will be the largest steam yach
two being built on American order abroad
is expected to be one of the most
riously furnished craft afloat. She
be brought to America for Mr
ngs early in April, and will be
y for his use in American waters
he early part of May, with the
ing of the next yachting season
e over-all length of the Vanadis is
feet, while on the water line she
sures 232 feet 7 inches, has a beam
2 feet 7 inches and draws 19 feet
will be equipped with three turbine
nes, each of which is expected to
lop 3,000 horsepower, while her
rs will be of Scotch manufacture.
is expected to have a higher speed
city than either H. H. Rogers's
awha or Frank M. Smith's Hauoli.
has a high freeboard, with ample
accommodations and a large
enade deck forward. She will
six boats, with a high-speed
r craft and a touring car aboard.

EAMEN LIVED ON LIZARDS.

th a tale of hardship and priva-
that adds another chapter to the
nce of the seas, Mate Donald
ison, of the long-lost barque
ander Quebec, arrived at his home
outhampton, L. I., in time for
stmas, says a New York message.
barque was wrecked in the Pacific
the equator and the crew put off
wo boats.
e of the boats, in which was Mate
ison, reached an uninhabited isl-
where he and four others remained
ve months until they were rescued
sloop manned by the sailors who
put off from the barque in the
boat, and who finally reached the
land. During this time they lived
rtles and lizards, and all the water
had was from a small brackish
g.

HALE CATCHES FALL OFF.

steamship Otter arrived in port
uesday night from Ladysmith,
ing coal for the C. P. R. wharf.
Otter brought down from Page's
n whaling station to Vancouver
pment of 430 barrels of oil, to be
to Glasgow on the Holt liner
ps when she sails in January.
Otter reported that the whale
in the Gulf of Georgia has fallen
an average of one mammal a
and the St. Lawrence is now hunt-
lone. Between Friday and Mon-
night four whales were brought
he station. The company expects
ake its best catches in February,
more whales are generally to be
n the inside waters.
t week the steamship Selkirk
ht the first consignment of fer-
from the new station, landing
acks at the outer wharf for tran-
ent to San Francisco.

OK REJECTED JAPS BACK.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Shin-
maru sailed for the Orient on
ay evening, carrying a full cargo
neral freight and machinery.
Japanese were deported on the
by Dr. G. L. Milne, immigration
one of them being a stowaway
came over on the Shinano and the
two being sent back on account
ng medically unfit.
Japanese were ordered deported
e United States officials at Seat-
but one of them escaped while
taken on board the steamship
was not located by the police up
e time that the Shinano sailed.
teamship had a large number of
gers

MPRESS OF JAPAN SAILS.

I. S. Empress of Japan sailed on
ay night for Hongkong via way
carrying 557 Chinese who are re-
g to China to celebrate the new
of the latter 56 embarked at the
wharf here. The liner carried a
of general freight, in all about
ns.

LIGHT PASSENGER LIST.

r a voyage during which she
through fair weather, the steam-
Governor, of the Pacific Coast
ship Company, arrived in port
day shortly after 3 p. m. She
very light passenger list, the
number booked to British Colum-
d Puget Sound points being 64.
ollowing landed at the outer
destined for this port and for
uver: F. S. Simmonds, O. Wirtle,
Slagg, J. LeRoy, S. Gowan, Chas.
Geo. McSweeney and seven sec-
ass passengers.

EW AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

steamship Cascade will leave at
d of the week to build the foun-
for the new explosive bell bea-
Helen Point, Active Pass, utilizing
he material which was intended
e Lewis reef beacon.
of these beacons are to be es-
hed, one at the point above named
ne at Beaver Rock, Chatham
in Discovery Passage. The
ation for the latter has already
built and the beacon will be in-
l as early as possible.
beacon has a new attachment
n as the explosive bell signal.
timing arrangement a shot is
red at intervals, striking the
nd sounding periodic signals.

ESTORER DUE SHORTLY.

stated in the Times some time
the cableship Restorer, Capt.
pes, will dock at Esquimalt in
y to refit. A cablegram from
olu, which was received in the
esterday, states that the Com-
l Cible Company's vessel will
the Hawaiian port at the end of
eek for this port.
many friends of the Restorer's
s and crew in this city will hear
pleasure the news that the Re-
will pay an early visit. During
vious sojourns in this port Capt.
es and his men made a large
r of friends and acquaintances,
ave been eagerly awaiting con-
on of the news that the vessel
come here in the new year.

