble to ascertain the truth. The responsible Minister has thought proper to adopt the unusual, unconstitutional, and, as many think, unmanly course of throwing the blame upon an irresponsible subordinate. "It wasn't me; it was Bennett," whines the Chief Commissioner. Adam, when confronted with his wrongdoing, tried the same cowardly dodge; but it wouldn't stick. He, being the responsible, representative head, had *to bear the consequences of the act.* Bennett might have told Walkem that one hundred tons of cement would suffice for work requiring nearly *fifty times* that quantity; but it is difficult to believe such a thing possible. Bennett is not the only engineer which the Chief Commissioner had at command. The first officer in his Department is an engineer. But it scarcely required engineering skill to figure out the cement required, where all the quantities are given. Any clerk in the Department could have done that. We are told that the Minister hopes to get out of the scrape by making a scape-goat of his subordinate. But he cannot do that. Even if he did succeed in inducing a majority of the House to let him off on such a plea, it could only postpone for a little inevitable doom, while those members who did so would dig their own political graves. So much for the Minister. What of his work? Shall the ill consequences of his criminal blundering die with him? Unfortunately, they will survive him. According to the bargain which the Legislature was fraudulently induced to make, the Dominion Government will have the right to step in and complete the dock, paying for the same out of the subsidies coming to the province. Thus in all probability will the whole federal subsidies be absorbed for several years to come, leaving Columbia with less than half its present revenue, rendering a resort to greatly increased taxation absolutely unavoidable in order simply to carry on the government of the country, leaving everything in the nature of public works out of the question. Verily, the Walkem administration has brought things to a terrible pass. Luckily a day of reckoning is at hand, and those who have, by their servile support, helped the Government to drag the country to the verge of bankruptcy will be *called to a strict account.* This is no Mainland or Island question. It is a provincial one. An Island member can no more justify himself to his constituents for helping to retain such a Ministry in power than can a Mainland member.

Editorial Notes.

A great fishery exposition is to be held in England next year. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has, it seems, been publicly expressing the hope that the American Government may largely avail itself of the opportunity to exhibit the fish of that country. We wonder whether His Royal Highness is aware of the fact that the Dominion of Canada has a bigger fish farm than the United States. Canada should take care that she shall let the Prince of Wales and all England, all the world, know it. In canned salmon Columbia can do her part. Already her canned salmon stand so high that her big neighbor is counterfeiting them. But there should be timely preparation and thorough organization. It should be understood without delay what the Dominion Government proposes doing towards having the country represented; and if the Federal Government is not prepared to take hold of the movement as it ought to be handled, then should the Provincial Government step forward and, in conjunction with the cannery firms, adopt such measures as shall insure British Columbia being properly represented. There is no time to be lost. Some one ought to move in the House.

By pluck and plod, Robert Law has succeeded in building up a foundry business in this city. He finds it necessary, however, to extend his premises and construct a wharf in order to be able to handle the heavier class of steamboat work—work for which the river steamers have now to go across the gulf. In order to carry out this enterprising scheme, Mr. Law requires the use of a water-frontage opposite his foundery, and he has accordingly made application to the City Council for the privilege of using such water-frontage free of charge for a term of years. Mr. Law thinks that the corporation would be doing no more than its duty in extending that amount of encouragement and assistance in his struggles to build up an industry as beneficial to the community as to himself, and we are of the same opinion. It will be some years, even under the most favorable circumstances, before the water-front will be required for ordinary purposes as far up as the foundry, and when the regular traffic shall have reached that point, it will be time enough to look to the water lot in question as a source of revenue. Meanwhile the Corporation would be sacrificing nothing by conceding to Mr. Law the free use of it. On the contrary, they would be aiding a most deserving man in creating an important industry, and retaining a branch of that industry which is at present forced to go elsewhere. We believe, all things considered, the Council would not be justified in refusing Mr. Law's very reasonable request.

PHOTOGRAPHS

MR. JUDKIN HAS ARRIVED with his Floating Gallery at New Westminster, where he will remain a short time, and all those who want a good picture now is your time to get it. All are invited to call and examine his work. Just as good work done in cloudy weather as when clear. ☞ Remember, our stay is short.

mh8 D. R. JUDKIN.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Channel of the Fraser River Sandheads has shoaled on an average from 2 to 3 feet since October last.

The least water found in the Channel is 10 feet at low water, mid-channel, a little below No. 4 buoy. In entering the channel, steer to pass the buoys at a distance of ½-cable, and when abreast of No. 6 steer for small buoy (howitzer) and pass close to it; then mid-channel between No. 7 and the snag, and No. 8 and small nun buoy; thence to mouth of the river, passing the buoys at a distance of half-a-cable.

F. REVELY,
Agent Marine & Fisheries.

Victoria, B. C., 6th March, 1882. mh8-3

TENDERS WANTED.

TENDERS FOR THE FOLLOWING Supplies to the Royal Columbian Hospital, for one year from the 5th day of April, 1882, will be received by the Hon. Sec. up to noon of the 4th April, 1882.

Syrup, Golden.....	per	gallon.
Milk.....	"	"
Coal Oil.....	"	"
Rice, No. 1 China.....	"	lb.
Coffee, No. 1.....	"	"
Tea, Congou.....	"	"
Sugar, Nos. 1 & 2.....	"	"
Oatmeal, Provincial.....	"	"
Butter, Fresh.....	"	"
Pearl Barley.....	"	"
Lard.....	"	"
Soap, Blue Mottled.....	"	"
Soap, English Yellow...	"	"
Bread, White.....	"	"
Beef, Fresh.....	"	"
Mutton, Fresh.....	"	"
Eggs, Fresh.....	"	doz.
Alder Wood, Dry.....	"	cord.
Pine Wood, "Live".....	"	"
Flour, Imperial.....	"	sack.

All tenders must be left with the Hon. Sec., endorsed as above, accompanied by samples.

All goods supplied must be of the best quality and delivered at the Hospital free of expense, in such quantities as may from time to time be required.

Each contractor will be required to furnish bonds, himself and one surety for $100, for the due fulfilment of contract.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. H. KEARY,
Hon. Sec.

N. W., March 6, 1882. mh8

SCOTCHMEN!

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED to meet at the Colonial Hotel at 8 o'clock on MONDAY EVENING, 27TH INST., for the purpose of organizing a National Society upon a broad and permanent basis.

