ERRA COTTA COMPANY

Made by Hon. Mr. Jus-Walkem for Winding Up Its Affairs.

of Charles A. Vernon Who anced Money to the Company.

tice Walkem this morning made for the winding up of the Britbia Pottery and Terra Cotta limited liability. The petition A. Vernon, of Victoria, gentleveth as follows:company was incorporated in , 1890, and has its head office a: the nominal capital of the is \$60,000, divided into 1000 \$60 each, of which about \$36.een allotted and paid up in full. ows the objects of the company, clude brick making in all its and all other things conducive ove objects. That in October, said company was indebted to of British North America in the 25,000, and the bank requiring of at least \$10,000 on account. der to accommodate the competitioner, Mr. Vernon, toith certain other persons made ered his promissory note for payable to the B. C. corporation ote was discounted by the peti-I the proceeds applied in reducne company's liability to the en the note fell due the comno funds and the petitioner same and cannot now obtain from the company. The petirecites that one Walter Walker a writ for \$2061.31 against ny and the company is unable same. isional liquidator was appointearing being adjourned until to-

enable affidavits to be filed the fitness of persons proposed. E. Irving appeared for the pe-

NADIAN DISPATCHES.

m all Parts of the Dominion in Short Paragraphs.

nguishene, April 9.-The jury d to inquire into the death of npson, who was killed by W. ead by breaking his skull with a returned a verdict of "exmicide," the evidence showing low was given in self defense. tock, Ont., April 9.-Mrs. John aged lady residing with her husfound dead yesterday mornbeen killed by gas escaping

WEEK WEEK , FRIDA , APHIL 12 18:0.

liams Enliven the Council Proceedings.

Aldermen Decline te Further Assist the Aberdeen Reception Committee.

The Tenders for Police Uniforms and Electric Light Wire Opened.

business disposed of.

settled in some way.

ters every two weeks.

matter.

sward.

committee with power to act.

Rev. J. Laterme, principal of St. Louis

the outside appearance of the same and use the inside for tools and other implements belonging to the park, providing permission can be obtained for the use thereof. Ald. Bragg brought up the mater of music in the park and urged that some-

the council through the city clerk inder.

to make application to the represen-

park. Your committee will plant ivy

around the same. and otherwise improve

thing be done in the matter. Ald. Hall said that the committee was already considering the matter and

would soon report. There was a highly interesting meet-The report was received and adopted ing at the city council last evening terand a vote of thanks to Fred Hinds for minating with a couple of rather exciting a donation of two paroquets to the park

passages between Mayor Teague and Ald. Williams. The matter started with rassed. The street committee presented the folthe motion of Ald. Williams for a rolowing report: ceiving box for tenders which the mayor

Re communication from Herbert Cuthbert, 100k as a personal reflection and conasking for the consent of the Council to be allowed to boulevard 8 feet wide in front of his premises on Stanley avenue.—That cluded in a discussion of water matters at the close of the session. All of the members except Ald. Wilson were present and there was a large amount of

of his premises on Stanley avenue.—That the request be granted. We recommend that Esquimalt road be made more passable. Also that a drain be laid on Kingston street, north side, to drain from Lot 918 westerly. Also thot a drain (8 inch) be laid on Mich-igan street (north side) from Montreal street to connect with the surface drain near St. Lawrence street and a box drain laid on

college, wrote asking for a box drain on Cook street between St. Louis and Pandora streets. Referred to the street

Drake. Jackson & Helmcken, solicitors for Thomas C. Sorby, in re the James Bay causeway plans, asking if it was proposed to do anything further in the

to connect with the surface drain near St. Lawrence street, and a box drain laid on south side for the same distance. Re communication from J. G. Tiarks, ask-ing for a box drain on McGregor avenue.— That the City Engineer examine and report. Re communication from J. G. Tiarks, of-fering on behalf of Dr. Duncan to pay one third of the cost of a concrete sidewalk in front of his new building on Fort street, if the city wil pay two-thirds.—That the city will pay the cost of a new plank sidewalk 10 feet wide, according to the usual custom. We recommend that 500 feet of 4 feet sidewalk be laid on Lillian road, as recom-mended by last year's Council. Also that 420 feet of 5 feet sidewalk be laid on the north side of Niagara street, be-tween Montreal and St. Lawrence streets. Ald Humphrey said he did not believe the council owed Mr. Sorby a cent and moved that he be notified to that effect. Ald. Williams said he did not care to second the motion in the shape it was in, but believed the matter should be tween Montreal and St. Lawrence streets. Also that Lewis street be graded and a 4 feet sidewalk and box drain be laid on the Ald. Humphrey said it was settled

