

is a staunch Liberal, is dead for Responsible Government, and made a very good fight for that cause at the last General Election; the politics of the latter we have no means of ascertaining. We hope the electors will be on the alert, and show that they are not behind other parts of the Island in their appreciation of good government, as will be evinced by the selection they make. One half of the District has been rescued from the Tories in the person of Mr. Davies; why should not the other half follow suit?

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTH DAY.—Yesterday, being the anniversary of Her Majesty's Birth day, a *feu de joie* was fired in honour of it, and a Ball was given at Government House in the evening.

THE BALL.—We regret to say that no bulletins have yet been issued, informing us of the state of the health of the parties who figured on the "light fantastic toe" last evening, at Government House. It is asserted, but not with any degree of credibility, that his Excellency was uncommonly polite to the members of the majority of the Assembly, whom he took especial care to invite, and that more than one was singularly happy in dancing to his Excellency's entire satisfaction his favorite reel of Tullochgorum! We will not believe the story till we are further informed, as we may be by Wednesday.

LATEST NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA.

The *Pacific News*, a California paper, furnishing dates to the 1st April, contains many interesting notices of the progress of that country in wealth and population, and of the successful operations of the miners. The following paragraphs are selected from a leading editorial on the progress of immigration, and the future prospects of the country:—

MATTERS ON THE PACIFIC SIDE.—Since our last issue for the Steamer, many changes have occurred, showing the rapid onward progress of California. The rains have ceased, and everything betokens a revival of the accustomed activity in business circles.

The immigration from the States is beginning to pour in upon our shores in one unbroken current, and the steamers plying upon our rivers are crowded to their utmost in the conveyance of passengers and freight to the various cities and towns in the great interior valleys, and to the different mines.

Our accounts from the mines are reliable, and all concur in stating the inexhaustible quantity of the precious metal. In fact it is the opinion of the oldest miners,—those who have spent the past winter in the mountains,—that the same ground worked over last year will be found far more productive this; while at the same time additional and extensive districts are being opened, which will give profitable employment to hundreds of thousands for a generation to come.

San Francisco is still increasing in extent, though less rapidly than last fall. Rents are less, and will still farther decline, which will prove beneficial to the substantial prosperity of the city. In short, the future of San Francisco and California is full of promise, which can only be overshadowed by the passing clouds.

Discoveries of new mines are being constantly made, which transfers the excitement and the tide of adventures from one place to another, before any diligent operations can be sustained in either. We select two notices of such discoveries from several which appear in the *Pacific News*:—

GOLD ON THE EASTERN SLOPE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA.—The existence of gold on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, although not seriously questioned since its discovery on the numerous streams heading on the western side of the same chain, has never been authenticated in a form as to leave the matter free from doubt. A gentleman who has just arrived in this city from the east by way of the Great Salt Lake and Los Angeles informs us that the question is settled. In what quantities the gold exists, he is unable to say, as a want of provisions precluded his party from halting long enough to test the richness of the discovery. The metal was found on the surface of rotten granite, and to a certain depth intermingled with it, forming the bed of a stream then dry. Its locality is about two hundred miles from Los Angeles, on the old Spanish trail between that place and Santa Fe, in the neighbourhood of the Little Salt Lake. A party has left Los Angeles for the spot, prepared to test the availability of this new placer.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT DISCOVERY—GOLD MINES NEAR LOS ANGELOS.—We learn, on respectable authority, that there is great excitement at the present time in the city of Los Angeles. Our informant has just received a letter from one of his friends, which states that rich gold mines have been discovered in South California. They are in the same range of hills from which flows the tributaries of the Sacramento and San Joaquin. Crowds are going up to the new mines, among whom are gentlemen from the first commercial houses of the place. We sincerely trust that this report will prove true, since it will be a start to the southern portion of our State, and throw it into the same importance now possessed by the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

No wonder that the intellects of half the world are being unsettled by the golden visions constantly seizing on the imagination, and directing it towards this wonderful land!