By request,
JNO. IRVING.

New Westminster,
March 3, 1882. mh4

MAINLAND Caledonian Society!

A SPECIAL MEETING FOR URgent business will be held at the Colonial Hotel, in this City, on MONDAY THE 27TH INST., at 7 p. m. sharp.

J. A. MACDONALD,
Secretary.

New West., March 3, 1882. mh4

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Licensing Board for the City of New Westminster will meet at the Council Chambers on THURSDAY THE 15TH MARCH.

JAMES ORR, C. M. C.

New Westminster, Feb. 28, 1882. mh1

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend to apply to the Licensing Court, at its next sitting, for a License to sell spirituous and fermented Liquors by retail on the premises about to be erected on the south-east corner of Columbia and Mary streets, and to be known and designated as the COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL.

L. GOLD.

New Westminster,
February, 28, 1882, mh1

FOR SALE:

THREE YOKE GOOD, HEAVY Work Oxen. All well trained.

For terms and particulars apply to
WM. McKEE,
Feb. 14, 1882. (fe15) Boundary Bay.

DOMINION ELECTION.

New Westminster Electoral District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NEIL McLENNAN of Yale, Saloon Keeper, has been appointed the Agent for JOHN McLENNAN, one of the Candidates for Election to the House of Commons of Canada now pending for said Electoral District.

Dated February 13, 1882.

JAMES MORRISON,
fe15 Returning Officer.

DOMINION ELECTION.

New Westminster Electoral District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOSEPH CHARLES ARMSTRONG of the City of New Westminster, Insurance Agent, has been appointed the Agent for JOSHUA ATTWOOD REYNOLDS HOMER, one of the Candidates for Election to the House of Commons of Canada now pending for said Electoral District.

Dated February 13, 1882.

JAMES MORRISON,
fe15 Returning Officer.

COLLEGIATE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

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VISITORS:

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THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED Valuable Property in the City and District of New Westminster:—

LOT ONE.

Lots 7 and 8, block 17, corner of Merrevale and Columbia streets. There is a good House on these lots and a Garden very lately laid out and in good order.

LOT TWO.

Lot 9, block 18, on Columbia street. *An excellent House; good tenant; and in* thorough repair.

LOT THREE.

Lots 5 and 6, block 17, on Merrevale street. The best site in the city for a residence; thoroughly cleared; well fenced; an excellent Orchard in full bearing, and a fine spring of the very best water.

In the District:

LOT FOUR.

On False Creek trail—known as the Hazelwood Estate—300 acres. The road passes through a portion of it, and at an outlay of one hundred dollars 100 to 200 acres may be brought into cultivation this year. There is a small House on this lot, situated half way between this city and Granville.

LOT FIVE.

On the Burrard Inlet road—joins Mr. Nicholson's lot; covered with magnificent timber; distance from this city only three miles; 160 acres.

LOT SIX.

Sec. 9, block 5 N., R. 1 West, nearly opposite Douglas island, on the left bank of the Fraser river—160 acres.

LOT SEVEN.

Lot 77, group 1—head of Burnaby lake; very good land; 160 acres.

LOT EIGHT.

Lot 82—west of small lake, Inlet road 160 acres very superior land.

LOT NINE.

Lot 167—right bank North Arm—third lot from the city; 160 acres.

LOT TEN.

Sections 29, 30, and 32—480 acres; ½-mile from Boundary Bay; fine timber and fine situation for a logging camp.

LOT ELEVEN.

Section 35, Township 3.

LOT TWELVE.

Sec. 26, block 14 North, Range 5 West.

Any of the above property will be sold cheap and on easy terms. For particulars apply to the owner,

JAMES MORRISON,
ja25-1m Columbia-st., New West.

1862. 1882.

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R. W. D. & Co., of Columbia Street, New Westminster, beg leave to inform the public generally of the following facts:

That they do not intend adopting any fancy name for their place of Business;

That the name of the Firm is known throughout the Province, as the cheapest on the Mainland;

That this fact alone secures them a good trade;

That they intend it shall always retain this reputation;

That they do not claim to be the largest House on the Mainland;

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That **R. W. D. & Co.** employ more hands than any other House of Business in the City;

That although this is the dull season of the year their Dress making and Tailoring Departments are working to their utmost capacity. The reason for this is not hard to find—we give good material, the best work, at bottom prices.

If you want good **Dry Goods,** at low prices, go to R. W. Deane & Co.

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If you want your **Goods auctioned,** at small commission, go to R. W. Deane & Co., Auctioneers.

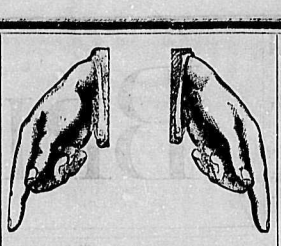
If you want **Hardware, Paints, Oils, Windows, Doors, Rope, Guns, Revolvers, Cartridges, Powder, Shot,** &c., &c.—anything—go to R. W Deane & Co. If we have not got it ourselves, we will purchase it for you.

Don't forget the address,

R.W. DEANE & CO.
COLUMBIA ST.,
New Westminster, B. C.

N. B.—Our "Ladies' Journal," full of interesting news, and the latest fashions, for month of February, is now ready for free distribution.

R. W. D. & Co.



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Having established Business in the above Lines and by

RECENT IMPORTATIONS —FROM— European & Eastern Markets

We are prepared to fill orders to the Trade in the following Goods:

TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, TOBACCOS, HAM, BACON, LARD, CODFISH, MACKEREL,

Candles, Rice, Syrup, Cheese, Dried Fruits, Canned Goods, Vinegar, Baking Powder,

Soap, Coal Oil, Cocoa, Pearl Barley, BEANS, BROOMS, WRAPPING PAPER, PAPER BAGS,

And all other Goods in the Grocery and Provision Line.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called to the undernoted Goods, on which the most LIBERAL INDUCEMENTS will be offered to the Trade, as we are

SOLE Agents for British Columbia

GOOD AS GOLD BAKING POWDER
The Best and Cheapest.

BEACON LIGHT COAL OIL,
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ARCTIC SUGAR CURED HAM

Turkish Patrol Cigarettes,
Being the Largest Size and Best Tobacco.

Our Goods are Guaranteed of the highest standard in Quality, and are offered

—AT THE— LOWEST MARKET RATES.