ence, but Mr. Sorby kept writing letwest side. Also that Battery street be improved and

ters every two weeks. Ald. McLellan moved that the letter be tabled to be taken up by committee of the whole. The council had once settled the matter, finding that the ity did not owe Mr. Sorby any money, but felt that the plans might be of some value to the city and possibly some mon-ty should be paid Mr. Sorby. There was a second, and an amend-ment by Ald. Partridge to refer to the street committee. The amendment was

street committee. The amendment will street. The report was adopted except as to

A PASSAGE AT ARMS amount of money at our command we of necessity are compelled to expend what little we have with care. A few what little we have with care. A few the grounds your committee ornament the grounds your committee will have placed in the grounds, they would very much like for the council through the city clerk the council through the city clerk amount of money at our command we share to every modern steam plant, and as nent of every modern steam plant, and as nent of every modern steam plant, and as nent of every modern steam plant, and as the articles of agreement, the William Hamil-the asked how they would propose to the council through the city clerk the council through the city clerk the council through the city clerk

Respectfuly yours. D. CARTMEL.

unalt for the use of the old powder magazine at present standing in the park Vann account of the angle of the To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in Council assembled. Gentlemen,--We, your Electric Light Com-mittee, beg leave to report that in reply to the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co.'s communication a letter has been framed by Mr. Cartmel and is herewith appended. This letter, as the Council will please observe, has been framed by one who is a master in the matter of machinery, and therefore, your committee have trusted entirely to Mr. Cartmel's knowledge in that particular line, as they personally have little knowledge of machinery, it not being in their line of busi-tess; and would recommend that a copy of said letter be forwarded to the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Vancouver. In reference to the question of an inquiry into matters connected with the electric light machinery, your committee desire to In reference to the question of an inquity into matters connected with the electric light machinery, your committee desire to call attention to the fact that the time will soon arrive when the William Hamilton Co. will require to be paid in full, and as there has been a special committee appointed for the special purpose of carrying on said in-quiry, your committee of course shall not hold themselves responsible in any way if the William Hamilton Co. are paid in full before any inquiry is made, as the Council took it upon themselves to appoint a special committee for that particular purpose. We would also recommend that Council give power to put a certain amount of in-surance on the plant. Also that the com-mittee be given power to to call for tenders for the due completion of the work connect ed with the electric light plant. EDWARD BRAGG, R. T. WILLIAMS. Alg. MacMillan urged that the com-

Ald. MacMillan urged that the com-

pany be required to keep its contract as to the tests of the engine, and that the injector be secured. It would be necessary to put up hoisting apparatus to hoist the high pressure cylinder in order to permit the engineer to examine the low pressure cylinder, who should pay for the hoisting apparatus he could not

Ald. Bragg expressed his confidence in Mr. Cartmel, and expressed the opinion that the city would get all that was coming to it under the contract with the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co.

It was decided on motion of Ald. Mac-Millan to forward Mr. Cartmel's letter to the Wm. Hamilton Co. as an answer Ald. Bragg wanted the motion amend-

ed to include the calling for tenders. Ala. Cameron said he understood the aldermen were to see the plans before any tenders were called for, and Ald.

Hall wanted to know when the plant would be completed. Ald. Bragg said it would be six weeks

after tenders were let. Ald. Humphrey moved, seconded by Ald. Humphrey introduction fused to go, what that reason was ne Ald. MacMillan that the committee be did not know. He wanted it understood, trouble. however, that when Mr. Jorgensen took

G. Prior, M.P., asking of the city proposed to do anything towards meeting the unpaid bills of the Aberdeen reception committee. As to the latter it was decided that the city should not contri-

bute any further money and the former matter was laid over for further inforruation. Ald. Williams asked if Engineer Jorgensen had presented a report and being toid that he had not said he had promised to. He also expressed surprise at Mr. Jorgensen having asked for help and

some work at the lake and wanted to know why the mayor had delayed the contract with Mr. Jorgensen. Valuable time was being lost and he wanted it understood that he was not responsible. The mayor explained that the work desired was a shed which would be the property of the city and would have to built by the city. The contract with Mr. Jorgensen could not be made with

that gentleman out of the city. Ald. McLellan said Mr. Jorgensen would certainly have to help and the city would have to pay the bills. He could

not survey the lake by himself. The mayor said the contract was not such a simple thing and he was going to ask the council to meet him this afternoen to again go over the contract and finally ratify it.

