REPORTS.

Objections to the Hospital Aid Proposition Pointed Out.

SPECIAL MEETING ON THE SUBJECT

City Council Enters a Protest Against Increase of Rental Qualifications of Householders Who Vote-Question of Privilege-Other Matters.

There was a full attendance of the Board of Aldermen at last evening's meeting and Mayor Teague presided. City Clerk Dowler reported that during the week the following communications had been referred to different com-

To the Electric Light Committeee:

F. W. Grant, desiring that an electric light be placed at the corner of Cadboro Bay and Leighton roads, (and 13 others).

To the Sewrage Committee:

Albert Pike, applying for the position of Inspector of the extension of the surface drains, James Bay. Lucy Crull, complaining of the condition of Vining street and desiring that provision be made for carrying off the surface water on said street.

To the Street Committee:

J. C. Schimmerhorn, requesting permission to construct a box ar wooden five across street about 12 or 13 feet above the surface of the street for the purpose of conveying sawdust from the mill of the Sayward Mill and Timber Co., Ltd., to the power house of the Tramway Company.

Mrs. Mary Drosdowitz, desiring that the Council or Street Committee may cause a hole in front of her property, lots A and B, section 64, to be filled up.

To the Water Committee:

Chas. H. Tarbell and seven others, requesting that a water main be laid on Kelvin and Tennyson streets, 1,500 feet.

Mrs. Higgins, president of the Mater-

Mrs. Higgins, president of the Maternity Home, wrote proposing to establish a place in connection with their institution to care for aged women. A conference was proposed to discuss the matter. The Old Men's Home committee PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPIwill consider the matter.

The letter of William A. Elliott re the erection of fire houses on lot 921 and offering to give up all interest in the property for \$350, was referred to the fire

E. C. Baker, of the Victoria Electric Lighting Company, wrote asking the status of the company's power to erect poles under the municipal act as amended this session and asking for the council's opinsession and asking for the council's opin-ion. It was referred to the electric light committee with power to consult the city barristers.

Cost, \$42,000; capacity, 80 patients. Average number of patients, between 50 and 60 (about one-half are free patients). Present number of patients in Hospital,

An application from the Sayward Mill Company asking for permission to put an elevated sawdust flume across Constant street was read. The flume is to carry sawdust to the power house of the trainway company. A favorable report was made on the matter by City Engineer Wilmot. The request was granted, the Wilmot. The request was granted, the council to always have the power to or-

der its removal. City Engineer Wilmot reported that the main structure of James Bay bridge was in good order and capable of meeting the needs of all ordinary traffic. It, however, needed replanking, and he outlined a proposal from the tramway company to move the tracks further eastward to give greater room to traffic, and to hear about half the expense of repairing the bridge. Ald. Dwyer said the matter had already been acted upon and the report

was received and filed. Ald. Munn's motion requiring the auditor to furnish a monthly financial statement was brought up. He pointed out benefits to be derived and suggested that later in the year it might be well to have a statement of the "estimate of sevenue" and the "amount collected." Ald. Wilson seconded the motion, saying he regarded the idea as an excellent

In commenting upon some recent muni cipal legislation Ald. Munn said he regarded the council as well able to transact its business as the legislature. Mayor Teague-Why, judging from cer

tain things, they are more so. Ald. Wilson-What's the matter with the government making a quarterly finanmial statement? The motion was put and carried.

The finance committee presented one report favoring the payment of bills amounting to \$1851.60, and another fa voring the appropriation of \$1500 for James Bay bridge. Both were adopted. A special requisition from the school board amounting to \$344, took the usual

Ald. Baker rose to a question of pri vilege and asked if the legislative committee had suggested the alteration of the clause providing for the qualification of mayor and aldermen. mayor and aldermen.