1861. 1882.

THE COLUMBIA HOUSE.

THE PROPRIETOR, after 21 years of mercantile life in this City, begs leave to report to his numerous Patrons that his Business is prosperous and the outlook for the future is bright. We hope to do a big trade during the present year. We have now in stock a complete assortment of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

With some heavy shipments on the way from the Eastern Markets. We are buying for Cash, getting large discounts, which enables us to sell at much lower rates than formerly. We are determined to keep the COLUMBIA HOUSE to the front, making it, as it has been for years, the leading mercantile House on the Mainland. Our stock is usually so complete that we can fill orders sent to us at cheaper rates than any other House in this City, and we will do it.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM,
IMPORTER.

New West., Feb. 8, 1882. fe11

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No More Leaky Roofs!

ASPHALTUM ROOFING,

THE BEST, CHEAPEST, and MOST DURABLE ROOF.

SUITABLE FOR ALL CLIMATES and ALL SEASONS.

I, the undersigned, having made arrangements with the Victoria Asphaltum Works, as Agent, am now prepared to execute all orders for the same at reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed.

P. FRY.

The British Columbian.

Wednesday Morning, March 8, 1882.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ENTERPRISE, from Victoria, March 7—Mrs Irving, Mrs Ladner, Mr and Mrs Stitchen, Miss Sinclair, Miss Burr, Capt Raymur, Capt Irving, Capt Revely, Capt Middleton, Messrs G E Corbould, W J Armstrong, A M Herring, Young, J Wintemute, R Nuttall, H Elliott, Sweeney, Hurst.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Noah Thompson, Brechen, by the Rev. F. Johnson, Mr. James Gordon McAdam to Miss Martha Thompson.

DIED.

In this city, on the 6th inst., aged 56 years, Charlotte, eldest daughter of the late Charles Moyle, Esq., Whitchurch, Shropshire, England, and wife of James Morrison, Esq., Sheriff of New Westminster District.

☞ The Funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, from the family residence, Columbia street.

A week from to-day the Licensing Court meets.

There is likely to be a building "boom" here before long.

This day week the County Court should meet. But will it meet?

Mr. Armstrong, M. P P., for this city, came up from Victoria yesterday.

The ship *Orco* arrived at Hasting's Mills on Monday evening for a cargo.

C. P. R. workmen at Winnipeg are on strike for an advance of 10 per cent.

In sporting circles ten to one on Homer is now freely offered, with no takers.

Emigration from Iowa to California is setting in. Whole colonies propose coming.

Mr. Fry has chartered the *Bonanza* to bring up the bricks for Mr. Deane's new stores.

Mr. Fry is preparing plans for Mr. Gold's new Hotel, corner Columbia and Mary streets.

The weather is still chopping and changing, although for the most part pleasant lately.

It is proposed by Winnipegers to raise $10,000 to get up a race for Hanlan in July.

The ship *Earl of Elgin* was to have gone to sea last evening, lumber-laden from Hasting's Mills.

Don't forget the mass meeting to-morrow evening at the Rink. There will be one stunning speech.

Telegrams from potentates are flowing in to Windsor castle, congratulating the Queen on her escape.

During the first three weeks in January 3,337 Chinese arrived at the port of San Francisco from China.

The Minister of Works and Agriculture in the Quebec Government has resigned. There is trouble in the Cabinet.

Liquor saloons must all be closed during the whole day to-morrow, under a penalty of $200, which goes to the informer.

On Monday the biggest blast yet was set off near Spence's Bridge, on the railway works. For particulars, see our despatch.

Go to the floating gallery, if you want a beautiful picture—that is to say if the original is beautiful. See advertisement.

New Westminster possesses nearly one-fourth of the voting power and one-third of the population of the whole Province.

A public meeting was held at Victoria on Monday and an address to the Queen passed, congratulating Her Majesty on recent escape.

During the year 1881 there were 160 boiler explosions in the United States, by which 250 persons were killed and over 300 seriously injured.

The steamer *Enterprise*, Capt. Gardiner, arrived from Victoria at 5 last evening, bringing our long delayed eastern mail, and a general freight.

The contract for constructing a railway tunnel under the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, has just been taken by J. B. Bouilliard. The price is $3,500,000.

The *Colonist* says the *Enterprise* has been painted and gilded up to look better than new. And so she has; but will that increase speed or seaworthiness?

Mr. McLennan begins to realize what every sensible man must have known from the first, that he will be elected by a tremendous majority—to stay at home!

The Treasury Department of the United States has issued an order allowing a drawback of duty on flour exported, being manufactured from foreign wheat.

The S. F. *Bulletin* thinks the experience and attitude of Australia and British Columbia will strengthen the hands of the anti-Chinese statesmen at Washington.

The Croton Water Works of New York are the largest of the kind in the world. They supply 95,000,000 gallons daily, at the low price of one cent. per one hundred gallons.

Our local contemporary is wondering why the COLUMBIAN doesn't praise Mr. Homer more. The thing is simple enough. Mr. Homer's popularity rests upon a more substantial basis than newspaper praise.

It has been estimated that the amount of property destroyed by fires in the United States during the year 1881 reached the enormous value of $100,000,000. This is greatly in excess of the previous year.

Communications for publication in the COLUMBIAN *must* be accompanied by the name of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of *bona fides*. How often will it be necessary to remind people of this rule?

"The grandest son of the grandest State of the grandest Union God's sun ever kissed with its loveliness," is the bit of linked sweetness long drawn out by Samuel Foster at the recent Grant Club dinner in Albany, and applied to Roscoe Conkling.

THE monthly meeting of the Hyack Fire Company takes place at their hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

THE *Colonist* says the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne will visit British Columbia in August next.

THE dock works are stopped for want of cement, and it is in order that the contractors shall have a bill for damages!

THE Dock Committee have admitted press reporters, and the *Colonist* contains very full reports of proceedings, which everybody should read.

THE *Standard* has it that an American Company have made arrangements with the Dominion Government for the construction of the Island railway.

THE Legislature met a little while on Monday and, after passing a congratulatory address to the Queen, adjourned till next Monday. Dock investigation overshadows all else.

MR. HOMER'S AGENTS.—In our last issue we omitted to mention that Mr. Homer appointed J. W. Howison, Esq., his Agent for this City, and D. J. Robson, Esq., for Richmond.