ALASKAN SALVED.

steamship Alaskan, which was
d for several weeks on Cape
Vancouver Island, was towed
tle on Monday by the Canadian
cort No. 2. The Alaskan's hull
en seriously damaged by pound-
the rocky beach, and it is esti-
that to repair the vessel will cost
sum.

LOCAL NEWS

—The office of the post office inspector at Seattle is sending out notices that United States postal money order forms have been stolen. The forms that have been stolen are: Nos. 35, 033 to 35,200. Seattle (University Station), Wash., Nos. 20, 100 to 20,200. The man who is suspected is about 45 years of age, 165 to 170 pounds in weight, smooth shaven, full, ruddy face, brown hair and acts as a store clerk.

—The funeral took place yesterday of the late Mrs. Amy Ford from the family residence, North Park street, at 2:30 o'clock, the service being conducted by Rev. Christopher Burnett. There was a large attendance of friends and sympathizers, the following acting as pallbearers: A. B. McNeill, A. J. Clyde, J. L. Beckwith, Charles Plaxton, J. O. Turnbull and William Hunter.

—A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., acknowledges the following subscriptions for the Ragged Children's Dinner Fund at London: G. K. Gillespie, $1.00; Mrs. Gillespie, $2.00; St. Paul's Presbyterian S. S., $6.05; K. B. Kirk, 50c.; Mrs. James, 50c.; Mrs. Dunn, 25c.; Elsie Richards, 50c.; St. Saviour's church, and Sunday school, $9.00; Centennial Methodist S. S. additional, $20.20; Burnside Sunday school, 50c.; St. John's Sunday school, $3.25; Reformed Episcopal Sunday school, $20; Metropolitan Methodist S. S., $48; Harmony Hall S. S., $9.10; Christ Church Cathedral S. S., $20.25; R. Neelands, $1.00; Calvary Baptist S. S., $5.40; Spring Ridge S. S., additional, 70c., making a total of $344.20. On Wednesday last $331.50 was cabled to Sir John Kirk. The cost of envelopes and cabling was $6.57, leaving $6.13 on hand which will be duly forwarded by mail.

—G. D. Kumar wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following on behalf of the destitute Hindus in this city: A stove and a sack of flour from Watson & McGregor; three coats and a pair of pants from a well wisher; a tin pot for boiling water from G. Powell; Mr. Beaumont, 50c.; a friend, $1.00; children, 50c.; previously acknowledged, $5.00, total, $7.00. The money will be expended for the benefit of the local Hindu colony.

—A summons has been issued against the Dominion Express Company to show reason why they left a wagon top on Broughton street, the same being an obstruction to traffic. The case will come up in the police court on Thursday.

—The secretary of the Protestant Orphans' Home is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of $41.85, being the proceeds of a concert given in aid of the institution by the young people of Sidney, which was handed to him by S. Roberts, Jr.

—F. J. Bittancourt has announced that he will be a candidate for the aldermanic board to represent ward 1. Mr. Bittancourt says he was requested to come out last year, but his business engagements prevented his doing so. This will make four candidates in that ward, unless Ald. Ross should decide to withdraw.

—On or about May 1st the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway will, it is expected, begin running regularly two passenger trains each way every day in the week, and it is now considered most probable that by or before that time another freight train will also be running regularly.

—The Congregational Church Sunday School annual Christmas tree will be held on Friday evening in the church, Pandora street. There will be a supper from 6 o'clock and then a short musical programme will precede the unloading of the Christmas tree. The Christmas Cantata which is being prepared will be given a week later.

—The many friends of Dr. Davey, formerly of this city, will regret to hear that information has been received in the city from Arizona to the effect that he is in a very low state. Dr. Davey went to the southern state some time ago in the hope of benefitting his health, but the letter conveys the information that he is daily sinking.

—H. D. Helmcken, K. C., in accordance with his usual custom, is supplying his friends with seasonable tokens of his regard. The Times office is today redolent with the flavor of his fine Havanas.