Ald. Humphrey said the city would certainly have to hire help. He also wanted it understood that he believed that once Mr. Jorgensen took charge the committee should have nothing to do with the work. The engineer should be boss.

Ald. MacMillan said he wanted it understood that a committee was at all mes subservient to the council.

Ald Williams called attention to section E of the rules and asked if a committee had to certify to an expenditure, why should it not have a say in the way

the money was expended? The mayor said there was no desire to take away any of the powers of the committee.

Ald. Bragg charged that there had teen interference with the water committee, asserted that the electric light muddle was due to that very thing, and said that if the committee did not get its the work.

rights he would leave it. Ald. McLellan said there had been no interference. The mayor had asked all work had been done. of the aldermen to go to the lake, but

for some reason two of the committee refused to go. What that reason was he

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C. E. Jorgensen, Esq., C.E., Victoria, B.C.

Victoria, B.C., 8th April, 1895. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of

Aldermen. Gentiemen,-Your letter of this day duly received. In reply I beg to state I accept the proposeal with added terms. I have the honor to be your obedient ser-

G. E. JORGENSEN.

Mayor Teague said whether the work was done by contract or day labor it did not affect the 21-2 per cent.

vant,

Ald. Macmillan said the agreement should state that the 21-2 per cent. should be paid on the plans, when they had been filed in the city hall office. He thought that work should be begun at once and that Mr. Jorgensen could work out details of his plans after.

Ald. Bragg wanted things in ship-shape order before beginning. A day or two lost would not amount to anything.

Ald. Humphrey agreed with Bragg.

Ald. Macmillan asked would it be wise to hurry matters and do a little work by day labor at once to give employment to a number of idle men?

Ald. Hall said it would take about three weeks or one month to get out the plans.

Ald. Bragg said the engineer should be the boss, and Ald. Macmillan said that it was unwise to unduly hurry any such work.

Ald. Williams asked did the first payment become due if the council did work by day labor before the plans and details had been filed?

Ald. Bragg wanted to know w the work was going to be done, day labor or contract?

Ald. Macmillan said Ald. Wilson and Cameron were not present. He would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the board.

Mayor Teague would like to see the full board present.

Ald. Humphrey said tenders could be called for but they need not accept them. If they were too high it was open for the council to do the work by day labor. Ald. Macmillan wanted the third payment made 60 days after completion of

Mayor Teague suggested that the pay-

ment be made after three-quarters of the

Ald, Williams-Suppose the work is defective

Ald. McLellan-Suppose we have no

There was

al stove. Mr. Sims was but it is thought he will re

Nickerson has issued a writ he widow of the late W. C. Mc-Woodstock, the well known milclaiming \$20,000 for alleged n of her husband's affections. ock, N. B., April 9.-The C. P. street station was broken into afternoon and \$7500 stolen. was attending to his duties at station when the robbery oc-

al, April 9.-The Newfoundland have declined the Montreal trade's invitation to a public on the ground of pressure of The Toronto board's invitation efused for the same reason. Lord of Toronto was found his room at the Palace Hotel ning with the gas turned on. An ill be held. Villa Maria convent last night yee named Berube was visited other-in-law, named Martin. The ted for a walk, when Martin gun and shot Berube in the leg. e are looking for Martin. o. April 9.-- A letter has just eived here from Sir William rne agreeing to the proposition made to him to carry one hundpatients per annum, free of some point along the line of R. where a sutable site may be for building a home for con-

tharines, April 9.-The Welland ill be opened to navigaton on

April 9.-One of the most disfloods that has taken place on land river happened here yestern property valued at \$5000 was and further damage is expect-

ton, April 9.-Mrs. H. A. Davis ained a verdict of \$5000 daminst Bracey Bros., & Co. for the er husband, who was killed while out dynamite.

