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of the kind ever held in Victoria West or Instrumental and vocal duets, solos, recitations, addresses, termingled were kept up until 10:30. when a Christmas tree for the children of the Wesleyan Sunday school at Es quimalt closed the proceedings. Captain and Mrs. Fleet, of H.M.S. Icarus, were present during part of the evening and the chaplain, Rev. J. P. Hicks, is to be congratulated on the success of the venture. It is hoped he will repeat the con cert, so that the men of H.M.S. Leander will have an opportunity to be pres

GOLDEN TEXADA.

Developments-List of th Working Mines.

A correspondent at Texada writes as ollows to the Nanaimo Free Press: Partial list of the mines which ar vorking here or being developed: West Coast-Golden Slipper, Surprise Silver Tip, Cap Sheaf, Twin Brothers Lakeside, Nest Egg, Victoria, Excelsion Little Billie, Whistler, Swan, Nances East Coast-Copper Queen, Florence,

Black Prince, Jessie, Sixteen to One, Souvenir.

The growing mail marks beyond doubt the increase of the island Toxada receives the largest mail bag on the coast cute of British Columbia. The passenger traffic has induced one of our largest transportation companies to decide upon placing a much larger and more commodious steamer upon the route at an early date, as the present service is too small to meet the growing trade.

New machinery will be placed on several properties immediately the plans are completed, and the coming spring will find Texada making a needed step forward as a shipper of minerals. On Dit-That a smelter will soon be

erected nigher the mines of the gulf coast than any of our coast cities. The site is said to be purchased already, and, no bonuses asked, at least so far as known. What a boon to the marine and fisheries department! A beacon without cost And we shall wait patiently for the pext step in evolution from primeval solitude. How true the old adage: "Success comes to those who wait," Methinks I hear some one say "where." and answer choes-not in the far distant lands of

the midnight sun, but then, you know, distant pastures are always greenest. Yet we never wished ourselves back Messrs. Geo. Westwood, J. J. West wood and W. T. Westwood came up with the steamer Rainbow to develop

their properties, on Thursday.

The reports on the Joan that three or four Klondikers were aboard on Thurs ay afternoon was an error. It was only three or four Texadians. Messrs. McCrady and Coates were also on the Rainbow, and more came up next day on the Comox for here and northern

TRAVEL AS AN EDUCATOR. The usefulness of travel for rightl

rained sand constituted lads is so gen rally recognized that it is not at all unusual for parents who wish to give their sons every chance possible to increase in wisdom to offer them the choice between spending several years in Europe or gong to college at home, says the January Scribner. Each of us knows one or two men who have pursued education in this way, and we are used to compare them with their college bred coevals and pass pinions as to wnich method of intellectual development resulted best. Every year there are lads who were fitted for college and, perhaps, entered, but wen To compare them six or eight, or 10 or 20, years later with their schoolmates who went on and took their college degree is, perhaps, the most available test of the respective efficiency of the two methods; and it seems safe to say that according to that test, the educations ruits of travel and study abroad com pare very, well with the products of the domestic tree of knowledge id ito be

"P. I." JONES'

The Discovery of the "Mother Lode" Was Unknown in Dawson After Jones Left.

James Macaulay, of This City, Breaks All Records from Dawson to Salt Water.

There Is No Need for any Relief Expedition, Everybody Being Well Provisioned.