Ald. Wilson said the committee had

made no recommendation in the matter, in fact the committee had submitted nothing to the legislative assembly without first bringing it to the attention of the Ald. Ledingham said he as a private

citizen had endeavored to have the act amended to decrease the vexatious re-Ald. Baker said he believed what Ald,

Wilson had said. He had heard a report on the street and he had asked to satisfy himself of its falsity, which he had always suspected. Ald. Humphrey said Mr. Grant, M.P. P., had said no alderman had made any

suggestion on the subject. The appended report was received from the special committee appointed to investigate the Jubilee Hospital aid propo-

Gentlemen:—On behalf of the committee appointed to inquire into the advisability of the city's advancing aid to the Royal Jubilee Hospital in the sum of \$35,000. I beg to report as follows: Your Committee proceeded to make the necessary inquires at sources from which they thought to gather reliable facts. They waited upon a large number of the city doctors to get their personal opinions, also some of the Jubilee Hospital directors, many leading citizens amd the managers of the St. Joseph's Hospital, and while so doing they received an invitation from the president of the Jubilee Board to attend their semi-monthly meeting on the 9th instant. At this meeting your Committee had quite a lengthy interview with the directors, and discussed hospital affairs with the view of getting information as to the working of the institution. The upshot of that meeting was that the Hospital Board arranged to hold a special meeting to appoint a committee to confer with that from the Council, to discuss the question of the city's granting aid. The understanding arrived at by your Committee was that the matter should remain in abeyance until the appointment of the Hospital Committee. If now appears that it is not the institution without in the least changing the present mode of management. After weighing carefully the information obtained from all sources above mentioned, your Committee believe:

1. That the Jubilee Hospital has done On behalf of the committee

believe:
1. That the Jublice Hospital has done
good service to the community, but that
this same good could have been accomplished at less cost and outlay.
2. That the present board, of 18 memhers, is too large and unwieldly to secure promptly realized. It is a chemical success and a medical triumph.

adequate and economical results. It seems to us unworkable, and only leads to extravagance, which is freely charged against the hospital management.

3. That the hospital as at present managed is not popular with the medical men of the city, a misfortune that ought to be at once rectified.

4. That should the required aid be given the Hospital Act be so amended as to give the City a proper representation on the board.

the City a proper representation on the board.

5. That the number of directors be reduced to say six, three to be appointed by the City and three by the Provincial Government, or otherwise as may be arranged.

6. That in the event of the city giving and to free the hospital property from its mortgage and floating debt that a guarantee be given the city that the property will not again be mortgaged.

7. That at the present time the Jubilee Hospital is taxed for accommodation, and hence in the near future an extension of building will be required, necessitating heavy expense.

8. That the Jubilee Hospital is too far from town, especially in case of serious accidents.

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The board of the Jubilee Hospital did not show any desire to change its management in the interest of the city in consideration of getting the city's financial aid. This, with the fact that we were nothing but the custodians of the people's money, to use it for the best advantage of the citizens, lead your Committee to inquire whether it would not be more to the interest of the citizens to build a civic hospital in the centre of the city, controlled and governed by the city for the city's poor, and we are strongly of the opinion that valuess some agreement can be arrived at with the Board of Managers of the Jubilee Hospital by which the city could get a proper representation on the board, so that the city could control an institution that requires aid at present to the extent of \$35,000 (a sum that your Committee believes could not be realized by the sale of the Jubilee Hospital property in open market to-day it would not be in accordance with the interest or wishes of the ratepayers of the city. And just here let us say that a building of wood could be erected at a cost of \$8,000, and if of brick \$11,000, capable of holding 80 beds and giving ample room for a hospital staff and other necessary accommodation. It could be so placed as to do away with the objection raised against the Jubilee being so far out of town. In fact, the more thought given to the subject leads us to believe that better results would follow the erection of a new hospital. The Committee's reasons for making these statements may be seen by a glance at the following comparison:

PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPI-

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Cost, \$96,000; capacity, 60 patients.

Average number of patients 1891-1892,
41.82; 1892-1893, 36.90; 1893-1894, 43.77.

Present number of patients in hospital,
46 (about one-half are free patients).

Present staff—9 nurses, 11 other help, 1
house surgeon (permanent resident), 1 sec-

retary.

