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REMOVAL.

The office of the VICTORIA GAZETTE is now in the building on Johnston street, south side, six doors above Wharf street.

Gold on Queen Charlotte's Island.

We hear it stated that an expedition is being organized and fitted out to sail for Queen Charlotte's Island, in search of gold. This Island is situated some three hundred miles to the north-west of Victoria, and the Indian tribes who inhabit it are distinguished above all others on this coast for their ingenuity and skill in mechanics and the "fine arts." Some specimens of their workmanship which we have seen, in carving miniatures out of slate, are really creditable as works of art; and their canoes are perfect models of nautical beauty. It has long been believed that gold existed on this Island, and stories told of large lumps of the precious metal having been seen in the possession of the natives, currently reported. Some of our readers may remember the sailing of an expedition from San Francisco, in 1852, for Queen Charlotte's Island, in search of gold, which created in California at that time considerable interest, but which resulted disastrously to its originators. It sailed in March or April of that year, on board the schooner Susan Sturgis, Capt. Rooney, and among the gold hunters were Messrs. C. S. Simpson and —— Lang, both now residents of Victoria, and some thirty-five others.

After a short passage, they arrived in what is now known as Mitchell's Harbor, and anchored.—Here they remained some weeks, but from fear of the Indians, or for other reasons with which we are unacquainted, did not prospect the country far into the interior. Some little coarse gold was found in dry diggings, and a few specimens of quartz rock near the beach. The expedition then becoming dissatisfied—some being in favor of a thorough prospecting of the country, and others desiring to return home and abandon the whole project, a kind of compromise was effected, by which eight of the party were to remain while the balance should return to San Francisco. Accordingly the Susan Sturgis sailed from Mitchell's Harbor, with the greater number of the (at first) sanguine gold hunters, but now disspirited men, with the understanding that she was immediately to return with supplies, &c., to look after the more courageous and adventurous fellows who had erected their tents on the strange land, among the savages.

The vessel reached San Francisco in safety, made the necessary purchases, and immediately started back, with almost an entirely new set of men on board. Again she anchored in Mitchell's Harbor, delighting the hearts of the poor castaways on the shore. They too, had by this time become disheartened, and were willing to leave the country. They said there were too many difficulties in the way of mining operations, and too many deprivations to be endured, to recompense them. Accordingly they were taken on board, and the vessel soon after weighed anchor, and started on a cruise around the Island, trafficking with the Indians, preparatory to sailing homeward. A large party of the savages, belonging to a tribe at war with the natives among whom the eight whites had lived, boarded the ship, seemingly with friendly intentions, her officers thinking for the purposes of traffic. They proved, however, to be hostile, and succeeded, by greatly superior numbers, in capturing the vessel without a struggle. The whites were made slaves of, and some weeks afterwards were sold to the Hudson Bay Co., who having learned of their capture, determined on rescuing them, sending a vessel under command of Capt. Mitchell, now the commander of the H. B. Co.'s steamer Otto, to the Island for the purpose. The enterprise succeeded, and the men were brought to Victoria. A certain number of blankets were paid for each man, costing the Company about $30 for each captive. Most of the rescued men soon after worked their way back to California, and we believe Mr. Lang is the only one who settled in this town. The captured schooner was destroyed by the Indians.

OUR IMMIGRANT POPULATION.—According to the San Francisco Prices Current, there have come to Puget Sound ports from California, since the inception of the Fraser fever, 23,408 persons, 492 of whom were women, and 134 children. In the month of July, the departures hither from the same port were 7,521, while the arrivals at San Francisco from Puget Sound were 1,791.