Joaquin Miller's "Terrible Trip" Was Just a Little Story Prepared

Eighteen and a half days from Dawson City to salt water is the new record for ravel by dog train, which has been established by Mr. James Macaulay, of this city, who reached Nanaimo on the steamer Alki yesterday afternoon. Mr. Macaulay's travelling companion on this flying trip over the snow and ice was Dick Butler, one of the wealthy claim owners of El Dorado creek, They started from Dawson with a picked dog team, and being experienced in Arctic travel passed men who had left Dawson a week ahead of them. Included in these were "P.-I." Jones, who told the wonderful story of the discovery of the mother lode, which now turns out to be a myth, In the rivalry between the cities of and E. J. Livernash, the Examiner re- British Columbia and othese on the presentative, who, with two other dele-

nothing had been heard of the discovery of the mother lode, and he thinks that if such a discovery had been made he would have heard of it. Another "fake" brought out by Mr. Jones was the story of Joaquin Miller's "awful" trip from Circle City to Dawson. Mr. Miller reached Dawson as well as he ever was, and a man who accompanied Miller told Mr. Macaulay that the trip was not a difficult one. The old man dragged his own sleigh, and, like all who do not know how to take care of themselves, was slightly frost bitten. Of course, Miller was "out" to make a story for his paper. Coming from Mr. Mr. Macaulay, the

in Dawson and no need for relief expeditions, can be accepted as final. Mr. Macaulay is thoroughly acquainted with the conditions prevailing in the country and he knows whereof he speaks. Goods are advertised for sale every day, he says, by men who are coming out, while the stores still have some goods to sell, to men who are without proper outfits. The North American Trading Co. are selling flour at \$6 a sack, but will only sell a sack at a time. Men disposing of raft load just below Dawson. There are no provisions at Circle City but lots at Fort Yukon. There is positively no

tatement that there is plenty of "grub".

to last until the boats arrive in the sumout dogs were making slow progress. country for four years, brought out a big fortune, including what he took out and what he obtained for his claims. Some very hig prices have recently been paid for claims. Mr. Healey paid \$300,-000 for claims 26 and 27 Bonanza and 36 and 37 El Dorado sold for \$200,000. The bench claims on El Dorado are turning out very well. The prospects on Hunker and Sulphur creeks are also acd, \$4 to the pan being the average on Hunker.

Major Walsh is still at Big Salmon waiting for his dog train, but he has sent part of the mail through to Dawson, Mr. Macaulay meeting the carriers at Mc-Cormack's post. The police pack train was met at the Mud Lake, with a big load of supplies. The trip out was a comparatively mild one, the thermometer never registering more than, 45, below The snow and ice. too were good except at Thirty-mile river, which was still cared of torturing eczema. Mothers open. A large crowd of men are making their way down the lakes, with sails on their sleighs. The young man who was left on the trail to die, and who had his legs amputated, is recovering and making his way out.

Mr. Macaulay will rebuild his hotel. which was burned, as soon as he can Secure the material.

The best previous time from Dawson o the coast was 20 days, made last year, that Messrs. Macaulay and Butler have clipped a day and a half off the largest meeting ever held in Grand The wheat supplied by California to record. Everything favored them. They Forks assembled on Thursday, evening Peru and with which the people seem

that a man more intimately connected with the camp should be sent to inter-view the government.

Mr. Macaulay brought out a hittaber of reports from Major Walsh for Hon. Mr.

ANOTHER BATCH OF MINERS. Steamer Alki Arrived at Nanaimo Last Night With Men From Dawson.

The steamer Alki, having on board thirty miners from Dawson City and many other passengers from the northern coast cities, arrived at Nanaimo last evening. The stories told by the mi ers are much the same as those publish ed during the last few weeks. Continual stormy weather on the lakes and the summits of the passes has considerably delayed travel. Inspector Strickland, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who came down from Tagish Lake, reports that he was delayed at Lake Linderman for seven days, being unable to travel on account of a blinding snow storm. It has been the same in the passes, drifting snow making travelling almost impossible. One party of police, in charge of Mr. Macgreyor, had started down on the ice with a large

The delegates sent by the miners of Dawson to interview the Dominion government respecting the mining regulations were reported to be within a few hours travel of the coast, when the Alki left. They will probably be down on the Corona, due on Monday next.

ALL CANADA INTERESTED. How the Eastern Provinces Will Benefit From British Columbia's

gates, is on his way to Ottawa to inter-the or the Yukon our eastern cities are tral America and Mexico. The best view the government respecting the mindeeply interested. Everything that tends
ing regulations.