—Dr. G. L. Milne, Dominion medical inspector and immigration agent, today deported three Japanese on the outward bound N. Y. K. steamship Shinano Maru. One came over on the Shinano as a stowaway and the other two were considered medically unfit to land by the agent.

—Owing to the fact that the grounds are already engaged for other matches the "Misfits" will be unable to play their game against Victoria Rugby team at Oak Bay. They will accordingly play the match at Beacon Hill on Saturday, commencing sharp at 2.30.

(From Thursday's Daily).

—W. E. Sosee, superintendent of the Vancouver-Portland Cement Company, recently shot a deer of 180 pounds near Saanich Arm.

—Last Tuesday evening a smouldering fire in a pile of sawdust near Sayward's mill gave the fire brigade a run. No damage was done and the blaze was quickly put out.

—The bank clearings, as reported by the Victoria clearing house, totalled $1,053,890 for the week ending December 24th, 1907. There is nothing specially notable in the figures, the business represented being about the same as that of past periods.

—On Christmas eve the employees of the Brackman-Ker Milling Company were presented with a substantial present by the management as a reminder of the festive season of the year which was very much appreciated by them all.

—On Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. the funeral of the late Miss Cora Gertrude John took place from the family home at Saanichton. Rev. J. W. Flinton, of the Saanichton church, officiated. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful flowers were sent. The pallbearers were, H. F. Haldon, J. Haldon, R. J. Fell, A. B. John, H. P. John and F. John.

—G. D. Kumar acknowledges the following donations from citizens in aid of the Hindus in the city: One blanket from Mrs. Blackwood; three large and four small bags of flour from Watson & McGregor; $1.50 from a friend through the Y. M. C. A. This with the $7 already acknowledged makes $8.50 in cash.

—The wedding was celebrated last evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Hereward street, of Miss Mary E. McLain to Mr. C. F. McGregor, of Fort Francis, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Christopher Burnett, the bride being given away by her father. The bridesmaid was Miss Minnie Beattie while Mr. Allan McLain, brother of the bride acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. McLain have gone to Vancouver en route for a tour of the coast cities.

—The Manitoba Free Press has issued this year another of the unique souvenirs which have been sent far and wide by that enterprising newspaper for the last seven years. This year's souvenir is a small oak barrel filled with Peace River flour, packed at the Vermillion mills, 400 miles south of the Arctic circle. The flour is intended to illustrate the resources of Canada's Northwest, but incidentally it tells as well of the fertility of resources of Winnipeg's big daily.

EXCLUSION LEAGUE.

Satisfactory Report Received With Respect to Labor at Hatley Park.

It is possible that the Asiatic Exclusion League will support Mayor Morley in the coming mayoralty campaign. President John Jardine, M. P. P., practically announced this decision at a meeting of the league last night. The meeting was not a representative one, as only twelve members were in attendance. Mr. Jardine stated that at the meeting held at Spring Ridge the Mayor had expressed very far-reaching views. They were radical, and in his opinion were what the public wanted. The president, however, admitted that Ald. Hall was quite sound in his views, and was prepared to support the stand and platform of the league.

The session last night was called for the purpose of hearing the result of Mr. Jardine's interview with the Lieut.-Governor with regard to discharging the Asiatics at Hatley Park and the employing of white men. The Governor, Mr. Jardine announced, had agreed to increase the wages from $1.75 to $2 a day, and give the preference to white men.

The question of a delegation to interview the provincial government with regard to exclusion legislation at the approaching session was also debated. Some of the members present thought that this could be brought to the attention of the House by Mr. Jardine himself as member for Esquimalt, and the subject was allowed to stand.

CROSSLEY AND HUNTER.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—After closing a successful campaign at Moose Jaw, Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, evangelists, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Toronto.

SETTLERS FOR OKANAGAN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—A special train of British immigrants, en route to the Okanagan Valley, passed through Winnipeg on Tuesday.

COFFIN MYSTERY.

London, Dec. 24.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent tampering with the grave of T. C. Druce, which will be opened in the course of the next few days to prove whether or not it contains the body of Druce, or a roll of lead.