EXCITING INCIDENT.—Quite an exciting incident occurred yesterday, about noon, in which an Indian played the hero. It seemed he stole a pair of pantaloons, or some other article of clothing from the store of a Frenchman on Johnston street, who, catching him in the act, attempted to arrest him. The Indian ran down the street, the Frenchman in pursuit, crying "stop thief." Near the junction with the bridge, he ran under the wharf and jumped into a canoe in which were two women and several children, and shoved off for the opposite shore, keeping the crowd back by presenting a cocked rifle which he had in the boat.—One of the women grasped the rifle, and attempted to disarm the rascal, but was shaken off. The crowd in the meantime became very much excited, and cried out "shoot him!" "shoot him!"—"take him, dead or alive!" but no one felt disposed to take the risk of the daring act, as the Indian appeared quite determined and collected.—The canoe was slowly paddled off until it reached the middle of the stream about fifty yards above the bridge, without molestation; the Indian seemed in no hurry to escape, still keeping the gun cocked and in a threatening attitude. The populace called out for the police, two of whom it is said were present and had witnessed the whole proceedings, and indulged in no very complimentary remarks as to their courage and promptness in performing their duty. In a few minutes, the Indian passed under the bridge, and started in the direction of the entrance to the harbor, as if to make good his escape. A possee of eight policemen went in pursuit, and after some search succeeded in effecting his capture, bringing him back to the town, and locking him up in the prison, where he now awaits his trial and punishment.

IMPROVEMENTS IN VICTORIA.—The number of new buildings erected in this city since the 12th June, is as follows:

Johnson st., from the Bridge to Vancouver st.	61
Yates st., from Wharf st. to Vancouver st.	59
Wharf st., from Johnson to the Fort	35
Government st., fm Johnson to Kanaka Road	21
Broad street	18
Store street	9
Waddington street	9
Fort street	7
View street	5
Kanaka street and vicinity	8
On streets not named	18
Total wooden and brick buildings	250

It is safe to say that two-thirds of the above number of buildings are occupied as stores for the sale of goods, besides which, there are not less than one hundred canvass buildings used for stores, restaurants, &c.

Proceedings of the House of Assembly.

[REPORTED FOR THE GAZETTE.]

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1858.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Present—Messrs. Pemberton, Skinner, Yates, Kennedy, M'Kay, Muir, and Mr. Speaker Helmcken.

Mr. Yates moved for returns from the Collector of Customs, showing the number of vessels entered and cleared at this port, the amount of moneys received from duties, the number of clerks employed in the Department, their nationality, &c. Seconded.

The special order of the day, the bill for the registration of deeds, &c., was called for. Mr. Skinner's amendment, providing for the payment of the salary of the Registrar from fees, was discussed.

Mr. Pemberton thought the amendment left the Registrar's compensation too indefinite and uncertain. He did not believe any respectable man could be found who would be willing to enter into such a gambling operation as to receive may be £1500 or £100 per annum as compensation for his services. He was in favor of a fixed salary, to be paid out of the receipts of the office, if sufficient, or if not, the deficit to be made up out of the Colonial treasury.

The amendments were withdrawn for the present, and the bill put upon its second reading, and carried. The bill was then made the special order for next Tuesday morning, then to be considered in Committee of the Whole, and open for discussion and amendment, preparatory to being put upon its final passage.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole—Mr. Skinner in the chair—upon the Governor's message of 9th August, and accompanying documents, relating to the public revenues; the condition of the Victoria prison, and the erection of a public hospital.

Mr. Yates offered a resolution, acknowledging the receipt of the Governor's communication, and recommending that the Prison be so planned as to serve the place of an hospital for sick prisoners, and to keep the non-convicted from the convicted, and expressing as the opinion of the House, that the expense in the erection of the same should not exceed £500. And with respect to the erection of a public hospital, expressing the opinion that the House does not consider that such an institution should be supported by the Colonial Government, but think such a benevolent object should be left to the good feeling and charity of the public, at the same time, the House agrees that when such an institution is properly projected and in process of being carried out, the Government should lend assistance to the scheme and promote the same in every constitutional method; always premising that the medical and surgical staff of such hospi-

surprise of the House that no licenses had been taken out by any one for the District of Nanaimo, although it is generally known that large quantities of spirits are sold there, suggesting that inquiry be made in this matter, and steps be taken to enforce the law in that District; and "that the House also observes that no notice has been taken of the balance remaining in hand from the license fund of last year." Also, "that the House further considers that the income of the Customs Department is also under the control of the Legislature, such income being derived from regulations made by the Colonial government." Carried.

