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Proposed By laws Discussed at a Public Meeting of Ratepayers Last Night.

Resolution Passed Endorsing Ald. Williams' Scheme for a Flume to Elk Lake.

The ratepayers did not turn out in very large numbers at the public meeting in the oity hall last night for the discussion of the proposed electric light and fire protection by laws and other civic matters.

Mayor Teague, who presided, stated that the meeting was called in response to a to call at the Colonist office at his earliest Manager) having read the notice convening ters, more particularly the two money bylaws to be voted upon on the 19th, and Ald. Williams' water flume scheme that would come up in the council on Monday.

Ald. Bragg being called upon to exmittee he would lay the matter before them as plainly as he could. He read a detailed statement of the expenditure to date, show. ing a total of \$60,775,341, of which \$5,775 34 had to be taken out of the general revenue for this year. To complete the work will require \$3,304 66, making a total expenditure over last year's loan of \$9,080. The council asked the ratepayers to allow the \$10,000 orematory fund to be used so that the present year's revenue could be relieved of the \$9,080. He defended his position on the line shafting by saying he had gone on the line shafting by sayi the expert opinion of Mr. Cartmel.
When Mr. Hamilton was asked if it was to be a complete plant without extras he only alluded to his own contract. The council time he could have explained that the line shaft was not included and so averted all propound to him the usual questions and subsequent misunderstandings.

Ald. Partridge, speaking on the fire protection extension by law, said that he wanted, in accordance with his promises given at the election, to give proper protection to the cutlying parts of the city. The sum asked in the by law was \$19,000. He pointed out

Ald. Williams was well applauded as he came forward to speak on the water questonable at Alert Bay, on the steamer Danube. tion. In his department at present he explained there was \$125,000 available avoid the city water supply next summer being in the bad condition it was last sumbe sing Elk lake water direct by mains. It would be necessary to puddle the outside of the old filter bed walls, which at present leak badly, so that the respenditure would be used as basins till the new filter beds were completed. He showed to construct to Elk lake. It was to be supported to the showed by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the wooden ported by piles and have a sufficient capability of the provincial legistic which doed to be of considerable proportions, was beyond reach. It was found that furnished the well spent, for it would obviate the use of the half-year, than we have at late years been able to make the use of the furnished that the city completed, but he did not frink the city completed, but he did not think the city could have filtered water this year. He into the city mains. It would be necessary to puddle the outside of the old filter bed would have filtered water this year. He moved the following resolution, seconded by

Ald. Bragg; "Whereas it is of the utmost importance that during the construction of the proposed filter beds, and before the hot weather, it is very desirable that the clearer water of Elk lake shall be brought into the city of Victoria; And whereas the cost of bringing the water in any other way than by a wooden flume to the present filter beds would exceed \$25,000; Therefore be it resolved that a wooden flume be constructed. the cost not to exceed \$6.000.

The resolution was carried without any show of opposition. In reply to a question, Ald. Williams said it was a mystery to him when the filter plans would get back from the East, and his idea was that a proper business arrangement should have been made before they were sent East. (Applause.) The box flume would cost less than staves of the district in the legislature, to the Chief Justiceship. The outcome of the meeting was the decision to give the nomination to Mr. Thomas A. Wood, as it would bring the clear water from Elk lake and so save the expense of cleaning out the filters as often as would atherwise the filter beds were completed, as it would be of our sould be interested by the election necessitated by the election of the two represents in the legislature, to the Chief Justiceship. The outcome of the meeting was the decision to give the nomination to Mr. Thomas A. Wood, as well-known, prosperous and popular farmer of Quamichan, and a supporter of the presents in the unsettled and critical condition of Directors, we have pointed that out as the probable cause which has decision to give the outcome of the trunt to our normal condition of prosperity. But, as has been very fully prosperity. But, as has been very fully strength in our resources has been absolute. Canada, will improve, and with that improve plans would get back from the East,

committee gave practically the same reasons as Ald. Bragg in favor of the electric light by-

mates showed a deficit of \$37,000, which BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. had to be met and balanced somehow. As to the fire loan he had opposed that because be questioned in his own mind whether it was right to add to the city's burdens this

Mr. Snider, who differed from Ald. Cameron on the fire loan, said that while he was paying \$22 now for fire insurance, he was told his insurance would be reduced to \$18 if fire protection was given Spring Ridge, The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

THE CITY.