Not the least important and profitable business in California is that of Agriculture, if we are to rely upon the following statement:—

AGRICULTURE IN CALIFORNIA.—We are pleased to learn from Mr. Simmons, of the "Nevata Ranch," that he has entered extensively into Agriculture, and that his crops are looking remarkably well. His ranch is situated near Sonoma, and he has upwards of sixty acres of corn, potatoes, peas, onions, &c., under cultivation.

He brought to market a large quantity of radishes, which went off briskly at 6s. a bunch, each bunch containing four radishes. His salad brought four shillings a bunch. The fair average yield per acre for potatoes and onions is five hundred bushels, and he estimates that the crop which he will gather would be worth at the present market price, \$70,000. Surely agriculture is the best mining in California.

The paper from which we make the above extracts is not so large as the double sheet EXAMINER, which we issue for 10s. a year, and the cost of subscription to it is \$25 for twelve months, or \$16 dollars for six months! O Printers, and Patrons of Newspapers, think of that! We will, perhaps, give further extracts in our next.

STEAMBOAT ACCIDENT ON LAKE ERIE.—The Toronto *Globe*, May 9th, has the following painful announcement:—

We were informed by Telegraph, on Tuesday evening, of the loss of the steamer Commerce, owned by McPherson, Crane, & Co., on her voyage, with troops, from Montreal to Port Stanley. She came in collision, near Port Maitland, with the steamer Despatch, shortly after 12 o'clock on Monday night, and sank in eight fathoms of water. She had on board 150 men of the 23rd Regiment, and we deeply grieve to say that 38 persons met a watery grave. Of these, one was an officer, 22 privates, and 13 women and children connected with the Regiment; of the remaining two, one belonged to the steamer, and the other was a lad of 14 years of age, the son of a gentleman residing in Montreal. As to who was to blame in the matter, we have, as yet, no information.

RECIPROCITY.—From the best information we can obtain, we believe it is settled among the leading men at Washington, that the measure of reciprocity with the United States is at present to extend to Canada only, and will not include these Lower Colonies at all. Such a partial proceeding as this will create the most unqualified dissatisfaction here, and should be resisted by every possible means. New Brunswick and the other North American colonies ought not to be neglected and sacrificed to propitiate the restlessness and turbulence of Canada, and any attempt to do so, will we doubt not, be most sturdily resisted. We trust the Executive of the Province will send some one member of the Government to Washington to remonstrate against any such proceeding, and point out its injustice and impropriety. —*St. John (N. B.)—“Courier.”*

THE CUBAN EXPEDITION.—Some of the writers for the press doubt whether any expedition of a hostile character has sailed from this country to Cuba; but the accounts that we have received from New Orleans and Baltimore with certain other facts that have come to our knowledge, induce us to believe that the reports concerning this expedition, although they are exaggerated, have yet a basis of truth. It is pretty certain, at least, that two ship loads of people, with arms in their possession, have recently left Baltimore, and the telegraph from New Orleans says that several vessels similarly laden have left that port. A dealer in fire-arms in this city has sold, within the last month, thirty thousand stand of muskets, his usual sale for the same season, in years past, not having averaged as many hundreds.

During the past few days considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been received, and several vessels have left with men, artillery, &c., ostensibly for Chagres, but supposed bound for the invasion of Cuba. Yesterday the Spanish Consul offered \$6000 for the charter of a steamer to convey despatches to Cuba, the owners, however, refused and the Consul then sent them in a fast schooner.—*New York paper, May 14.*

COFFEE.—A merchant on one of the wharves in Boston, has sold eight thousand casks of peas this season, for the purpose of being burnt and ground with coffee; and they are probably selling as pure Java, Sumatra, &c. In the market report of a New York paper, we find the following significant paragraph:—“Canadian peas are dull, in consequence of the decline in Coffee.”

ANOTHER YELL AGAINST THE “PAY.”
ONE would have imagined from the yell of a savage, who, over the signature of “An Elector,” printed two letters in the *Islander* about a fortnight ago, that the majority of House of the Assembly were to be regularly

tomahawked after the most ferocious fashion, in succeeding numbers of the *Islander*, for daring to oppose the wishes of the Governor and the Compact. Though quite willing to give “An Elector” credit for the most villainous intentions, yet, we perceive by last night's paper, that he is not such a fierce and terrible dog as he appeared at first sight; and though capable of raising the most savage whoop, he has not the arm to wield the tomahawk.