RICKMERS REACHES 'FRISCO.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—The overdue German ship R. C. Rickmers, 59 days out from Sydney, arrived here last night.

ARRESTED A 2-YEAR-OLD BOY.

Pittsburg, Pa.—George Shaffer, 2 years old, was arrested on a warrant and charged with trespassing. A neighbor swore that George tore up his lawn and flower beds. But the court declined to hear the case. The little son of Mrs. John Cline of Aylmer, Ont., was only a year older than baby Shaffer when his mother noticed that he suffered with severe attacks of Biliousness. She tried everything she could think of, but the boy grew steadily worse. "I cannot praise Fruit-a-tives too highly," writes Mrs. Cline, "I have tried so many different kinds of medicine for my son. He has had bilious attacks ever since he was three years old, and since he began to take 'Fruit-a-tives' he has been so well." "Fruit-a-tives" are the ideal medicine for children as well as grown folk. They are pleasant to take and mild in action—being made of fruit juices and tonics. 50c. a box. At all dealers.

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A Fresh Shipment

OF

Men's Overcoats

IN MANY

DIFFERENT STYLES.

THE QUESTION OF JAMES BAY DUMP

Conference Held With Dr. Fagan--Subject Will Again be Considered by Officials

As a result of a conference between the city board of health and Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial health department, Tuesday night, it was decided to have Dr. Robertson and the city engineer co-operate with Dr. Fagan to treat the whole question of the dump on James Bay flats to a rigid inquiry.

The spread of bacteria was the doctor's prediction if things on the flat were left just as they were. He quoted numerous authorities to prove his contentions that the dump was a menace to the health of the community. He declared that all kinds of garbage, including night soil, has been deposited on the flats. From his own knowledge, he knew the character of the material put there, and on more than one occasion he had seen loads of filth taken direct from Chinatown. He also contended that Dr. Robertson had admitted tracing a case of infectious disease to the conditions at the flats.

Dr. Robertson then asked for leave to make a statement. He declared that the nature of the refuse deposited on the James Bay flats was such that he could hardly see how bacteria could thrive in it. There had been of old a quantity of stuff, tin cans and boxes, deposited at the dump, but no organic matter. There had also been some rotten fruit and a load of rotten fish, but that was some time ago.

Regarding the question of the flats being a menace, he stated he was not an authority, he only knew what his common sense told him. How were the flats contaminated and with what material? As far as he knew the flats had not been contaminated by sewage. The composition of the material in the dump allowed a free circulation of oxygen. Dr. Robertson quoted from authorities to show that his contention was correct. He claimed that the free admittance of sunlight and air effectually killed the bacteria. He reiterated his opinion expressed before that while the flats might have been a nuisance it was no menace to the public health. Street soil had been placed upon the dump as a covering, but he did not think that such was anything but a benefit.

Ald. Henderson declared that the city had allowed nothing but clean rubbish to be placed upon the flats of late. The great need was an incinerator, which he hoped to see before long.

On motion of Ald. Fell, seconded by Ald. Meston, it was decided that the city engineer and the city health officer should meet with Dr. Fagan and go over the whole question of the city dump.

After the dump question was disposed of, Dr. Fagan took up the question of remarks which the Mayor had made relative to himself.

Mayor Morley then asked: "Have you at any time since you brought the anti-tuberculosis campaign before this council said anything against me as Mayor? and second, did you not take Ald. Hall to one of the society's meetings and introduce him as the future mayor of Victoria?"

Dr. Fagan declared he had not said anything against the Mayor, and to the second question he declared that he had said at the meeting that Dr. Hall was a candidate for mayor, and had asked him his opinion of the society's work in its fight against tuberculosis.

His Worship suggested that as the head of the city he should have been asked to attend the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

GREEK MEETS GREEK.

Victoria Bootblack Takes Advantage of a Guileless One From Seattle.

All the crooks do not live in Seattle, neither are all the guileless ones resident in this city. A short time ago a young Greek came over from Seattle to take a share in the bootblacking business run by a fellow countryman at the entrance to the Manitoba Bar. In order to pass the time when business was slack, the Victoria Greek initiated the Seattle lad into the mysteries of card playing. They played for money, but the younger member thought it was all for fun and the close the lad asked for his money, cash was kept piled up on the table. At but the older hand dropped the pile into his pocket and walked off.