A VALUABLE set of harness was stolen yesterday from the stable of Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P.

MR. W. HENRY, of Victoria, is requested

Provincial constable John Kirkup has been appointed mining recorder and constable at Rossland, West Kootenay, and left yesterday for his post. Hon. J. H. TURNER, premier of the prov

Ald. Bragg being called upon to explain the electric light scheme, said ince and minister of finance and agriculture, will probably leave for England in a short that as chairman of the electric light com-

Post Office Inspector Fletcher re-turned last night from the Mainland, hav-ing investigated the complaints against the postmaster at Port Haney with the result that the postmaster has been exonerated and THE congregation of St. James' church

REV. MR. TAIT has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Union. He will be were misled in the matter but not by him.

If the superintendent had been there at the

Rev. Mr. McIntyre will deliver the address THE upshot of the trouble at Haddington that at present the department would be powerless if a fire took place in an outlying powerless if a fire took place in an outlying stood that the summons was sent up to the

plained there was \$125,000 available. A FIRST CLASS programme of Scottish songs, dances and pipe music is to be presented at a concert in the Cedar Hill schoolhouse next Saturday evening. Among those being in the bad condition it was last summer, he was endeavoring to perfect a scheme to bring Elk lake water direct by a flame into the city mains. It would be necessary of the city mains.

and it was better to use money lying idle than to increase the amount that the city had to pay for sinking fund and interest which already was nearly a third of the revenue. In round numbers including the electric light completion, the rough estimates the completion, the rough estimates the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use, it relieves instantly, and permanently curse Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Headache, Sorethroat, Tonsilitis and deafness.

Report of Proceedings of the Half Yearly Meeting Recently Held in London.

Usual Good Dividend Declared and Hard Times Said to Be Disappearing.

(From the Financier.) The half-yearly general meeting of the Bank of British Columbia was held at the Cannon Street Hotel on Wednesday, Feb. of 6 per cent. per annum, and a bonus of 1 20th, under the presidency of Sir Chas. Thomas Ruth C.C. W. C.C. R. instant."

the meeting, The Chairman said: Ladies and gentle-

men, I am sure you will regret equally with myself the fact that Sir Robert Gillespie, Sank of British Columbia, is, greatly to his own regret and that of his co-directors, nuable to attend the meeting to-day. He has been suffering for some time from the effects of a severe cold, and his medical adviser has absolutely prohibited his venturing out for the purpose of meeting you here. It enables, me, however, to say in his absence what I should have hesitated to express so strongly in his presence, and that is that for strongly in his presence, and that is that for wenty years and more in his connection with this Bank he has given the most abundant evidence to all the shareholders to his devotion to their interests. (Applause.) I may say more—and I think in that I shall receive the cordial assent of every person present—he has given the most indisputable evidence that his devotion to the interests of this Bank has been exceedingly advantageous to the share-holders. (Applause) I am glad to be able to inform you that although he is not here on the present occasion, and although I also regret to be obliged to say that another of the directors, Mr. Smith, is prevented by bank, an attack of influenza from being here, that Mr. instead of listening to any poor words of mine on the present occasion, I have the pleasure of presenting the address of Sir Nebert Gillespie, the Chairman of the Court of Directors, in his own words. (Applause)