n. Ont., April 9.-The Weston mills closed down yesterday, 200 employees out of work. on, April 9 .- The finance comthis cty has fixed the rate for r at 17 1-2 mills.

roy, April 9.-The saw and grist ndrew Thompson has been burnabout \$5000; insured for \$1100. od, April 9.-The house of Geo. a was entered yesterday and \$300 belonging to his son stolen. nton, April 9.-James Reed, one first settlers of Fort Saskatcheas found dead in his house this from heart failure. Reed was in California and British Columre seeking his fortunes on the newan in 1868.

ew Mulvey school building on avenue was totally destroyed by nidnight. The firemen were unsave the building owing to the ter supply. The provincial govmuseum and normal school liere also burned. The loss will thirty to forty thousand dollars: for \$16,000.

erstand that Freddy is getting be married." t is he doing?" ng lessons at the cooking school."

lost and the motion carried. H. Darling, secretary of the Union the purchase of the hose which will be Steamship Company, wrote expressing a done by tender, it being so decided on willingness to tender for transporting motion of Ald. MacMillan. The latter also moved that in future all purchasing coal.

Ald. Humphrey said that he believed be done through the duly authorized that there should be more advertisize on agent and that the different departments the coal tenders. They should send to be furnished with requisites. The mo-Puget Sound and see if there was a tion was agreed to. The fire wardens reported recommendombine there. Referred to the electric light committhe Yates street fire hall. The work complete would cost \$1,100, but with

B. Williams, agent of the Canada Ac-\$650 would do sufficient work to make cident Assurance Co., wrote re the reassurance of plate glass in public buildthe building tenable. Ald. McLellan said but \$650 had been set aside for the work and wanted to ngs.

Referred to the market committee. know what \$1,100 was given as an esti-Tenders for police uniforms and shoes were then opened. They were as fol- mate for. Ald. Bragg and the mayor explained lows: E. Leonard, three qualities, the that there were two estimates. last named for chiefs and sergeants, \$20, \$21 and \$28; W. Stewart & Co., no | Ald. Partridge said they did not propose to expend over \$650. prices given: W. D. Kinnaird, two Ald. Cameron said that \$650 was all grades for constables, \$18.50 and \$19.50, that had been set aside for repairs to three grades of officers, \$22.50, \$23 and \$25,50; 'T. J. Burrows, chief, sergeants, all the houses for the year and believed and constables, \$20, \$17, and \$16; J. W. \$500 should be made to do the whole Creighton, chief and sergeants, \$21.50, work. and constables \$17.50 and \$18; Thomas Ald. Williams believed with carefully watched day labor \$400 should do. He Howell, officers, \$30 and \$27.50, constables \$25 and \$24; Thomas & Grant, did not think some contractor should be a variety of prices ranging from \$17 to \$33. Shoes, H. Mansell, \$6, and J. J. Bland, \$5.50. Some of the tenderers

allowed to make anything. On motion of Ald. McLellan it was de cided to adopt the report and call for were not accompanied by either cash or | tenders, but to restrict the cost to \$500. The electric light committee presented certified check. They were referred to a committee consisting of Cameron, the following letters and report:

Vancouver, B.C., April 2nd, 1895. To the Chairman Electric Light Committee, Victoria, B.C. Dear Sir,-We wish to draw your attention to the fact that the the the transformation of the the the the the transformation of the the the the transformation of transformation of the transformation of the transformatio Part: idge and MacMillan to examine with the purchasing agent and award. Tenders for electric light wire were

Dear Sir,-We wish to draw your attention to the fact that the term for which we are in charge of the Electric Light plant is fast drawing to a close, we would like to have the test run at once. As you will under-stand we cannot afford to keep a high priced man in the position of engineer any longer than the sixty days. We have al-ready been at a great expense, very much more than we figured on. Now we hope your committee will allow us to go ahead then opened. They were as follows: Cunningham & Hinton, \$84 per mile or \$840; Spratt & Gray, \$832; Canadian General Electric Co., \$82.50 per mile or \$820; Nicholles & Renouf, \$836. Referred to electric light committee and Electrician McMicking to examine and your committee will allow us to go ahead and run the test at once. An early reply The appended letter was then read:

