

no doubt but the excitement will continue daily to increase unless some intelligence unfavorable to the diggings is received. If the next news from the Northern coast is favorable—and we feel confident that it will be—there will be no end to the rush to that section. Cariboo is too remote and too difficult of access, for many of the newly arrived immigrants with a few dollars to reach, until they learn how to “rough it” in a new country; while Stickeen River is easy of access—the travel is mostly by water—and the outlay required for conveyance to the very threshold of Choquette’s diggings, inconsiderable. The steamer *Elixa Anderson*, we hear, will not go to Stickeen except some great pecuniary inducement is held out; but Capt. Moore, of the steamer *Flying Dutchman*, (of Blue Boat notoriety in 1858) one of the most energetic and enterprising men of whom the two colonies can boast, says he is determined to start his boat for the new diggings to-morrow morning and take her to the head of navigation on the river. He is of opinion that he will be able to make the trip to and from Stickeen in fifteen days, and on his return will probably bring us the first reliable news from the mines since last fall. The required number of passengers has nearly been obtained. We shall await with considerable anxiety Capt. Moore’s return.

COLUMBIAN EMIGRATION SOCIETY.—On Friday evening a meeting was held at the office of Mr. Courtney, for the purpose of facilitating the immigration of industrious women, and other suitable classes to these colonies. The Lord Bishop of Columbia took the chair, and Mr. Courtney was chosen Honorary Secretary. The Committee (three members of which form a quorum) passed a resolution expressive of their intention to co-operate with the Columbian Emigration Society, lately formed in London, and adjourned. The members of the committee for Victoria are: The Venerable Archdeacon Wright; W. F. Tolmie, Esq., M. D.; Robert Barnaby, Esq.; Lieut. Commanding E. Hope Varney, R. N.; Gilbert M. Sprout, Esq. As stated by us several days ago, the first “invoices” is expected on the Tynemouth.

ARRIVALS.—The bark *Scotland*, Capt. Friend, arrived in the water harbor yesterday morning, in 15 days from San Francisco, with 52 passengers, and 300 tons of freight. She is consigned to St. Ours & Co., at whose wharf she will discharge. The schooner *J. B. Ford*, Captain Penny, 15 days from San Francisco, also arrived yesterday morning, and came to the Hudson’s Bay Company’s wharf. She has a full cargo and several passengers; is consigned to Pickett & Co., and will commence discharging to-day.

SUSPICION OF ROBBERY.—Sergt. Blake, on Saturday night, arrested a man known as Jeremiah Dennes on suspicion of having, on Friday night, robbed a young man named Geo. Parker of \$60 in gold coin. From Parker’s statement it seems that himself and Dennes were in company on Friday night—that they drank freely at several saloons and finally laid down to sleep on the floor of a bar-room. During the night Parker was awakened by feeling Dennes’ hand in his pocket, but subsequently went to sleep again, and in the morning when he again awoke Dennes was gone and the money ditto. The accused was locked up to await an examination before Mr. Pemberton.

DON’T PAY A CENT.—We learn that the hon-

the marked incompetency pervading their actions. Grant and the engineers are doing wonders, and to stultify them just at this moment is a colonial swindle.

What with the eastern mail irregularities and our local uncertainties, but few letters or papers reach us. Will you believe that the **WEEKLY COLONIST** is a fortnight in reaching Yale? We have at Westminster a Postmaster-General and a “runner”—the one a sinecurist, the other an incapable. Will not the Governor, exercising his common sense, place a man at the head of our postal department who will inaugurate and continue, that what of all others is most needed, the speedy and correct transmission of letters?

The police arrangements also need a head. When it is known that a murderer escaped twice from the authorities at the Tillooet, and another most egregious scamp fled from the jail in Lytton the safety of society demands not only their recapture but a barrier to such occurrences in the future. We are proud in knowing that Yale is under wise police control—and with the exception of New Westminster, is the only town in the colony where the stores are closed during a portion of the Sabbath.

Hope is coming to Yale—the former being literally a “deserted village.” A half-dozen speculators are severely bitten by this operation—among them the “two Lords.” Yours,
A YALEITE.