Messrs. Macaulay and Butler left the headquarters of that traffic operates
Dawson on December 12th, and, as statto benefit Toronto and Montreal. The
dayse reached salt water eighteen ed above, reached salt water eighteen more of the Klondike trade the British days later, since which time they have Columbia merchants secure the better been in the northern cities. Up to the customers they will be to our eastern time he left, which was consideraly later houses. In their contest with the Pacific than "P.-I." Jones, Mr. Macaulay said ports of the United States for the rich prize of the Yukon trade Vancouver and Victoria are fighting not only their own battle, but that of all Canada, as Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and the rest are fighting that of the United States. For which ever group of cities wins will make the trade tributary to its country as a whole. Hence, not unnaturally, the eastern boards of trade have not been slow to espouse the cause of the Vancouver and Victoria boards.

which urged the Dominion government some time ago to take such measures as would ensure the free passage of Canadian goods into the gold fields, and ensure, also the collection of all due duties on foreign goods. The Toronto board joined in the protest against the gave its voice for an all Canadian route tariff law.

Victoria and Vancouver would doubtless have been welcome to this expression of sympathy and of moral support even if Toronto had no commercial interest in the controversy between the their outfits receive from \$1 to \$1.25 a coast cities on the two sides of the forpound. The N. A. company have any der. But Toronto has a commercial inamount of beef, while there is another terest in the question, and a large one, Several of its wholesalers and manufacturers are now receiving big orders from outfitting houses on the coast, whose need of assistance, there being enough lively enterprise is rapidly building up a fine trade. From Toronto have gone forward numerous shipments of fabrics and other materials used in the manufacture miles this side of Fort Selkirk, and P.-I. of miners' articles, hundreds of nairs of Jones and party at Pelly River. Altogether 200 men, who are on their way large assortment of articles that go to to the coast, were passed. All were make up camp supplies and several ingetting along well, although those with- voices of spirits-all ordered by Vancouver and Victoria merchants for the Yu-Besides these 200, Mr. Macaulay says kon trade. These demands are increasthere will be over a thousand men coming as the spring approaches, when it is expected that thousands will migrate ice. These men are not fleeing from to the gold fields, and will make either starvation, but are coming out to sell of our coast cities their point of departheir claims, or, having sold them are thre in order to save the duty. Intending coming out to enjoy the fruits of their hunters of gold in that distant field unlabors. An immense amount of dust derstand pretty well that they must have will be brought out by these men. Most a considerable amount of ready cash to of the thirty-five men on the Alki brought out small fortunes, in fact a Mr. Thompout small fortunes, in fact a Mr. Thompout small fortunes in fact a Mr. Thompout small fact a Mr son, who has been mining in the Yukon such a muster in the spring at our British Columbia ports as is expected, the trade done on Klondike account will be a big one, and Toronto merchants who are on the alert will get their fair share of it. Merchants in Montreal, according to the Herald of that city, have already booked orders for \$100,000 worth of goods destined for the Yukon, and calculate on doing half a million dollars' worth of that business in the next two months. Mining implements, clothing, blankets, boots, groceries, condensed foods, drugs, hardware, are among the commodities in chief demand. Toronto wholesalers. and manufacturers should be able to capture an equally large part of the trade.- Toronto Mail and Empire.

> The Baby Covered With Eczema and Cured by Dr. Chase.

Mrs. Jas. Brown, of Molesworth. Ont., tells how her boy (eight months old) was whose children are afflicted our write her regarding the great cure, Dr. Chase's Ointment. Her child was afflicted from birth, and three boxes of Dr. Chase's Cintment cured him.

WANT THE CORBIN ROAD. Mass Meeting at Grand Forks Endorses Application for Charter.

Grand Forks, B. C., Jan. 11.-The agents there. record. Everything favored them. They had a good team, good weather and good that in Ald. W. H. C. Maniy's Hall.