The subject of the removal of the Victoria school was taken up, when Mr. Helmcken offered a preamble and resolution, which, after acknowledging the receipt of the Governor's communication of August 9th, relating to the Victoria school house being taken as a private residence by the Collector of the Port, declared such proceeding "impolitic," considering it "inexpedient, unnecessary and unadvisable to supply the officers of the Customs Department with private residences," as entailing an "unjustifiable and superfluous expense upon the Colony," and for these reasons the House would humbly submit, that the school be allowed to remain in its present situation and be put in a proper state of repair. Adopted.

The motion asking for the removal of the bridge across the northern arm of the bay was taken from the table.

Mr. Pemberton offered a resolution expressing the opinion of the House that the entrance to the inner bay should be opened, and that a sufficient sum of money be placed in the hands of the Colonial Surveyor for that purpose. Adopted.

Mr. M'Kay moved for a Committee on Ways and Means, to be appointed this day fortnight.—Adopted.

The House then adjourned.

Naming the Streets.

EDITORS GAZETTE:—Through the columns of your daily I take the liberty of suggesting to that department of the Hudson's Bay Co. to whom the subject properly belongs, the importance of, at once, naming the streets of this city. Although there is no official map yet furnished for the benefit of our citizens or strangers, we might at least have our streets named, for the temporary maps in use among us, that property holders may be able to describe the situation of their lots.

Very respectfully yours, D.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

EDER & FRIEDLANDER,

Wharf Street,

HAVE IN STORE AND FOR SALE—
10 ⅛ casks Martell Brandy;
10 ⅛ " Otard, Dupuy & Co.'s Brandy;
10 ⅛ " Jules Laborsha & Co.'s do
10 ⅛ " Champaigne do
5 ⅛ " Sherry Wine;
5 ⅛ " Port do
2 pipes Swan's Gin:
100 cases Claret, assorted brands;
20 " John Durand's Sauterne;
10 " Bergu Absynthe;
20 " Wolfe's Schnapps;
20 " London Club House Gin;
10 " White California Wine;
20 " Boker's Bitters;
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20 baskets Heidsick Champagne;
English, Scotch and California Ale and Porter, in 5 and 10 gal packages;
Old Bourbon Whiskey;
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do Gin;
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ALSO IN PACKAGES:

Flour,	Vinegar,
Buckwheat do	Pickles,
Pork,	Oysters,
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Hams,	Pepper Sauce,
Butter,	Allspice,
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Lard,	Salt,
Sugar,	Soap,
Coffee,	Candles,
Tea,	Soda Crackers,
Dried Apples,	Brooms,
Smoked Herrings,	Wooden Pails,
Sardines,	Twine,
S. H. Molasses,	Wrapping Paper,
Beans,	Bags and Bagging.

ALSO—Nails, assorted sizes;
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White Lead;
Wall Paper.
ALSO—A large invoice of Glass Ware.
ALSO—10 bales Sheeting;
10 " Bed Ticking;
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P. M. EDER,
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Victoria, Aug. 17th, 1858.

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Victoria, Aug. 15th, 1858.

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Extra large and heavy Looking-Glass
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TERMS:

Board and Single Room, per week	$15
Board and double room, " "	12
Board per week	10
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At the big sign, head of Yates st., of
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE SHIP "MANUEL MONTT" now ready to discharge her cargo at the P Esquimalt. Consignees are requested to call a office of Messrs. S. Price & Co., pay their freigh receive orders for their goods from the undersig
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