CHILLIWHACK.—A very enjoyable and successful social was held on Friday evening, in aid of the funds for the new Methodist Church about to be built at Centreville. The amount realized was $50.

THE CITY COUNCIL.—This body met at the usual hour on Monday, but there was only a bare quorum present, and the Council, declining to enter upon important business with so many absent, adjourned.

LAST year was a most prosperous one for the Suez Canal. The receipts were over fifty million francs. The number of British ships passing through during the year was 2,256, or nearly four times as large as the total of all other nations.

FROM YALE.—Capt. Bristol arrived from Yale with the express and mails about noon yesterday. The navigation is quite open, the ice all gone, but the water is very low. A whole family came down, *en route* to the east, of the name of Carpenter.

WORSE AND MORE OF IT.—It was understood in Victoria before the steamer left, that the London arbitrators have made an award to Reed Bros., of $42,000 against British Columbia, as damages in the dry-dock affair!

POPULATION.—In giving the population of British Columbia, according to the census returns, a cipher crept in instead of a 9, making the population exclusive of Indians, Chinese, &c, 10,408, when it should have been 19,408. The true figures are low enough in all conscience.

DEAD!—After a long and painful illness, Mrs. Morrison, wife of Sheriff Morrison, died on Monday. The funeral will take place at 2 p.m., today. The bereaved husband and daughter (Mrs. B. H. Wilson, of Granville) have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

THE POLICE COURT.—The Colonial Hotel liquor selling case was tried before the Police Magistrate on Monday, and was dismissed. Our Reporter having missed the Court, we are not in a position to give a report of the case, but the proceedings are being very severely criticised by some who were present.

MATRIMONIAL.—On the 22nd ult., Mr. John Hendry, the popular manager of the Royal City Mills, was married at Victoria to Miss Adeline McMillan, daughter of the late Mr. McMillan, of Sooke, and sister to Mrs Ross of this city. The happy couple at once started for San Francisco *via* Portland. Their arrival here is looked for now.

CHINA AND JAPAN.—According to late accounts there seems to be a probability of war between these two countries, so much alike in many respects. In view of such a contingency, China is actively engaged in coal-mining; for she possesses a navy of no insignificant proportions, and she proposes doing her fighting in accordance with "the latest improvements." In the meantime Japan is disposed to go in for a high customs tariff, whereat Great Britain is displeased.

UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL.—The other day a group of our citizens, who happened to be standing on the bank of the noble Fraser, were surprised to observe approaching the city, in tow of the *Susie*, something that looked like a beautiful floating cottage, artistically made and prettily painted. Upon reaching the wharf it proved to be Mr. Judkin's floating photographic gallery, and it is now moored between Mary street and Lytton Square, where the most lovely photographs can be obtained.

THE "SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN."—The offices of this great scientific journal were consumed by the recent fire in New York, but the paper came out of the fire, like the fabled Phœnix, with renewed life. Fortunately all the subscription lists, books, records, patent drawings, &c., were preserved in massive fire-proof safes. The publication was never interrupted and is now carried on in the splendid new offices at 261 Broadway, occupying a central position, fronting towards the new Postoffice, built at a cost of $8,000,000. The situation is the best in New York, and the enterprising editors and publishers (Messrs. Munn & Co.) are deserving of every encouragement and success. Indeed their invaluable publication has become a world-wide institution, a sort of necessity in every civilized community.

TEMPERANCE MEETING. — In the City Churches, on Sunday last, the announcement was made that a mass temperance meeting would be held at the Skating Rink on Thursday (to-morrow) evening, and that addresses would be delivered thereat by His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster, and other city clergymen and laymen. The meeting commences at 8 o'clock, and we have been requested to state that ladies as well as gentlemen are expected to attend.

The Campaign.

According to announcement, Mr. Homer addressed a meeting of electors at the Town Hall, Richmond, on Monday evening. There was quite a large attendance. Hugh Boyd, Esq., Recve of the Municipality was unanimously voted to the Chair. Mr. Homer's address was listened to with attention and interest, and the meeting appeared to be unanimously with him. Mr. McLennan, doubtless deeming discretion the better part of valor, did not put in an appearance at Richmond.

Mr. Homer addressed the electors at Granville last evening, and he will address those at Moodyville this evening. And then the ballot-box! To-morrow at 10 o'clock polling will commence.

The Interior.

(From the Sentinel.)

Messrs. S. Tingley and A. VanVolkenburg arrived home by the down stage of Friday apparently not suffering from the recent accident at Kamloops Lake.

The first of March, yesterday, came in sunshine and pleasant; toward evening "a little more snow;" and to-day sunshine, with considerable soft travelling. The prospect for an early opening of navigation is good—perhaps next week we may look for boats.

The number of pupils registered at the Yale Public School, for the month of February, was 33—of whom 22 were boys and 16 girls. And the daily average attendance was 31.

The tolls upon the Cariboo road have been light of late, as most of the teaming is for the Railway work.

An International Slander.

The New York *Sun* has been guilty of perpetrating an international outrage, for which the publishers should be called to a strict account. The following indecent slander appeared in its columns last month, and is going the rounds of the press, to the injury of the fair fame of Columbia:—

A BRITISH COLUMBIA M. P. WITH FOUR WIVES.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—A British Columbia member of Parliament has caused quite a stir in the capital by arriving with a harem of four squaws. He experienced much difficulty in finding a boarding house for himself and party, as at the end of the last session of Parliament he cleared out without paying his board bill, and left many other accounts unsettled. It is altogether probable that a motion will be brought into the House of Commons to expel him.

Summary of News.

Bradlaugh has made another attempt to take his seat in the British House of Commons, but without success. On the 21st ult. he entered the House, presented himself at the table, and took the oath. The speaker, however, would not permit him to take his seat, and ordered him to withdraw below the bar, which he did under protest. Mr. Gladstone has made a motion to consider the new rules for procedure, but he was warmly opposed by the regular Opposition and the Irish members. It is believed obstructive measures will be freely resorted to by the dissatisfied. The action of the House of Lords in undertaking to investigate the operations of the new land act causes much anxiety among Government supporters. It is said that Mr. Gladstone declared that if the enquiry went on and extended to the administration of the land act, he would resign. On the 28th ult. he moved a resolution declaring the enquiry to be injurious to the interests of good government in Ireland, and he was sustained by a vote of 300 to 167. The state of Ireland is said to be very serious, and the Government are in need of a firm and cordial support. In the late French election the Republicans were signally victorious. Russian affairs continue most unsatisfactory, and it is stated that the Czar will abdicate immediately after his coronation unless there are signs of improvement. Thirteen hundred Jewish exiles from Russia are preparing to emigrate to America, and a fund of 10,000 florins will be raised for the purpose of assisting them. Lieut. Halber and Master Schuetrsel sailed on the 24th ult. to join the Jeannette searching party at the mouth of the Lena river.