Show and been and best of all, they had the object of the meeting was to consider the experience gained on many previous the experience gained on many previous the object of the advisability of sending a delection to Ottawa, Ont., for the purpose of supporting D. C. Cordin's application to Ottawa, Ont., for the purpose of rolled oats and similar articles, and at some places on the coast for vegetor sending to Ottawa, but when the news through this section. A committee was paper main heard of it he hurridely start appointed to circulate a petition support.

The duty on canned salmon and canned frifts is almost prohibitory, and canned frifts is almost prohibitory, and on his trip to the coast. It was tell in Mr. Corbin's application.

PERU IS ANXIOUS

She Wants to Trade With Canada and Is Going the Right Way About It.

Mr. Romero, the Special Commissioner from Peru. Meets the Business' Men of Victoria.

Interesting Address From Mr. Sheppard On the Chances for Canadian Trade.

Board of Trade Backs Up the Recom mendation for Improvement of the Stickeen River.

Peru is anxious to trade with Canada

and she is going the right way about it. quantity of provisions. The party should Mr. A. T. Romero, who came north be at Lake Le Barge by this time. A with Mr. E. E. Sheppard, the Canadian very large amount of goods have been trade commissioner, is here for business. taken across the passes by the police At a meeting of the council of the board will be been trade commissioner, is here for business. and will be kept moving towards Daw- of trade yesterday he formally opened negotiations with the business men of Victoria for the exchange of products. Peru has salt to sell, and to test the desire of Canadians to extend their trade the government of Pern is sending a cargo of that commodity to Victoria. The ship is now on her way here and Mr. Romero will remain to dispose of the cargo and see the vessel gets a return load of lumber. This will at least be the thin edge of the wedge, and to the business men will be left the work of making the trade permanent. Mr. Romero's address was very short, simply

reciting the facts as above stated, Mr. Sheppard, the Canadian commis sioner, spoke at considerable length, pointing out the opportunities for the cast of the Pacific States for the traf- development of thade in South and Cenwhite pine is easily destroyed by an in-sect which abounds there, so that there is a good opening for British Columbia lumber, which is not affected by the insect. He had been told that the trade was controlled by a combine. This was unfortunate, as the British Columbia lumber had no identity, all the lumber being entered as California or Oregon On account of the Dingley bill the South American republics were anxious to discriminate against the United States, but when they struck the United States they struck Canada, as all the Pacific coast lumber was classed as Oregon pine, and the duty on all is the The government had offered to liscriminate in favor of British Columbia lumber if he could show that it was different than Oregon pine, but this was impossible. A very heavy duty had been placed on the yellow pine, which comes from the Southern States, and this would vexations bonding charges imposed by create a greater demand for British Cothe United States customs agent at Dyea, and against the proposal to close that sub-port to Canadian traffic; it also from 35 to 65 per cent., but this hit Cansame. He explined this to the minister of finance, who promised that 25 per. cent, would be allowed off the duty. The importation of spruce and yellow pine to Brazil is enormous and there is be reason why British Columbia lumber should not take its place, but British Columbia lumber is unknown there, as the trust

entered it all as Oregon pine. Mr. W. A. Ward explained that not one of the British Columbia mills which are now being operated was in a trust. The only trust now on the coast was the Pacific Pine Lumber Company, which controls Sound mills. It was true that British Columbia had been frozen out.

of some South American countries by Mr. Sheppard continuing said there was also a good market in Argentina for lumber, and there was no reason why British Columbia should not compete there with Maine and New Brunswick. The same was true in Chile and Equa dor, particularly in the latter country where the principal city had recently been burned, making the demand greater than ever. Houses or parts of houses are admitted in Eanador free of duty. In the Central American states lumber was al-