Finding persuasion of no avail the lad, who was out to the extent of $97.50, appealed to the police, who advised that the money should be returned. This was done, but while speaking smoothly to the police in English, he is supposed to have threatened in Greek that he would visit his wrath upon the younger man. When they met down town the quarrel was renewed, and, it is alleged, the man again threatened to knife his comrade. The police were appealed to a second time, and now the Greek is cooling off in the lock-up.

TO SERVE CITY.

H. Callow the Latest Addition to Those Seeking Aldermanic Honors.

H. Callow has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for aldermanic honors. Mr. Callow says that he is coming out at the urgent request of his numerous friends. Although he is not now living in ward one, he has lived there for many years previous to about two years ago, when he removed to Fort street, where he is now running a florist business. This makes the fifth candidate in Victoria West, there being already in the field F. J. Bittancourt, Henry Norman, Captain Gidley and probably Alderman Ross.

SHEILA HAD ACCIDENT.

Coming up from San Francisco to Seattle the turret steamship Sheila, formerly of the Grace line, and now under charter to Jebsen and Ostrander, Seattle, blew out her high pressure valve and had to lay to in a heavy storm to make temporary repairs. She arrived at the Puget Sound port after a long battle with the elements.

This morning the Sheila passed up through quarantine to load bunker coal at Comox.

THE NEW HOTEL.

Manager Gordon Consulted With Officials of C. P. R. Company To-Day.

Stewart Gordon, manager of the Empress hotel, informed a Times reporter this morning that he figures on having the big hostelry open about the middle of next month if not before.

Mr. Gordon was in conference with R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the railway company; C. E. E. Ussher, general passenger agent, and local officers of the passenger department this morning on matters connected with the introduction of the hotel service into the regular passenger work. The meeting had to do merely with the fixing of details as to the time of opening and the co-operation of the passenger department in connection therewith. Mr. Marpole said there was nothing new in connection with the Store street crossing dispute. "That," said he, "is up to the Mayor."

BLAZE WIPED OUT ENTIRE BLOCK

Damage to Tune of $200,000 Done by Fire in San Francisco.

San Francisco Cal., Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed nearly the entire block bounded by Mission, Jessie, First and Second streets early this morning. Several factories and stores were burned out and the loss will amount to more than two hundred thousand dollars. Most of the buildings were only temporary affairs, so that the loss was principally in stock carried by the firms involved.

The Revere Rubber Company suffered heavily, and it is believed will prove a total loss. The factory of Mafem & Otter, dealers in tile and mantels, was destroyed with the stock. Wood & Little, implement dealers, lost a building and stock, so did Ecles Smith Co., Justian Caire & Co., both hardware concerns.

Quick work on the part of the fire department saved a large section of factory district, which was at one time threatened.

A. W. SMITH PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Deceased Was for Many Years a Member of the Local Legislature.

The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Alfred Wellington Smith, of Lillooet. The deceased was well known in Victoria, where he has been a frequent visitor for many years past. For years he represented the constituency of Lillooet in the local legislature. Later, after he no longer sat in the legislature, Mr. Smith was in the habit of spending the greater part of the winter in this city.

Alfred Wellington Smith, late member for West Lillooet, was born at Kempstone, Bedfordshire, England, March 24th, 1840. He was educated at Bedford school and Epworth College, and some years later married Margaret Ann Gilem. He was for years engaged in business as a merchant, but he retired in 1886, and was government agent for Lillooet from 1873 to 1877. In 1889 he was elected to the legislature, and was re-elected on four consecutive occasions.

Mrs. Smith was with her husband at the time of his death.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., 1016 Government street. Rev. T. W. Gladstone will conduct the services, the interment taking place at Ross Bay.

BOSCOWITZ STEAMSHIPS.

The Boscowitz steamship Venture returned to port this morning from Naas river and way ports, bringing a quantity of freight and three passengers. Except for heavy weather, the Venture's trip was uneventful.

At Vancouver the steamship landed 72 passengers, 5,000 cases of salmon from the Skeena and Rivers Inlet and 15 tons of freight from Essington. The latter was merchandise, which was consigned to Hazleton, but could not be taken up the Skeen before navigation closed.