and run will oblige. Yours truly ROBERT HAMILTON, Mgr. Van. Bray

Victoria, April 5, 1895. E. A. Wilmot, City Engineer. Dear Sir. — In reply to your letter of the 29th March, I beg to state that provided the city sets ard furnishes poles, we are prepared to do the necessary work on the wires at the rate of \$2.50 per span. I refer you to section 19 of our agreement which Mgr. Van. Branch. Victoria, B.C., April 7th, 1895. To Alderman Bragg, Chairman of Electric Light Committee. Sir,-In compliance with your request that I give my opinion on a notice from the Wil-liam Hamilton Manufacturing Co, that the "60 days active operation" are now in proyou to section 19 of our agreement which clearly defines our position in this matter.

Yours obediently. Yours obediently. <u>HEDLEY CHAPMAN,</u> <u>Managing Director V. E. R. & L. Co.</u> No one seemed to understand the mat-ter and it was referred to the street committee. The finance committee reported recom-mending the appropriation of \$2,901.60 out of general revenue. It took the usual course. The cemetery committee reported re-commending that the fence on the west side of the cemetery be moved one hun-

commending that the fence on the west side of the cemetery be moved one hun-dred feet further west to give additional space. Received and adopted. The Old Men's Home committee re-ported recommending that \$10 per month bc paid G. M. Baker for the keep of James McPhadden, the arrangement to be temporarily, also that Frank Durien the admitted to the home. Received and adopted The market committee reported recom-mending that the plate glass in the mark-et be re-insured for three years at a cost of \$136 and the insurance be divided

men to see the plans first. The motion was adopted. The water committee reported recomniending that Mr. Revens be given until

July 1 to vacate the Anderson farm at Elk lake purchased by the city. Ald. Humphrey moved to amend to make the date May 15 and the amending that tenders be called for improving went was adopted. The committee on minor's regulations

by-law and telegraph connection with the American side were given further time to act. Ald. MacMillan's motion for the con-

ference with the hackmen of the city in regard to the hackstand was carried without debate.

Ald. MacMillan's motion to call for applications for the position of city engineer was then read.

Ald. Partridge enquired if the present incumbents had been notified yet. The mayor replied that they had not. Ald. MacMillan believed notice should

have been given. He explained that the resolution was simply carrying out the decision of the council.

The matter was put and carried. The following motion offered by Ald. Between the Council and Civil

Williams was then taken up: "Resolved that a change be made in the form of receiving tenders for the cor-

poration work, and that a suitable box be made for the purpose of receiving tenders therein: that said box be propery sealed by the mayor, city clerk and city purchasing agent, and that any aldermen who may wish to place his seal on the same be entitled to do so; and that the said box be opened only by the n:ayor in the presence of the full board." Ald. Fartridge as seconder of the motion said that he intended no reflection on any one and placed his name on it at the request of Ald. Williams.

Ald. Hall opposed the motion expressing his satisfaction at the present plan. Ald. MacMillan wanted to know if we were going to have a fullfillment of the revelation about the seven seals.

Ald. McLellan thought the vault down stairs the proper place for tenders. They

took it as a reflection upon himself and the cierk, and no less than three men about the city had told him that after-uoon that it was uch. If the council

hold he was to be boss and that he (Ald. McLellan) was going to keep an eye on everything done in connection with water | conneil propose to furnish men to Mr. matters.

Ald. Hall announced that his optic was stood. skinned in that direction too.

Ald. Williams spiritedly told Ald. Mac-Lellan that the members of the committee had made twelve trips to the lake at their own expense and it was nothing to hiv credit to go at the city's expense. Mayor Teague-I declare this meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Ald. Williams-If you adjourn this meeting I will move that another memher take your seat. Mayor Teague-The meeting is already

adjourned Ald. Williams. There was considerable excitement and

some noise in the lobby but it subsided as the aldermen left their seats.

AN AGREEMENT IS COME TO Engineer Jorgenson Re the Filter Beds.

First Payment on Filing Plans and the Last Sixty Days After Completion.

Civil Engineer Jorgenson and the aldermen came to terms on the susject of Are perhaps the most common of our evsupervision of the construction of filter beds at Elk Lake. There was a special meeting of the council at 2 this afternoon. Aldermen Wilson and Cameron were the only absentees. Mayor Teague submitted correspondence with Mr. Jorgensen on the subject.