Total cost per annum, \$25,000 to \$26,712.

The last named sum is cost of present rate

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

the cost of either hospital. The St. Joseph's Hospital, in addition to assistance given to the sick, supplied food and clothing to a great many poor people who are destitute although not in want of medical aid.

To find out the view of the Provincial Government the Hon. Theo. Davie was waited upon, and his views asked as to the city's taking a more direct interest in the hospital in consideration of the city's granting aid to the hospital in the large sum of \$35,000. He stated that he did not think the Government would object to any arrangemnt being arrived at with the city, and speaking for himself, he thought it would be a good plan.

would be a good plan. J. KEITH WILSON, Ald. Wilson said the committee made no definite recommendation as it had nothing definite before it. They did not know it officially, but understood from the press that the directors refused to name a committee. It was a serious question and the committee had simply gone into the facts without drawing any conclusions or making any recommenda-tions. The council could reach a deci-

Ald. Vigelius suggested that a special neeting be held to consider the matter. He was in favor of aiding the hospital and believed if they got together that a satisfactory arrangement could be decided He was opposed to the proposi tion of putting up a wooden hospital in

the city. Ald. Harris said the report was unfair in many respects. A valuation had been placed on the hospital yet who would ever think of buying a hospital? Who ever tried to make money out of one? He, too, was opposed to the city building a hospital. It was unjust to compare the two hospitals. They were different places entirely and run on a different basis. The sisters gave their labor free of charge while the other hospital paid for all their help. The city sends Jubilee Hospital two-thirds of its patients and only paid \$2000 a year.

Ald. Dwyer wanted the hospital given aid but still there were a number of things to be considered. He did not agree with the report in every particular. Ald. Humphrey said he, too, wanted to aid the hospital but regarded an agree ment with the present directors as impossible. They would not accept anything reasonable he proposed. He proposed to insist that all the leading doctors be given a show, that the city have at least one-third of the representation on the board, that no director supply the hospital with anything except by tender, and that the property be not mort-

gaged. Ald. Munn said the report should re ceive the fullest consideration. It was carefully gotten up and was the fruit of much labor. There was no doubt as to the unpopularity of the institution. It was charged that all pay patients were sent by the physicians to St. Joseph's Hospital. They should remember all through that St. Joseph's was a very

worthy institution. Mayor Teague said he felt that when all the interested parties got together an agreement could be reached. He wanted those who opposed and those who favored the project to be present and proposed to ask them to be present. The report was tabled until the meet-

ing was held. Henry F. Thrift, secretary of the Surrey Agricultural Society, wrote outlining a cheme to give Victoria the trade of Surrey district by a couple of landing on the ferry line proposed in connection with the Delta railway project. Received and

Ald. Humphrey called attention to the \$60 to \$120. The action of the government was criticized by Ald. Baker, Munn protest will be made to the government.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Victoria High School Teachers Strongly Interested

IN UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION QUESTION

Principal Paul Heads a Deputation-A Resolution Heartly Endorsing the

Idea—Ross Dismissal Case.

Business of considerable importance ccupied the attention of the school board for three and a half hours last evening. There were present at the semi-circular executive table in the police court chamber, Messrs. C. Hayward, (chairman), J. Stuart Yates, W. Marchant, J. Lovell and Glover, the latter of whom took his seat at the board for the first time, his election as trustee being duly read and accepted. A list of wants was read and referred

to the supply committee.

A petition from the residents of Oakland district, submitted by City Clerk Dowler, was read. They apply to have a school built in that section. The sense of the meeting was that it was rather cool of the city council to pass this petition to them after cutting down the supplies the board had asked for. A motion was carried to the effect that the council having refused to grant the \$2,-500 placed in the estimates for such school, the board could do nothing.

to carry on the business of a lunch dispensary in one of the vacant rooms over the high school. They intend to supply the children with hot lunches at cost.