The Venture will lay up for a month to undergo a thorough overhauling, her place on the Naas river route being taken by the company's other vessel, the Vadso, which will sail on the 30th inst. and will make special calls at Skidegate and Jedway, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Yesterday a curious accident befell the Vadso while lying at Spratt's wharf, which, luckily, resulted without the vessel receiving any injury. The ballast tanks had been scaled and cleaned, and in testing them the upper tanks were filled before any water had been put into the lower tanks. A gust of wind struck the steamship broadside, causing her to heel over at a dangerous angle and giving all on board a scare. The upper tanks were speedily emptied and the lower ones filled, and the Vados was soon placed on an even keel again, none the worse for the mishap.

VANCOUVER FATALITY.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—George Aldridge, aged 24, a bridge carpenter in the employ of the city, fell off the bridge at Seymour creek last night and was carried into the canyon and drowned.

Christmas Day, of Minnie Meller Garnham, daughter of Frederick Garnham, at the family home corner of Toronto and Government streets. The deceased, who was born at Moose Jaw, was 15 years of age. The funeral will take place on Friday at 1.30 from the house and at 2 o'clock from St. Barnabas' church, Rev. E. G. Miller officiating.

—Manager Ricketts, of the Victoria theatre, marked Christmas by remembering the Times staff with a box of cigars.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE MET CANDIDATES

Mayor Morley and Ald. Hall Addressed That Body Last Evening on Civic Matters.

A meeting of the Citizens' League was held last evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms with Rev. Le Roy Dakin presiding. There were present beside the members of the organization, Mayor Morley and Ald. Hall, who had been asked to address the meeting on the moral question, with the object in view of arriving at a conclusion as to how the members should vote at the coming election. After hearing both candidates it was decided to adjourn until Jan. 10th when another meeting will be held and the two candidates asked to appear.

Mayor Morley spoke first last evening and avowed himself as a friend of all moral movements. He intimated that a house opened on Herald street which has recently been fitted up, was being watched by the police with the object in view of securing a conviction against it of being a disorderly house.

The Mayor said he had always been in favor of reform and instanced the formation of the Voters' League and the Chamber of Commerce as evidence of this. When he was elected mayor he started out to make Victoria not only a progressive but a clean city. He said he had always stood by principle in spite of all the pressure that might have been brought against him.

His Worship offered to leave the field to Ald. Hall if the advocates of reform were satisfied with Ald. Hall. If, however, the advocates of reform did not feel satisfied with Ald. Hall he would run.

His Worship suggested that the solution of the administration of the liquor question in the city lay in the turning of it over to the city. He was opposed to the appointment of the commissioners by the provincial government as commissioners were appointed who were hand in glove with the liquor interests. He favored giving the people of the city the fullest opportunity to deal with the liquor traffic. He therefore favored local option he said in reply to a question.

He took exception to Ald. Hall's course in the council.

Ald. Hall followed by going into his record also. He had been in British Columbia thirty-two years and was satisfied that his record during that time was sufficient to show that he stood always for moral reform. In 1874 he took the pledge of the Good Templars and had been a total abstainer ever since. He had always taken an active interest in the cause of temperance and in 1878 had given six weeks of his time in the interests of the temperance side in the plebescite campaign. He had always stood by his principles and in the eleven years he had served the city as school trustee and aldermen he had tried to do his duty and could challenge anyone to show where he had not worked in the interests of moral reform. He had stood aside for two years from contesting the Mayor's seat in order to prevent a three-cornered contest. He did not intend to stand aside this year.

Ald. Hall then gave some attention to Mayor Morley's record and stated that two years ago His Worship had lobbied against a local option bill which J. N. Evans, the member for Cowichan, had introduced.

Interrupted by Mayor Morley, Ald. Hall said he had a letter from Mr. Evans in which it was stated that Mayor Morley had asked him to withdraw the local option clause.

Ald. Hall explained his position on the proposal to prohibit the sale of opium. He pointed out that the proposed by-law had clashed with Dominion legislation and was beyond the powers of the city. He was prepared to support every measure which was for the moral uplifting of the city.