BY TELEGRAPH!

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE COLUMBIAN.

YALE, March 7.—The Police last week made a raid on parties up the R. R. line who have been selling liquor without a license, arresting and summoning eight defendants. The Justices' Court has been busy all day trying the cases. Ah Coon and Ah King were each found guilty and fined $200 and costs, and $30, the amount due for license, and in default 3 months imprisonment. Charles Bastlett and Mrs. Corcran plead guilty and were remanded until Thursday for sentence. Cases against Gray, Calder and Ash come off to-morrow. Another defendant, China Charley, has decamped, but the Police are on his track.

SPENCE'S BRIDGE, March 7.—Yesterday afternoon the largest blast on the Yale-Savona contract was fired about 5 p. m. The locality was the great hard pan bluff which overhung the road and river a few miles below this place. Five holes, forty feet deep, were loaded, and all were successfully fired. An immense quantity of the bluff fell and blocked up the road for a hundred yards. Chinamen have been since then busy clearing away for stage to pass on Thursday. All residents of this place were down to see it. The weather has been very fine lately, but this afternoon it has begun to rain.

Communications.

Anti-License Petition.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—I send herewith for publication the petition prepared last summer for presentation at the session of the Licensing Court then to have been held. As the Court did not meet, it was held over, and additional signatures obtained. I may say that the petition was carried round for signature by the Revs. Archdeacon Woods, Father Horris, R. Jamieson, and the writer, by whom it was presented (His Lordship the Bishop of New Westminster taking the place of Archdeacon Woods) to the Court at its session in December. The prayer of the petition was granted by the Court—almost unanimously—all new applications being refused and the number being lessened by three. As the petition was never published, nor the names attached read to the Court, it is thought best to publish it at the present juncture, for the information of all concerned. The names, as will be seen, are very numerous and represent the city thoroughly. The absence of the names of Justices of the Peace is explained by the fact that they constitute the Court to which it was to be presented. Some three or four of the signers have removed from the city since affixing their names. As your readers will perceive, the petition is not in opposition to any particular application for license; there is nothing *personal* in it. Nor is its prayer limited to the time when it was presented. It contemplates future reductions in the number of licenses. Whether or not the people of our city have changed their minds on the subject and wish to undo the good work which they have inaugurated will be more apparent after the meeting to be held on Thursday evening next, 9th inst., in the Skating Rink, when we hope to see such an array of ladies and gentlemen as has never heretofore been brought together in this city.

Yours, &c.,

E. ROBSON,
President B. C. Alliance.

Langley Council.

Council met on Saturday, March 4, at 11 a. m. Present — Reeve (J. Jolly), and Councillors McKee, Johnstone, McIver, and Houston.

Communications were received from Delta and Maple Ridge Councils anent the Municipality Act and government grants to municipalities.

The Reeve and Councillors Johnstone and McKee were appointed a committee to draft a memorial on the subject and forward to the District Members.

A communication was received from the Surrey Council anent petitioning the Government for a grant of $300 for the purpose of clearing the Nickomekl of logs and jams.

The Clerk was instructed to forward a resolution to the Surrey Council, supporting them in their petition.

The salary by-law received its second and third readings.

The by-law for the return of the assessment roll was read three times and passed.

The Clerk was instructed to notify all parties whose taxes are still unpaid that, unless paid by the 1st of April, legal proceedings will be taken for the recovery of the same.

The assessment of 1881 was adopted for the current year and G. Rawlison was appointed Assessor.

Councillor McKee gave notice that at next meeting he would move to amend the revenue by-law.

Council adjourned until 1st Saturday in April.

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TO THE LICENSING BOARD

FOR THE CITY OF

NEW WESTMINSTER.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR WORSHIPS:

The petition of the undersigned residents of the City of New Westminster humbly sheweth—

That the number of licenses for the sale of intoxicants now held in this City is large in proportion to the population, there being about one such license for every twenty-three registered voters;

That all experience warrants the assertion that an increase in the number of drinking places inevitably entails an increase of drunkenness;

That by an increase in the number of drinking places, the temptation to attract custom by illegitimate means and to obtain business from illegitimate sources is strengthened;

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will refuse to issue any new licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of New Westminster, and that you will embrace any proper opportunity to reduce the number of licenses now existing;

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

pro A W New Westminster,
Charles E Woods,
Charles T Woods, Archdeacon of Columbia,
Edw'd M J Horris, O M I,
Robert Jamieson,
Ebenezer Robson,