I may also say that when I have presented. may also say that when I have presented that address to you I am quite sure you will also observed that the bank premises, which agree with me that he has in the frankest stood in the last account at £42,000, had bia in such a way as they are entitled to be taken into the confidence of the Board. I will now have great pleasure in reading the address which Sir Robert Gillespie himself has prepared for the occasion: "Gentlemen, the period has again amind when it the period has again arrived when it becomes my duty to submit for your approval and adoption the Directors' report, together with a statement of the balance-sheet and of the profit and less considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considering the very enhanced value of Consols that the considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considerable sum in Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors, after considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceedingly low price, and the directors are considering to considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceeding low price, and the directors are considered to considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceeding low price, and the directors are considering to considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceeding low price, and the directors are considering to considering the very enhanced value of Consols at an exceeding low price, and the directors are considered to consider the consols at an exceeding low price.

able to submit to you, I confidently rely, after you fully realize the adverse circumstances under which we have labored, and the difficulties we have had to contend with from the serious, the long-continued, and I with regard to the position of matters in the difficulties was taken as a foregone conclusion.

Submit to you, I confidently rely, submits to you rely as cellateral, but we people were present at the Royal Oak when the returning officer, Mr. W. J. Rout, declared the result, as Mr. Eberts' return to his old seat was taken as a foregone conclusion.

The confidently rely, submits to you, I confidently rely, and the way in which it has been acquired.

Mr. W. J. Lewis: What is your opinion with regard to the position of matters in the his old seat was taken as a foregone conclusion. MR. T. M. Henderson returned last from the serious, the long-continued, and I with regard to the position of matters in the attending the quarterly session of the B C. P.A. on Thursday and Friday. After the tish Columbia and in the United States in connection with this and other Canadian banks?

The Chairman: We have reason to anti-

served and also had worked hard since we within a spect carried out. He showed in his a special spec

munity, and hence it is that we, with most other competing banking institutions, have to make provision for losses. But, gentlemen, while I doubt not this is a disappointment to you, as it is to your directors, let us console curselves with the knowledge that we have in the past pursued the wise and prudent course of building up so large a reserve tund, and that we are now able to provide out of this fund a sum that will, I hope, suffice to meet the actual and contingent losses and still leave a very large amount at credit of reserve. We propose to transfer £50 000 from that fund to bad debts account, writing off at once say £27,200 for ascertained bad debts, and leaving the balance to meet possible losses from accounts that are still outstanding, but which will probably improve with a more prosperous

been made, so that the doubtful accounts have been reduced since the estimate of a possible loss was made. We may, therefore, hope the coming spring, with the financial difficulties in the United States overcome, will see a return of greater confidence and prosperity in the confidence of the confide come, will see a return of greater confidence and prosperity in British Columbia and in our United States branches." (Applause.)

The Chairman : I have now to move the following resolution—" That the report and statement of accounts as now submitted be received and adopted."

Mr. T. G. Gillespie seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman: I have now the pleasure

of proposing—"That a dividend be paid on the paid up capital of the bank at the rate This was seconded by Mr. Gillespie and

also carried unanimously.

Mr. James Anderson: I have pleasure in proposing—"That Sir Charles Tupper be re-elected a director of this Company."

Mr. C. W. Benson seconded the motion,

which was agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman: I have only to thank who has been for nearly twenty years the Chairman of the Court of Directors of the Bank of British Columbia, is, greatly to his own regret and that of his condinators.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Anderon and carried unanimously. Mr. Gillespie : Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, I have to thank you for this re newed evidence of your confidence in me, which I shall do my best to merit by my

On the motion of Mr. James N. Scott, seconded by Dr. Drysdale, the auditors (Mr. Wyndham Gibbes and Mr. R. Cumming) were re elected. The Chairman having expressed his will-

ingness to give the shareholders any further information, or to answer any questions in connection with the management of the

Mr. Holland asked why there was a great the whole of the Consols had been sold. He bossible manner taken into his confidence the hareholders of the Bank of British Columbareholders of the Briti

P.A. on Thursday and Friday. After the regular routine business the by-laws of the association were revised, to conform with the amendments to the Pharmacoutical act made at the last session of the legislature. Besides Mr. Henderson there were in attendance at the meeting H. McDowell, T. E. Atkins and Charles Nelson, of Vancouver, and T. A. Muir, of New Westminster.