Following Ald. Hall the discussion between the two candidates became general and a number of subjects were dealt with.

Mayor Morley admitted that he sometimes took a glass of ale or wine, but his stand on the temperance question was endorsed by the Good Templars, to which Ald. Hall belonged.

Ald. Hall took exception to the statement of Mayor Morley, who produced the letter on which he based his endorsation. It proved to be from the Royal Templars, to which Ald. Hall does not belong.

His Worship denied all knowledge of opposition to the local option bill of Mr. Evans. Asked if he had not gone to the legislature and pressed for legislation to give the rights to sell liquor on the exhibition grounds, His Worship said he had done so, acting for the Agricultural society.

His Worship would only give Ald. Hall credit for one thing—that was the Sooke survey, and even in that case the mayor said he had arranged everything up to the stage where Ald. Hall took it up.

Ald. Hall said that he was on record on the Sooke survey question long before the mayor entered the council. He had voted in favor of all moral reform measures introduced.

It was finally decided to postpone any action until after January 10th, when a special meeting will be held. The two candidates were thanked for attending.

President Daykin tendered his resignation, as he was leaving the city shortly.

TO DREDGE FIRST NARROWS.

(Special to the Times).

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The department of public works have, at R. G. Macpherson's request, ordered a survey to be made of the First Narrows, preparatory to dredging the same and making it safer for navigation.

QUADRUPLETS.

Multiform Christmas Present of Virginia Woman to Her Husband.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—The Christmas present of Mrs. William Luck, of Roanoke, to her husband to-day, says a special to the News-Leader, was two boys and two girls, all doing well.

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C. E. E. Ussher of C. P. R. Regards the Financial Stringency as Only Temporary

C. E. E. Ussher, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., is making an official tour of the Coast cities.

Speaking to a Times reporter this morning Mr. Ussher said that it would naturally be the policy of the company to bring as many tourists to the new hotel as they knew how. "There is no doubt in the world," said he, "that the hotel will do a great deal toward stimulating the tourist business." This tourist influx, Mr. Ussher thinks, will be especially witnessed in 1909 when the Seattle exposition is on.

As to the immediate outlook, Mr. Ussher observed that the company had the regular cheap rate in effect for December and January to Victoria and other points on the Pacific Coast, and he thought there would be quite a number of people coming here from the Northwest provinces.

"The financial stringency," said Mr. Ussher, "is not bothering us at all, for we know it is but a temporary condition which will soon pass away." In this connection, the railway man pointed out that although there had been some shortage of crops in the prairie wheat fields this was more than offset by the betterment in prices, which promised to bring $20,000,000 into the Northwest provinces in excess of what was realized for the crop of last year.

The Empress hotel, Mr. Ussher says, will compare favorably, especially with respect to its interior finish and appointments, with any of the company's establishments in Canada.

Next year the company expects to operate a double daily train service to the Coast cities. This will mean two distinct services with all connections both ways. The arrangements for this service are now being perfected.

CHILDREN ARE IN THE LOCK-UP

THE FATHER REFUSES TO PART WITH THEM

Traveller From Australia Under Arrest Is Held Pending Word From Sydney

There are two unusual guests in the city lockup. Antonio Loachiavio, who is being held pending the arrival of further information from Australia, is unable to provide the two thousand dollars' bail required by the magistrate, or to find two sureties who are willing to pledge themselves to that amount. As his two little children are dependent upon him, and they refuse to be parted, there is nothing else to be done except to keep them there. They are upstairs in the women's department of the lockup, and are quite happy with their father. The chief has offered to place them in the convent at the expense of the city or in any other suitable institution. The offers have been refused, and the prison is temporarily a nursery.

The prisoner claims that his wife deserted him instead of his deserting her, and he further claims that he left her half of his money. According to the Australian law a man is punishable to the extent of three years hard labor for deserting his wife for one month without leaving her some means of support. As this is the offence with which he is at present charged, the custody of the children do not enter into the affair at all.

In court yesterday afternoon Mr. Aikman asked that the bail be put low enough to allow the man to put up the money. He had in his possession a little over $600. The magistrate could not see it in that light, but information may arrive at any time which will alter the complexion of the case. In the meantime a remand has been granted for a week.