Another commodity that British Colum bia might supply was pressed fish, for which there was an immense demand It should be put up in as compact a form as possible, with the maximum nutrition for the minimum weight, as it has to be packed by mule train to the nterior. / Scotland and Germany at present control this trade. Millions could be made in this business. Brazil, and, in fact, many of the south-

ern states, import all they eat, having "gone coffee mad." Coffee has been planted to the exclusion of almost everything else in Brazil, and all the coffee states have increased their acerage. The result is that coffee has dropped in price from £4 in 1895 to £1 7s. this year. The British ministers and consuls were willing to de all they could to advance Canadian trade, but they admitted that they knew nothing about it, depending upon their friends for their trade reports. He urged upon them the necessity of keeping in touch with Canadian affairs and they seemed quite willing, in fact, anxious, to do so, for the good feeling for Canada is as prevalent in the diplomatic service as it is among all classes of Britishers. The trouble with the ministers and consuls is that they are diplomats, not business men. Germany and France on the other hand, have busi ness men as representatives, who drum up business for their countries. Canada should have agents throughout the South American continent to look after Canadian interests. It was also necessary, however, for the business men to have

changed. He had spoken to the ministers about aid for a steamship line and they expressed willingness to assist Chinada in subsidizing one, but promises are easier than payments.

In answer to Mr. Davidge, Mr. Shep pard said there were lots of boats there, but exchange was difficult. They do business principally with New York and London, Canada being unknown in this

A vote of thanks having been tender-ed Messrs. Sheppard and Romero, the council proceeded to other business. A long letter from Mr. J. C. Callbreath addressed to the minister of the interior suggesting improvements that should be made in the Stickeen river to aid naviga ion, was read. Mr. Callbreath asked for the co-operation of the board, which was

Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., of New Westminster, promised his support, and suggested that Mr. Maxwell, M.P., of Burrard, and the boards of trade of Vancouver and New Westminster be asked to assist. His suggestion will be acted

THE SECOND CLEAN-UP. Result of a 421/2 Days' Run at the Fern

The second clean-up of the Fern mine has just been made and the total yield for the three mouths has been \$28,500, and the expenses \$12,000.

The last clean-up covers a period of 44½ days, from November 14th to December 3 st, 1897. The bullion shipped amounted to \$9,631.93; concentrates, \$1, 939.42; ore, \$1,608.03, making a total of \$13,179.38 produced by the mine during the 44½ days. The bullion was in the shape of gold bricks, and was shipped

through the Bank of Montreal, The report of the mill run for 1,068 hours shows the average number of tons per day to have been 28.11. making a total of 1.251 tons milled, The free gold was \$7.70 per ton and concentrates \$1.55, a total value of \$9.25 per ton. The aver age duty per stamp for 24 hours was 2.81

Mr. Innes states that he expects to see the output three times as great when the cynnide plant and another ten stamps are working. The most important thing at present is the evanide plant, and this will be in operation as soon as possible Ore has been found in No. 3 tunnel 200 feet before it was expected with shows two feet of good shipping ore, and the depth is 260 feet. A tunnel is now being run that will tap the ore body 125 feet pected to be in ore in five weeks. The eport shows that the average expenses are about \$4,000 per month, but a larger part of this has been used in developand exploration work.-Nelson

CAUSE OF PAIN FROM CORNS The pain caused by a corn is due to relieves bunions, etc.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. Sir Charles Tupper's Movements Eleva-

tor Destroyed By Fire. Winnipeg, Jan. 11.-Sir Charles Tupada as hard as it did the States, because accompanied by Lady Tupper, Miss Mary and for the strict enforcement of the same. He expressed the Tupper and Misses Jessie and Frances Tupper, who go to resume their studies at college. Sir Charles expressed himselfijas highly pleased with the reception accorded him in the west. He is going to Ottawa and thence to Montreal. The northern elevator at Cypress river tation was burned to-day with about

6.000 bushels of wheat. Col. Holmes, D.O.C., has shipped 4.000 Snider rifles, which were in the stores herei to Montreal. Many of these rifles have been in Winnipeg since 1870, having heen brought by Lord Wolseley's ex-