The electors of the Cowichan-Alberni district held a public meeting at Duncan yesterday evening to discuss provincial affairs in connection with the prespective bye-election necessitated by the elevation of Hon. Theodore Davie, one of the two representations of the legislature, sentatives of the district in the legislature, and requires little remark beyond

lake and so save the expense of cleaning out the filters as often as would otherwise be necessary. Though he would like to see Beaver lake cleaned out so that its water would not contaminate Elk lake, the cleaning could not be done while the water was taken from Beaver lake as at present.

Ald. Partridge, for the information of the meeting read a telegram from Toronto stating that the filter plans had been mailed back several days ago. On Monday the matepayers would know all about them.

Ald. Maomillan taking up the fire protection by law said he had worked hard since his election to get his promises in this respect carried out. He showed that in the

work. (Hear, hear.) I hope, therease, better times will come.

The motion was cordially adopted.

The Chairman: I beg, on behalf of the Chairman, who is now absent, and also on behalf of one of our ablest colleagues, and those who are present, to tender you our hearty thanks for your kindness in supporting us as you have under the present circums that in that are still outstanding, but which will probably improve with a more prosperous state of business. The transfer of this sum from reserve will then leave that fund at £235,000. I may here mention our latest advices indicate that already some improvement in business was perceptible, and that we have in some cases received the full amount of the debts with interest, and in

The Sons of Erin are to be thanked for a second delightful St. Patrick's day concert, which was given at The Victoria yes terday evening. The audience was large and appreciative, and though unfortunately two sterling favorites—Mr. Clement Row-lands and Miss Laura Agnéw—were compelled to disappoint, the latter through illness, the management of the concert did their best to make ample amends by inducing Mr. James Pilling to step into the breach and Mr. A. S. Aspland to contribute an additional number. The programme was of just the acceptable length, neither too short nor too long, and though the music of the island of green monopolized attention of course the several items were so varied in character that there was no monotony.

Mr. A. S. Aspland, who has but recently returned from San Francisco, was unquestionably the favorite of the even-ing, his clear tenor being especialty pleasing in Thomas Moore's delightful old song, "Believe Me if All Those Eadearing Young Charms," while also heard to advantage in the data with Me. Broke to advantage in the duet with Mr. Buck, "The Moon Hath Raised Her Lamp." Mr. Aspland's voice shows that his recent studies have been productive of excellent result, while his voice retains all its freshness and fine, sympathetic quality.

Mrs. Rowlands was another of the con-

ributing artists whose every appearance was the signal for hearty and spontaneous applause. She was first heard in "Kitty Tyreil," then in Molloy's melodious "Kerry Dance," with its truly Irish and Dance," with ite truly Irish sub-current of sadness, and afterwards in "Mirabel Lee," in which perhaps she is best of all.

Mrs. Archer Martin sang the less familiar

Kitty of Coleraine" very sweetly, and Mr. W. R. Higgins gave "Molly Bawn" in LANGLEY PRAIRIE. obust voice.

In his comic songs Mr. Fred Richardson was as usual thoroughly at home and provocative of heartiest laughter. In "Mc-Namara's Band," in which he was ably as sisted by his fellow-entertainer Mr. Dooley he was unquestionably at his best, while his

proved a delightful feature of the programme and the Eolian string orchestra contributed an Irish medley that acted like magic on the pulses and feet of the audience. This orchestra is a really good one, composed as it is of the following musical young ladies: Miss Styles, harp; Miss A. Brown, violin; the Misses E. Spring, E. Sehl and D. Sehl, mandolins; the Misses C. Cameron, L. Spring, L. Nicholson and L. Marboeuf, guitars, The Marboeuf, guitare, difficult role of accompanist fell to Mr. George Pauline, who was relieved by Mr. George E. Powell, both of these gentlemen acquisting themselves with their customary

sion. Mr. Eberts' nomination paper was signed by Mr. John Sluggett as proposer, Mr. Francis T. Child as seconder, and

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