$2,000,000 WANTED.

Toronto Baptist University Has Approached John Rockefeller.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—McMaster University (Baptist institution) may establish a medical department, and it is said negotiations are being carried on with John D. Rockefeller to secure $2,000,000 to aid in the purpose.

TEES TO RESUME SERVICE.

The overhauling of the C. P. R. west coast steamship Tees has been completed, and she will be floated this afternoon from the Victoria Machinery Depot ways. The Tees will resume her schedule sailing on the west coast upon the Amur's return from Cape Scott, sailing for Ahousat on January 1st.

CANADIAN SHIPBUILDING.

A marine department blue book, issued lately, shows the total number of vessels of all kinds on the register books of Canada on December 31st, 1906, was 7,512, with an aggregate tonnage of 654,179, being an increase of 187 vessels and a decrease of 15,646 tons register as compared with 1905. The value of this registered tonnage is about $19,625,370.

The number of vessels built and registered in Canada last year was 397, with a tonnage of 21,741, and worth approximately $978,000. Nova Scotia heads the list of provinces in respect to registered tonnage with a total of 187,328. Ontario comes next, with 180,340, and Quebec third, with 143,340. In respect to vessels built last year, 154 were built in Nova Scotia, 82 in British Columbia, and 74 in Ontario. Compared with other nations, Canada comes tenth on the list, with Japan eighth, and Sweden ninth.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Immigration figures for November show an increase of 18 per cent. over the same month last year.

The totals were 13,598 for last November, compared with 11,524 for Nov., '06. The arrivals by ocean ports were 9,608, compared with 7,225 for November last year, and 3,990 from the United States, as against 4,299 for November, 1906. There was a decrease of 309 from the United States and an increase of 2,483 by ocean ports.

PLEASED WITH LENORA MINE

A DIRECTOR OF NEW COMPANY IS IN CITY

E. M. Parry Speaks of the Brigh Prospects at the Mount Sicker Property.

E. M. Parry, a director of the Lenora mine, of London, England, is registered at the Oak Bay hotel.

Mr. Parry is here to look over the company's investment at Mount Sicker, and in speaking to a reporter this morning he expressed himself as being well satisfied with the looks of the property.

At present, said he, we are just marking time pending an improvement in the copper market. The mine is in very good shape and it is probable that some exploratory work will be done, during the dull period, to locate other ore bodies which are believed to be in the mountain.

Mr. Parry intimated that there was a very noticeable improvement recently in the appreciation of British Columbia mining investments in the Old Country, and he thinks that the elimination of wild cat propositions and the introduction of bona fide enterprises to the British investors would gradually restore confidence in the mines of the province. He suggested, however, that the labor question was susceptible of improvement from the British investors' point of view.

"I was much surprised," said Mr. Parry, "to see the evidences of wealth which are so generally observable, on the trip across the continent. Canada seems to be free from any approach to conditions of distress among the people." And in this connection he remarked upon the contrasts to be found in the great centres of the Old Country. Conditions in England, however, are considerably improved over last year. The number of unemployed is not nearly so great this year.

Mr. Parry will leave for the East in a few days.

BORN.

FURLONGER—On the 22nd inst., at Victoria, B. C., the wife of Ravenhill Cecil Furlonger, of a daughter.

DIED.

JOHN—On the 21st inst., Cora Gertrude, beloved daughter of Rose and the late R. F. John, aged 20 years and 2 months.

McMILLAN—On the 20th inst., at the family residence, Cormorant street, Louisa McMillan, aged 84 years, a native of Cornwall, Eng.

BLANCHARD—At residence, Craigflower road, on the 16th inst., H. S. Blanchard, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 44 years.

FRANCIS—In this city, on the 12th inst., Arthur Francis, aged 48 years, a native of England.

(English papers please copy).

DIBB—At St. Joseph's hospital, on Dec. 13th, 1907, Caroline Dibb, of Esquimalt road, a native of Birmingham, England.

LEE—At St. Joseph's hospital, of typhoid fever, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock, Chas. W. Lee, aged 24, of Birmingham, England.

FOR REEVE

To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your votes and influence.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. SNELLING.