Victor Dodd, license inspector, and G. V. Bulyen, a member of the Northwest-Territories government, leave Regina shortly for the Yukon to secure the enforcement of the Northwest liquor license

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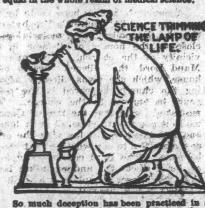
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COWICHAN MUNICIPALITY. Discussion of Its Affairs and Election of Council for This Year.

the taxpayers of Cowichan was held in the Agricultural Hall, Duncan, on the 8th inst. to consider the affairs of the municipality. There was only a moderdeeper than tunnel No. 3, and it is ex- ate attendance a sure indication that there are few grievances to ventilate. Great disappointment was felt at the absence of the reeve. Mr. W. P. Jaynes was unanimously voted to the chair. After briefly setting forth the object of the meeting the chairman called upon the reasurer. Councillor W. H. Elkington. J.P., who read the balance sheet, which showed the finances of the municipality to be in a satisfactory state. The treas hardened skin or corn. A little "Quick." urer also answered several questions in cure, spread on the corn and covered explanation of different items. Councilwith thin paper reduces the inflamma- lor W. C. Duncan was next called upon, tion and stops the pain. Try it. It also and as chairman of the local board of health he devoted himself chiefly to an explanation of the duties of that body under the health act, and the steps that had been taken to carry out the provisions of that act and to insure the health of the district as far as lay in their power. The length of roads to be maintained was steadily increasing, and it had

> expenditure of every dollar, Councillor Herd regretted the absence of the reeve, who was so well prepared to give a clear, exhaustive and interesting account of the year's work. The me of the council in the early part of the year had been largely taken up with the revision, consolidation and amendments of the by-laws, which had been satisfactorily completed. He explained the changes made in the roads by-law a work to which he and his predecessor Mr. N. J. Evans, had devoted much time. He asked the meeting to consider whether the creamery should be taked; also whether the dog tax should still be action of the council in opposing payment by the municipality for inquests President Alexander Wilson in the chair, and Messrs, Joshua Davies, T. Shotbolt, ment by the municipality for inquests Charles Hayward, J. Stuart Yates, Geo. held on the Indian reservation; and con-cluded by saving that the satisfactory state of the roads and the low rate of taxation were proofs that the council had That from the matron was to the effect

> cussion was invited by the chairman, Moved by Councillor Blkington, second-Moved by Councillor Elkington, second The resident medical officer, Edward ed by Mr. H. E. Evans and carried Hasell, M.R.C.S., reported that for De-That the incoming council he recomwas very satisfactory. He considered that the Indian road on the flats should be kept open, and that the municipality should have the right to appoint the coroner. Mr. A. A. Herd thought that the of

ficials of the municipality were too highly paid. He moved that the creamery be taxed. Counciller Herd spoke favorably of the work done by the officers of the corpora-

tion; much of the clerical work was unseen, and, therefore, perhaps, underestimated. Not every man was fitted for these positions, and when they had good free. men who had become familiar with their | duties, he considered it was wise and passed and ordered to be paid, and ineconomical to make it worth their while The chairman had thought it was to

ever attended, but supposed the longer they stayed and the colder they got the more kicking there would be. His opinion was that the municipality was officiently and cheaply served. He did are being pushed forward. A meeting not think it possible that they could of the medical staff will be held on Wedhave a better reeve and council, and honed they would be re-elected en bloc. He thought it unwise for a farmer to propose to tax the creamery, and was glad the motion had found no seconder. seconded. Mr. D. Evans seconded.

terest in the creamery.