Where is Extortion to End? The Customs Abroad.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—A few days since a small package, measuring in depth 9 inches, 11 inches in length and 7 inches in breadth, and containing some anchovies, value \$1.60, (as sworn) was received here by a respectable inhabitant—the gift of his daughter residing at San Francisco. For the importation of this valuable freight the sum of \$1—60 per cent. on the value of the package—was demanded by, and paid to the Customs authorities by the consignee. Surely “there is rottenness in the State of Denmark,” and nothing but a thorough overhaul and revision of the Customs will satisfy the traders to and inhabitants of Victoria for the too frequent recurrence of practices of this nature.

To lovers of the curious, the package referred to may be seen and full particulars known at the hostelry of the *Globe Hotel*.

A NEWLY IMPORTED BRITISHER.

A WHOLESALE CONFESSION.—There is a manufactory near St. Petersburg, at which about 2000 hands used to be employed. On a week previous to a certain Easter Sunday, while confession was going on, in order to take as little time from Mammon as possible, the machinery was stopped in sections, and the people were permitted to go in batches, according to the nature of the work at which they were employed. Weavers confessed together at one time, spinners at another, and so on. Connected with and adjoining these works was the church where confession took place, and a private passage led from the works to the church, by which the penitents passed into the church; having confessed, they went into the street by the main church entrance to proceed home. Now, in Russia, all work-people are strictly searched by male and female searchers as they pass out from their place of employment; but in confessing season, when these particu-

dies, 50 cs red wine; clothing; Pickett & butter, 5 cs yeast powder, 15 bgs C B Co, 100 bgs barley; 1 Curtin & Co, 200 qr 50 pgs furniture; F flour; Williams, 1 w Aime, 10 cs oysters, apples, 25 bxs candle beans, 12 fks butter bags, 5 cs ground coffee, 1 esk tinware, 2 pgs 1 es hardware, 11 pgs 1 Revd M Demers, 1 c Alfred Fellows, 3 cs hhd bacon, 2 bbls hair 1 bx cream tartar, 1 d pork; Reinhart Bros 30 hf bbls pork; Hot P. McQuade, 50 boxes vue & Co, 555 sks bar fee, 800 qr sks flour, tobacco, 10 bales salt, 1-8 bbls cider, 20 cs Searby & Co, 1 cs sm: 1 cs paint, 1 cs Japan cloth, brushes, 1 cs b 1 cs patent augers, 1 l 2 kegs venetian red, oil, 1 bbl lampblack, crockery, 1 filterer, 1 hotel fluid lamps, 2 c pbell & Co, 3 cs persc 4 boxes tinware; E windows, 48 do doors W H Ol ver, 6 qr cast capers, 20 fs bitters; boxes do, 5 do glass sugar, 400 qr ca flour outs; Lewis & Cahn, Malatesta & Co, 3 cas 600 qr cs flour, 2 bale 20 cs boots, 1 trunk wool gloves, 5 crat tumblers; Gradwin I 25 sks coffee, 21 cs casks brandy, 4 bbls v Per SCOTLAND, hart Bros, 150 gunnies meats 4 bls gunnies; qr bgs flour 38 cs and cs oysters 2 tomatoes; Stewart Meldrum & Co do; St. Ours, 400 qr b; Bagley, 2 cs bacon; C; hdwre; Curtin & Co, 50 pgs apples 5 do butter hdwre; C C Perry, 4 c & Co, 12 hhd bacon 1 cs y powders; Quin, 1 Malatesta, 3 sks red w coffee; Sporborg & Golt 400 bgs flour 13 cs boot 5 do do 3 bls hams 1 hl mbind, 6 bbls wine 1 art Tai Soong & Co, 400 b provisions; Mullitor, 1 cs bacon; Marrin, 1 cs hoop tron, 20 bbls cen peck handles, 2 anvils, 100 qr sacks flour, 2 Kwong Lee, 400 mats; sacks flour, 30 bxs cand orange peel, 1 bx sari sks flour, 20 hf sks do; flour, 83 bgs beans, 40 bls wrapping paper, 5 cs dried apples, 300 mats C; cs marbles; P McQuade chandlery, 1 capstan, 1