Mr. Marchant said he had heard a faint rumor that these desirable hot lunches were to be furnished to the female sex only. He begged leave to call attention to the well known theory that school boys very frequently carried good big healthy appetites around about lunch time, and they might feel out in the cold deprived of the hot lunch. A deputation of the most beautiful ladies in the city had waited on him and he had gathered this from their remarks. He wanted of results to render it of any value. the boys to have a fair show on this hot lunch proposition. The petition was

The Y.M.C.A, applied for permissi

W. Ridgway Wilson wrote requesting that the walls and ceilings of the James Bay school be calsomined before the scaffolding was taken down. If done low it would cost \$160.

Trustee Lovell objected to such unnecessary expense. Trustee Glover said it would have to be done if the children were to see

properly. Trustee Lovell held that it was perfectly inexcusable on the part of any architect finishing a building brown then applying to have it calsomined when he found out brown was too dark.

Trustee Marchant said it was not only completely inexcusable but if he were give instruction in several subjects bethe architect he would scarcely care to sides his or her own specialty or pet subadmit such a blunder. He strongly op- ject. We beg to be pardoned for makposed the unnecessary expense. Referred to Messrs, Lovell and Glover

to act. Trustee Yates added to this a motion that the same committee enquire by the deputation about the superiority of the services of the superintendents, of the advantage of the superintendents. works with power to act. This also was

D. Ross, late teacher of the Central branch school, wrote as follows regarding his dismissal: Victoria, March 17, 1894.

B. Williams, Secretary Board of School Trustees: Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your commun cation of the 1st inst., informing me of my dismissal from the Victoria teaching staff for incompetency. You also inform me that this notice was given me because I did not avail myself of the opportunity to resign as suggested in your letter of the 26th February. I felt I could not do so in justice to myself, and I hereby respectfully protest against my dismissal without having been given the opportunity to defend myself against any charges that have been made with regard to my competency as a teacher, A dismissal for incompetency in the middle of the term practically ruins my reputation as a teacher, and I trust the menibers of the board will grant me the privilege of appearing before them to explain any matters which have been brought to their notice, which led them

I have, etc., your obedient servant, U. 1 1 D. ROSS. Trustee Yates said he believed when he moved the adoption of the report in this matter that the case had been fully enquired into, and that Mr. Ross had been seen about it, but he now understood that such was not the case. He believed every man ought to have a chance to be heard in his own behalf. He moved the committee be requested to call upon Mr. Ross and hear from him any explanation he may have to make, and report further to the board. He thought the resolution dismissing Mr. Ress should be suspended pending further investigation

to dismiss me for incompetency.

of the case. Trustee Marchant strongly opposed any such action, but as to further investigation he approved the resolution of Trustee Yates,

Chairman Hayward said he did not an derstand Trustee Yates' position clearly. "Do you mean to say you would go to Mr. Ross and ask him if he considered himself a good or a bad teacher?" "Trustee Yates-"Not exactly; but Mr. Ress should have been spoken to; he might have had some explanation to offer as to how the disturbance arose, and he might have been able to produce wit-

ments. It was finally decided that Mr. Ross should have a full opportunity to defend himself against all the charges. Principal Paul of the High School then received permission to read the following address on behalf of a deputation of teachers from the High School:

nesses in corroboration of his state

High School, Victoria, March 19, 1894. Gentlemen: We have heard with much interest that a deputation from Vancouincrease of the property qualification of ver waited on the 10th inst, on the hon. householders to enable them to vote from the premier and the hon, the minister of education, having as its object the incorporation of the Vancouver high school, and Dwyer, and a written and verbal with the view to its affiliation with some eastern university. Such a scheme could not fail to be produceive of much good to the province generally and to Van-couver in particular. There are a large number of young men in this city and throughout the province who would eagerly embrace such an opportunity of advancing their education, to whom the expense of living thousands of miles

conver to finish their education when the end in view was a degree in arts. Moreover, intending settlers would, other things being equal, prefer taking up their tope to secure a really first-class education for their children. Victoria high school would then become a feeder for the Vancouver high school, while the latter establishment would be gradually forming the nucleus of an independent

university.