It read as follows:

Victoria, B.C., 4th April, 1895. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of

Ald. McLeinan thought the value down stairs the proper place for tenders. They had always entrusted the tenders to the nayor and clerk and not one had ever gone wrong. He regarded the motion as a reflection on men in whom he had every confidence.
Ald. Williams said that he intended no reflection on any one and defended the proposal as simple, business-like, and should be more satisfactory even to the should be more satisfactory even to the mayor and clerk.
Ald. Humphrey opposed the idea and wanted to know if the box was going to be big enough to contain all samples show.
Ald Bragg raised the point that the motion required a full board, whereas it should be but a majority.
Ald. Williams said that was just what the resolution preposed and spoke again in favor of the resolution.
Mayor Teague said that In all such matters there was a motive and in this one it was not what it should be.
To kis was not what it should be.
To kis proposition is acceptable to the City of Vietoria, B.C., 4th April, 1895.
To His Working plans, John Contain all samples is a selection on any one and defended the work should be works. Solo of sail works, for 5 per cent. on the actual cost of the work should be proceeded with without delay, and carried on to completion as speedily as weather and good workmanship will permit.
The city to have right to terminate my engagement to superintend at any time on giving me two weeks notice, and in such case to pay me for the plans the sum of \$1520.00, and a sum equal to 2.1-2 per cent. on the cost of the work when done, the City preverse and an engineer to be named by them, to estimate this amount, and their estimate to the final.

et be re-insured for three years at a cost of \$13C and the insurance be divided among Messrs. Pauline, Day, Mellor and Mellor, who had applied for it. Received and adopted. The park committee are anxious to beautify Beacon Hill park as much as possible, but keeping in view the small

Ald. Williams wanted 60 days' keeping back of money. On surveys did the Jorgensen?

Ald. Humphrey said it was so under-

The council agreed on the following al-terations in the agreement: That the second payment be made when the work is three-quarters done and the final payment at 60 days after completion.

Mr. Jorgensen was then called in. He agreed to the alterations for the second payment to be made when the wrok was three quarters done and the final payment in 60 days after completion. But he objected to the clause providing for the first payment be made when the work had begun. Perhaps, he said, the council may change their minds and not go on at all, or delay the works indefini-

tely. Mayor Teague said there was no fear of that, but Ald. MacMillan thought that Mr. Jorgensen had a right to be protected. It was agreed to change the agreement and make the first payment due when the plans had been filed. A discussion followed on furnishing

Mr. Jorgensen with wire, piping and lumber to put up shanties and men to help in survey.

Ald. Partridge said \$1,000 could be put apart. Ald. Humphreys said \$500 was sufficient. It was decided to put \$500 and to place the matter in the hands of the water committee. The agreement was altered and the council then adjourned.

Diarrhoea and Dysentery eryday ills, and every person nearly has some special cure of their own. Ours is Perry Davis' Pain Killer, and having used it for many years we can confident-ly recommend it. Get big bottle 25.

American News.

Virginia, Ill., April 10.-The family of Peter Kuntz residing near Arensville in this county, were poisoned by eating meat of a diseased cow. Two died and four more are in peril.

Westerly, R. I., April 10 .- One hundred hands employed in Congressman Arnold's woollen mills struck yesterday for an increase.

Washington, April 10.-The department of state has been advised that a bill has been presented in the Belgian parliament imposing a tax of one and a half francs per hundred kilos on nour imported from any foreign country

St. Louis, April 10.—The Mississippi Grain and Commission Company's elevator was burned to-day together with a

quantity of grain. Loss \$75,000. Ten new cases of smallpox during the pas 24 hours. There are now 124 confined in quarantine.

Columbia, Pa., April 10.-The large plant of the Susquehanna Iron Company was partly burned, this morning. Loss, \$100.000. Insured.

Grand Master Arnold of Pennsylvania has officially declared that cremation is not a Christian burial under Masonic

Washington, April 10.-Assistant Sec-retary of the Interior Reynolds has affirmed the decision of the commissioner of pensions that a soldier disabled on furlough is not entitled to a pension and reversed the decision of the commission who refused to continue the pension of an idiot son of a deceased soldier who