J W Harvey,	Jno S Clute,
R Thomas,	Wm McColl,
H Morey,	D S Hennessy,
H Davies,	J A Sivewright,
John E Lord,	H M Stramberg,
Charles E Woods,	Wm A Johnstone,
I B Fisher,	H L DeBeck,
A M Herring,	Warren DeBeck,
Henry Eickhoff,	J B Kennedy,
W Moresby,	C H DeBeck,
J Davis,	John F Strang,
Alfred Masters,	J A Laidlaw,
Henry W Hughes,	W A Duncan,
J A R Homer,	W H Falding,
C C Johnson,	Wm Howay,
Robert Law,	Andrew Haslam,
S H Webb,	David McNair,
J Phillips,	Alex Ewen,
Eugene Garrow,	Francis Forrest,
M Michaud,	Wm Litster,
John O'Brien,	Jos Boag,
Henry Deben,	Jas Rae,
Anthony Melody,	D G Armstrong,
James Lenihan,	John Armstrong,
Chas McDonough,	John G Bunte,
Leon Eckstein,	C McNaughten,
J A McDonald,	James Turnbull,
A Cummings,	D Robson,
James Cash,	W J Howison,
John Reynolds,	John Hendry,
T McKay,	J Charles,
Thomas Walsh,	Harold Sheldon,
Jno Walsh,	P McTiernan,
James Fitzpatrick,	H McRoberts,
C J Magirl,	C E Pittendrigh,
Chas Warwick,	Owen W Browne,
D S Curtis,	E L Kirkland,
N A White,	J Kennedy,
Robert Anderson,	G Kennedy,
O D Sweet,	E A Jenns,
T R Pearson,	Chas D Knight,
Chas G Major,	C D Rand,
Lenton Purdy	Justin Chenoweth,
W R Lewis,	Alex Peers,
P Collins,	Jos Fletcher,
I Lehman,	C F Holt per E R,
John Reid,	W D Purdy,
Angus Beaton,	Jos Hunter,
William Will,	G E Corbould,
August O Lund,	Ira Ewing,
Phineas Manson,	J McMurphy, jr,
Joseph Wintemute,	A T D McElmen,
B W Shiles,	Gus Leiser,
Harry Trim,	Wm Holmes,
Thos W Kerr,	Robt Wintemute,
W N Draper,	Jas Kennedy,
John Ibbotson,	W A Handcock,
J N Draper,	James Orr,
Wm B Townsend,	Alex Coutts,
W F Archibald,	A Burns per E R,
J Wilson,	F Tauere,
G Pittendrigh,	J A Calbick,
L R McInnes,	Wm Turnbull,
Thos H Mathers,	Geo Turnbull,
Nicholas Stacey,	J McMurphy, sr,
Henry Mathers,	C Newland Trew,
Matthew Gray,	Francis Guest,
John C Brown,	James Rousseau,
Wm Rae,	John Elliot,
E S Scoullar,	John McLean,
A W Scoullar,	D B Grant,
Thos Jno Trapp,	James McKay,
	H H Williams.

Corporation of Delta.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all taxes due and unpaid will be charged with interest from date at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum until paid.

WM. McKEE,
Bayview Farm, Clerk & Collector.
Delta, January 16, 1882. fe8-1m

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H. S. ROEBUCK,
Secretary.

Dominion Gov't Agent's Office,
Victoria, B. C., 11th Feb., 1882.
fe15

NOTICE.

I INTEND AT THE NEXT SITting of the Licensing Court held for the City of New Westminster to apply for a License to sell Liquors by retail at the EAGLE HOTEL, Front street, New Westminster.

mh1 HENRY V. EDMONDS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I intend to apply to the Licensing Court, at its next sitting, for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the COLONIAL HOTEL, Columbia Street, New Westminster.

JOHN E. INSLEY.

New Westminster, Feb. 17, 1882. fe18

NOTICE.

I INTEND AT THE NEXT SITting of the Licensing Court to apply for a License to sell spirituous and fermented Liquors by retail at the Palace Restaurant, Front street, New Westminster.

fe15 HANNAH HERRING.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the UNION HOTEL, Columbia street, in this City.

HENRY EICKHOFF.

New Westminster, 16th Feb., 1882. fe18

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE that from and after this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Isabella Magee, she having left my bed and board without just cause.

Dated 21st Feb., 1882.

HUGH MAGEE.

North Arm, Fraser River. fe22

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Licensing Board for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises known as the ORO RESTAURANT, Columbia street, in this City.

S. W. DAGGETT.

New Westminster, 17th Feb., 1882. fe18

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I PROPOSE OPENING A

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CHARLES E. WOODS,
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DOMINION ELECTION.

REQUISITION and REPLY.

To J. A. R. HOMER, ESQ.,
New Westminster.

We, the undersigned Electors of the District of New Westminster, having heard that a vacancy has occurred in the representation of this District in the House of Commons, request you to allow yourself to be put in nomination as a Candidate to fill the vacancy, and pledge ourselves to give you all the support in our power.

Hugh Nelson,	J McMurphy, jr,
W J Armstrong,	Geo Turnbull,
W D Ferris,	J A Calbick,
R W Deane,	Philip McMahon,
Jno Robson,	Walter Savery,
R Thomas,	John Walsh,
James Wise,	John Reid,
J C Armstrong,	Allen Cummings,
James Orr,	James O'Halloran,
J W Howison,	D J Robson,
Loftus R McInnes,	D Mills,
D Curtis,	H Mathers,
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H V Edmonds,	W Johnston,
John Stewart,	Chas G Major,
John Murray,	Peter Birrel,
Henry Malony,	Joseph Davis,
J N Draper,	W G Gossett,
Walter Blackie,	Alex Ewen,
James A Clarke,	R H Baker,
B H Wilson,	Russell Smither,
Angus Morrison,	William Ross,
PalmerPhilibrown,	R Hume,
Henry Bruce,	R Anderson,
John R Scott,	I Lehman,
W J Howison,	B Preston,
Geo Mackenzie,	J VanBramer,
John King,	Donald McPhail,
Joseph Murray,	Adam Innes,
C Isaachaxin,	John E Lord,
C B Sword,	Andrew Haslam,
Samuel Cawley,	T R Pearson,
Thos E Kitchen,	W Hamilton,
S A Cawley,	Henry Kells,
Wm Prest,	C M McNaughten,
Thos Lewis,	B W Shiles,
Samuel Greer,	S H Webb,
R Thompson,	W J Mathers,
Alex Thompson,	James Turnbull,
John Wilson,	J G Jaques,
Chas Bell,	Andrew Fisher,
John Fannin,	A P Briggs,
H S Perkins,	J E Gray,
Coby Lewis,	D B Grant,
George Black,	John Elliott,
W T Blair,	Geo Crawford,
Oliver Parent,	W H Keary,
Hugh Stalker,	Henry Eickhoff,
B Springer,	J W Hennessy,
D S Milligan,	John McMillan,
Peter Rweis,	Jacob Benter,
Oliver G Harbell,	A Melody,
Murray Thain,	Robert Morison,
S Wocker,	Henry Elliott,
R Beard,	William Edwards,
Donald McGregor,	J McMurphy, sr,
William Dineen,	Wm E Fales,
Alfred N C King,	I B Fisher,
James Hart,	Wm Holmes,
Andrew Breen,	Joseph Wintemute,
James Gillis,	John Wintemute,
Chris Irvine,	Alex Stevenson,
W H Soule,	James McArthur,
R Alexander,	James S Gray,
H L DeBeck,	Donald McLean,
John Kirkland,	J E Phillips,
Hugh Magee,	C Mayers,
Wm Kent,	W B Townsend,
John B McLeod,	Fred Eickhoff,
S Brighouse,	L Grimmer,
Robt Johnson,	George Turner,
A C Fraser,	Wm McColl,
Joseph Shannon,	W J French,
Adam Jackson,	Thos McNeely,
Robt McKee,	Samuel Trapp,
James Bell,	A Peele,
Christopher Lee,	Thos J Trapp,
Wm A Handcock,	Alex Coutts,
G E Corbould,	Richard Andrews,
Thos W Grav,	Joseph Maynard,
Francis Page,	John J Turner,
Jno C Fernihough,	George Mead,
E A Atkins,	Jas W Harvey,
Sacklin Ross,	W A Duncan,
D Withrow,	Donald Chisholm,
Robert Gray,	Jno A Webster,
William Jenkins,	J Laidlaw,
John Murchison,	Thomas Cook,
J A Sivewright,	Thos L Scott,
Duncan Rowan,	A W Scoullar,
Charles D Knight,	Geo C Webster,
S W Barnes,	Thos McKay,
Alex Michell,	M Nelson,
William Powers,	W D Purdy,
Thomas Gunan,	Wm Turnbull,
John H Sprott,	Joseph Devlin,
John Fergusson,	H McRoberts,
Henry Dawson,	E S Scoullar,
Charles E Woods,	Joseph Wise,
Charles Digby,	George Gray.