Moved by Councillor Ellington, seconded by Mr. H. E. Evans and support holly; F. Sere, fruit; Victoria Phoenix ed by Mr. Las Evans, "That the dog Brewing Co., beer: Mrs. H. D. Helmctax be retained." In amendment it ken, evergreen; Mrs. Clement Royds, was moved by Councillor Herd seconded plan; Henderson Bros., \$5; by Mr. P. Murchison, "That the dog tax Weiler Bros., loan of crockery; and Mrs. be abolished until some practical way of R. Finlayson, beef.

working it can be found.' The amendwas lost, and the original motion carried by a substantial majority. Councillor Duncan said that as the business of the meeting was now concluded, he would propose a vote of thanks to the reeve, T. A. Wood. They all joined with him in regretting Mr. Wood's absence, and they were all assured that had it been in his power he would have been with them. No community could have a better man at its head-no one more warmly devoted to its prosperity or self-sacrificing in promoting its interest. The vote was carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the councillors, moved by Mr. A. A. Herd, seconded by Mr. D. Ford, was heartily endorsed. Councillor Duncan moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried unanimously. The chairman returned brief thanks and the meeting broke up.

The retiring reeve and councillors were re-elected yesterday by .acclamation, with the exception of Mr. W. H. Elkington, who declined to come forward again; Mr. F. Lether was nominated in his stead, and is now councillor for Comiaken-Cowichan ward A concert and dance in aid of the

funds of the Association Football Club will be given at the Agricultural Hall this evening. The first of a series of lectures and addresses to be given in the province on "Dairying," were delivered by Messrs.

G. H. Hadwen and C. Marker at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday afternoon last. A second of the intermediate series of football matches between Cowichan and Nanaimo will come off at Duncan

on Saturday afternoon next. JUBILEE HOSPITAL

The usual monthly meeting of the Jubilee hospital directors was held last evening in the board of trade rooms. exercised the strictest economy. that Misses Dockerill and Parsons have Competed their two years' training, and being absent, there were no more mem- Misses Budden, Macdonald, Fraser and bers of the council to be heard, and dis- Morley entered upon theirs, after having passed the probation term.

cember the "total days' stay" in the inmended to spend a sum of maney in aid stitution was 1,155; that the daily averof building a trail to Mt. Sticker." Mr. age number of patients was thirty-five, Evans thought the balance sheet and that the daily average cost per patient was \$1.38. The patients in the hospital on December 1 numbered 39: 43 were admitted during the month, and 41 were discharged, while seven died and 34 remained in hospital at the coming of the New Year. Of the patients received during the month 39 were from Victoria and 14 from elsewhere; there were three pay patients from Victoria at \$7 and fifteen at \$10; eight from elsewhere at \$10 and eight from Victoria at \$15; eight from elsewhere at \$15, and one from the French Benevolent Society

Accounts representing \$1,348.31 were surance amounting to \$50,000 on the hospital buildings was decided upon. The publisher of "Burdett's Hospitals and be the most amiable meeting he had Charities" wrote asking the board for information in regard to the Jubilee hospital, and this the secretary will furnish. The two recovery rooms, the erection of which was decided upon some time ago, nesday evening next, 19th inst., and monthly thereafter.

The members of the board gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the following Christmas gifts: Weiler Bros., 3 Mr, A .A. Herd still hoped it would be handsome and comfortable chairs for the nurses' room; Mrs. George Gillespie and Councillor Duncan said it would per- her children, a beautiful screen for the haps be fairer to those who had no in- men's ward; Cowichan friends, per Mrs. Musgrave, pillow cases; Ladies' Auxili-An amendment was moved by Mr. Jas., ary, per Mrs. A. J. Smith, president, tur-Evans "That taxation of the creamery keys, fruit, etc.; Geo. Jay, keg of cider, be left to the inciming council." This pears and evergreens; In Goodacre, D. was seconded by councillor Elkington Chungranes, Fell & Co., Erskine, Wall and carried, Totaling and S. Co., and Mrs. Templeman, poultry; Moved by Councillor Elkington, sec- Mrs. A. J. Smith, turkeys, cake and & Co., and Mrs. Templeman, poultry;