The public having given little attention to his billings-gate on the subject of the Members' pay, he, like all adepts in blackguardism, repeats his abuse, or like a dog, having nearly dislocated his jaws in barking, still barks on, because nobody minds him.

The worst feature in the character of “an Elector” is, that he is one of the most brazen and unblushing of thieves, for he has positively purloined from the last six years volumes of the *Islander* the substance of all the lies and filth which have been flung at the character of Mr. Whelan, without showing the least aptitude for invention, or the least spark of wit in dressing up afresh the oft-told tales. Mr. Whelan has the happiness to inform “an Elector” that he has not slept the less soundly, nor ate the less heartily, since the *Islander* of yesterday appeared, than he did on any previous occasion; he is provokingly insensible to personal attacks in the columns of the *Islander*, especially when those attacks have been refuted a score of times over, and when they are based upon falsehood, and propagated by cowards, who dare not put their names to them. If “an Elector” was not as base a wretch, as he is stupid and uninteresting, Mr. Whelan might take the trouble of tearing his letter to ribbons; but there can be no honour in parleying with a liar, a blackguard, and a coward, more particularly when that coward, blackguard, and liar steals his falsehoods from previous numbers of the *Islander*.

THE REAL PENNY-PICKPOCKET.

Professor Numskull—Boss to D. Maclean—finding that the *Islander* would not pass at a 100 per cent discount, he having offered the *Slander* sheet to country people for 7s. 6d. per annum, but meeting few who were so hard up for news or so prodigal of cash—has hit upon the notable project of hashing up the falsehoods of the *Islander*, and re-ejecting them through the medium of a little sheet he styles “The Express”: so that what sold yesterday for fourpence may be purchased for a penny to-day! Whether the spec is tried to raise the needful for Duncan, is a fact of which the prospectus does not inform us; but we think it decidedly a bad spec to give a penny for either the *Islander* or the bantling begotten of it.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—“A Tax-payer” and “Tom Moon” will be inserted in our next.

BIRTH.

On the 20th inst., the lady of Dr. Hobkirk of a son.

SHIP NEWS.

ENTERED.

MAY 20—Schr. Marie St. Croix Furnier, Quebec; do. Conservative, Van Amburgh, Wallace; bal.—Packet, Baban, Pictou; coal. 21—New London, Beers, do.; do. Peri, Davies, St. Thomas; molasses, sugar, &c. 23—Fanny, Pine, Pictou; coal. Flora, Hingley, do.; salt.

CLEARED, May 13th.—Saacaaban, Green, Boston, produce. 14th.—Resident, Rougetell, Boston, produce; Lady Sale, McNeill, St. Johns, N. F., produce; Hero, Landries, Pictou, produce; Ellen, Martellette, Tatamagouche, produce; Galaxy, Pinkney, Pictou, goods; Isabella, Cantley, Pictou, ballast. 15th.—Elza Hand, Richardson, Boston, produce. 17th.—Virgin, Martell, Halifax, produce; Shannon, King, St. Johns, N. F., cattle. Gentleman, Babin, Pictou; bal. 18—Jane Ann, Languit, N. S.; produce. Fly, Campbell, Halifax; do. Mary Ann, Campbell, Pictou; do. Foreigner, McDonald, Boston.

PASSENGERS.

In the Civility, from Bideford, on Thursday last, Mrs. Hebbes, Mrs. Browne and two children, Rev. Jacob Gale and lady. Three in the steerage.

In the Pink, from Liverpool, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lawson. In the steamer from Pictou, on Sunday evening—Messrs. J. Duncan, P. Gaul, J. Williams, Stephenson, Quebec; Mrs. Richardson and child, and 13 in the steerage.

In the steamer from Pictou, on Thursday evening—Mr. and Mrs. James Reddin; Messrs. N. Rankin, D. McIsaac, Hunt, D. Fraser, N. McLean, and others.

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