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN—

I have much pleasure in acceding to your request conveyed to me in your requisition, that I would allow myself to be nominated as a Candidate, at the ensuing election of a Representative to fill the seat now vacant in the House of Commons. If I should be elected to fill this honorable position, I will give my support to the present Government, and in doing so, will trust that my future course of action may meet with the approval of my constituents, as it did on former occasions when I had the honor of representing you in the Legislative Council of this Colony. If elected, I will advocate the early completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I will urge upon the Government the necessity of placing the Dominion Lands, now held in reserve, in a position so they may be made available for immediate settlement.

I will endeavor to show the Government the benefit which would be derived from the extension of the Ocean Mail Service to the Mainland, and to obtaining greater mail facilities throughout the Province.

As British Columbia has not been admitted to the benefits of the Washington Treaty, I will urge upon the Government the justice of allowing an abatement of Customs duties upon all material required for the Fisheries, and will ask for an appropriation for the establishing of Hatcheries.

The Agricultural, Manufacturing, and Mining interests will receive my most careful attention, and if the formation of a Commercial Federation of Great Britain and her Colonies, for their mutual benefit, should come under consideration, it will receive my earnest support.

Owing to the transitory state of the Dominion, many new questions will undoubtedly arise; in dealing with these, I will see that the interests of my constituents are protected.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,
Ja28 J. A. R. HOMER.

Our Story.

KITH AND KIN.

(Continued.)

"I call that *life*, that sort of thing, for those who take part in it," he said within himself. "One afternoon of that would be worth a hundred years of selling gray shirtings and towelings, and being badgered if your sale don't come up to the mark you are expected to reach. It's a life for a galley-slave, by gad! and nothing better. I wish I saw my way out of it. 'Aglionby this!' 'Aglionby that!'". His face darkened. "And then old Jenkinson, who's rolling in money, can go canting to people about its being a misfortune for any young man to have anything to depend upon but his own exertions! Hum! Ha! I wish he'd just let one of his own sons exchange with me, and see where his own exertions landed him. I should like to cut the whole concern, and go off to Canada, or New Zealand; only I like Irkford, and I like the life there is here. I like the politics, and the stir and throb of a big city like this. And then Liz—poor little Liz!—she would scream at the very notion of such a thing."

A smile dawned in Aglionby's face and eyes, which for a few moments had been preternaturally grave, and even severe. This smile was unquestionably a tender one; it transfigured his face, and made it look like that of another being, gave a softness and a graciousness to the hard, sharp outlines, and melted away the cynical little lines about the mouth. He looked up, rousing himself from his abstraction, with a vague consciousness that he must be near home, and found himself within a few paces of the house. He strode up the little walk, and opened the door with a latch-key.

Apparently its rattle in the lock had been heard, for as he was pulling it out, and standing just within the narrow little passage, about to close the door, some one came tripping out of a back parlor and said:

"How late you are!"

"I'm sorry, my child! Couldn't afford so many 'bus fares in one day, so I had to walk," he replied, putting the latch-key into his pocket with one hand, and with the other possessing himself of her slim fingers; then his arm by some means slipped around her waist, and thus pinioned, he led her into the dark, little back parlor whence she had emerged.

"Come, let me go, sir! You and I are going to have our teas all alone, and that's more luck than you deserve. And then off we go! Oh, I'm dying to be off, and we shall get no places if we're not in lots of time."

"Well, stop—you can spare time for me to have one look at you. Let's see how your new finery suits you."

He held her off at arm's length, and gazed at her with his keen eyes softening visibly. Handsome though his own features were, his hard and cynical expression made his face almost a plain and decidedly a sombre one. Surely she compensated for his want of attractiveness; for she was an exquisitely pretty creature. Tall, lithe, and *svelte*, her form was enchanting, while the long, slender, white throat supported a lovely little head. She was fair, with a delicate complexion, untouched by the smoke and closeness of the town. She had one of those faces, child's and woman's at once, which appeal irresistibly to all male hearts, and to most feminine ones. Soft blue eyes; a lovely mouth, pensive, yet pouting, and a dreamy smile; abundance of pale hair, which, however, just failed to have the true corn-colored tinge which makes the difference between flax and gold—all these charms she possessed, together with that other charm usually wielded by women at nineteen years of age. So much for the first view; the real undeniable advantages—and they were all that Aglionby had ever seen. From the hour in which he had been betrothed to her, he had been firmly convinced that she embodied his ideal of womanhood. Perhaps a feminine eye would have been required to perceive, a feminine finger to point out, certain other characteristics, which, however, *she* might read who ran.

Miss Lizzie Vane wore a dress which faithfully followed every worst point of the prevailing fashion; and exaggerated all of them a little, by way of originality. Her gown was the gown of the present day. It fitted her almost half the length from her throat to her heels, like a skin; it was well tied back just behind the knees, and on the ground behind an abundance of perfectly meaningless little frills, arranged upon a spoon- or wedge-shaped piece of stuff, waggled and whisked about with her every movement. This was the "train" of Miss Vane's dress; for a young lady moving in her exalted sphere, and living too in one of the palatial family mansions of Crane Street, could hardly be expected to dispense with so useful, so necessary an appendage. Her waist was—let us say, *very* slim indeed; her bust and hips forced into a prominence displeasing in itself, and out of all proportion with the rest of her figure. Her plentiful hair was gathered behind into as small and shabby a round knob as it could by any means be screwed into: in front a great wisp of it was pulled forward, relentlessly cut short, and then curled, frizzed, piled and towered both on the front of her head, and over her pretty white forehead. Certainly a pair of liquid blue eyes look at you with a very bewitching glance from out a forest of such little ringlets; and so Aglionby thought. So much for Miss Vane's appearance while in repose. The exigencies of her sub-skirt arrangements, the position of what she called her "kicking-straps" necessitated a side-long, crab-like movement, which, if gracefully managed, is amusing for a short time as a novelty, but he who would call it soothing or agreeable as a permanent form of locomotion in one who is to be a companion for life, must be a man who is very much in love indeed.

It was upon this sinuous-looking form that Aglionby gazed with admiring eyes. Then his glance left her form and fell upon her face. That at least was lovely, since it had no waist to be compressed into an attenuation suggestive of the most painful results in case of any unlooked-for accident. No frizzing and no torturing of hair could make it otherwise. Ill-temper now, old age in her future, could alone have power to make Lizzie Vane's face an ugly one, and—to tell the whole truth—no power, in the heavens above, or in the earth beneath, would ever make the said face a noble one, or put a spark of intellectual fire into the sweet blue eyes.

"*Do* come and get your tea!" she implored him, wriggling impatiently. "Ma has gone out. I've been waiting for you for such a time, I should have died of dullness, if Mr. Golding hadn't looked in, and cheered my solitude."

She laughed a little affectedly.

"Percy came, did he? Ah! your society would suit him much better than the home-truths we've been hearing this afternoon. There was too much of the sledge-hammer about our proceedings to suit friend Percy," he said, smiling sardonically, as he seated himself; and Miss Vane, bending in an elegantly serpentine attitude, stood before the tray, and poured out the tea.

"Why don't you sit down, too?" he asked. "I thought you were going to get tea with me."

"So I am, but I shall stand. I can't sit down, I'm so impatient, and I must be off to get ready," replied Lizzie, conscious of a treacherous tension about the knees, which she knew by experience meant a crack, and a sudden unseemly expansion of garment, in the event of sitting down, or of assuming any other than an upright posture.

"How do you like my dress? You don't even seem to see it," she said, bending into a graceful curve, and looking affectionately over her shoulder at the spoon-shaped train before alluded to.

"It's—well, I don't understand such thinks. I suppose it's very pretty, but I don't think it suits you quite so well as some you've had. It looks a little tight, as if there hadn't been quite enough stuff, doesn't it?"

"There's a compliment!" cried she, with more heat than the occasion seemed to demand. "But you're no judge. Mr. Golding said he had never seen anything in more perfect taste."

"Well, Percy's more of a judge than I am, and then he has sisters," said Bernard, with ready acquiescence; "so, I suppose, it must be right. And," he added, in a most perfect innocence and good faith, "I suppose they know what's what in a big shop like Land & Robinson's, eh?"

"Yes," said Lizzie, eagerly, and all smiles; "why? did you see anything like it in their windows?"

"N—no. At least I didn't observe anything; but when I went to buy that ribbon for you last week, the girl who served me had on a dress exactly like this of yours—only black, you know. She reminded me of you, somehow."

He smiled, thinking he had paid an unexceptionable compliment. Indeed, a year ago the idea of his going into a draper's shop to buy ribbons for a girl would have been scouted by him as being out of the range of possibility. But flimsy creatures have, ere this, wielded considerable power over other creatures which were anything but flimsy. Lizzie Vane's influence had tamed him, not only to the buying of ribbons, but to a feeling of anxiety to understand and sympathise with her in her own particular province—that of dress and millinery. To his surprise and discomfiture, his last well-meant effort produced only an angry pout.

"Really your ideas are so odd, Bernard. To think of comparing me with a shop-girl!" she expostulated.

It was Bernard's turn to look surprised. "I didn't compare you with a shop-girl," he said, "and if I had—I don't know much about such things—but that girl I speak of was infinitely superior to some of her customers. Why not a shop-girl, Lizzie?" he added reflectively. "Suppose you had been obliged to go out, as they call it, to earn your living. I'd rather be a saleswoman in one of those big shops full of pretty things, than a nursery governess, with a lot of impudent, squalling brats to tyrannize over me."

"I've never considered the subject, not having felt the necessity for it," retored Miss Vane, loftily. Bernard smiled slightly. If anybody but Lizzie had been talking, scathing would have been the comments upon pampered ignorance and upstart vanity. As it was, he let the observation pass, and, spreading a slice of bread and butter, attacked another topic—one which he had tried before with scant success. He spoke out of the fullness of his heart, not because he hoped that Lizzie would feel interested in the subject.

"We *had* a meeting this afternoon, Liz! I don't believe there ever was such a meeting!"

"Oh, I know nothing about such meetings," she replied, with temper.

"No; I'm glad of it, my child."

This was his usual reply to such announcements on the part of his betrothed. He made it, not because it was what he really felt, but rather what he thought he ought to feel under the circumstances. Perhaps he cherished a hope that frequent repetition of the words would produce the desired sensation

"There were lots of ladies there, though," he added, and the face of the young woman who had sat near him was vaguely present in his mind as he spoke.

"I expect they were frights," she said, not yet appeased.

"Not a bit of it. There were some very fine ladies indeed there, I can tell you. A very fine-looking young woman sat close to me."

"How was *she* dressed?" asked Miss Vane.

"Oh, how do I know. In black, I think."

"Had she a hat or a bonnet on?"

"I don't know. She'd something that shaded her eyes—a low, round thing."

"A *round hat with a brim!*. At a large meeting! Impossible! No one would wear such a thing."

"Now you give it a name—it was a hat with a brim," he rejoined. "White straw it was, with a white feather laid round it, somehow, flat-looking. And a little silk shawl, quite loose round her shoulders."

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