We are sure that you, gentlemen, representing the ratepayers of this city, will agree with us in thinking that Victoria plans. ought not to allow herself to be surpassed in educational matters by Vancouver. Victoria has hitherto possessed the premier high school of the province; but should Vancouver be successful in at-taining the very desirable object of affiliating her high school with McGill, or any other Canadian university, while Victoria remains contented with affairs as they are at present, it is beyond doubt that the Victoria high school would necessarily then take a second position. While confident that the interests of education in Victoria will not suffer in your hands, we yet feel it to be our duty to point out to you the consequences of not keeping pace with Vancouver in the matter in question, and to respectfully sug-

gest that you endeavor to secure for Vic-

toria the privilege claimed by Vancouver. We understand that it was asserted by the Vancouver delegation that Vancouver was in a better position to undertake university work than Victoria, for the reason that they had a more efficient and better paid staff of teachers than suppose that the zeal of teachers is in direct proportion to their remuneration.
As to the greater efficiency of the Vancouver staff, we must recognize that the possession of five teachers for 121 pupils in actual attendance, as compared with Victoria's four teachers for 139 pupils in actual attendance, gives Vancouver an advantage. But the assertion made by the deputation of the individual superiority of their teachers requires the proof Such a statement can only be confirmed or denied by the department of education, and we have been assured by the superintendent that neither he nor his inspectors have ever instituted any comparison between the high schools of the province, and never permitted the principal of one high school to see the results of the semi-annual examinations of another high school. We had no data for either affirming or denying the superiority of the Vancouver staff. They claim to be "specialists," and so, no doubt, they are. But all that is meant by the phrase is that each of their teachers excels in one particular subject. We navy exclusively, with the exception of with equal right lay claim to the same the part for the sale of refreshments. designation, although it is found necessary in Victoria high school, amid so many subjects that each teacher should ing such a long digression on this subject, but we think that to pass over unquestioned such a statement as that made

Should the Victoria high school be affiliated with an eastern university (and it would be important that Victoria and Vancouver should be affiliated with different universities, that pupils might have a choice) we beg to assure you that | carefully saying that a scheme satisfacwould be then imposed upon ns. so be assurance that there would be no scheme has been drawn up by the pri cipal (the details of which would be you at a future period. We may state, however, that all the examinations for The chairman said that long experience matriculation, etc., would be conducted showed that men of the two services staff would, consequently, be of no interest to the university, which would only demand that the pupils reach a certain degree of efficiency, to be judged by papers set and examined by its own professors, and entrusted, when in Victoria, to with an enthusiastic audience, many of the charge of some responsible supervisor whom were natives of the Emerald Isle elected by the university.

In conclusion we respectfully beg you to be so good as to see that Vancouverhigh school receive from the legislature no privileges that cannot also be granted Victoria; to take into consideration the benefits that would accrue to the city and to the province should a measure of university teaching be introduced into our high schools; and, should it appear to you good to do so, to request from the legislature, by deputation to the ministers or otherwise, incorporation for our high school, so that by affiliation with some university, it may extend its sphere of usefulness and maintain the position it has hitherto held among the high schools of the province.

Signed) -EDWARD B. PAUL, M.A., Principal.
AGNES DEANS CAMEROIN, ANGUS B. MONEILL, A. J. PINEO, B.A.

The board expressed themselves heartily in favor of the proposals brought for-

ward. Trustee Marchant in a humorous speech said that when listening to the soaring eloquence of the Vancouver delegation that came down here to interview the government, he felt certain the Victoria teachers would get their war paint on and start for the war path. He was glad to see that they had not allowed the matter to slumber. He for one did not propose to eat humble pie, that favorite comestible so often prepared with great skill for the consumption of Victorians by their Vancouver friends. The government could not well grant to Vancouver what it would refuse to Vic toria. Sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, and what was good enough for the capital of the mainland certainly ought to be so for the metropolis of the province. Perhaps some day not far distant the province would be able to build and maintain a university of its own.

Trustee Yates agreed with the underlying idea in the scheme, but not with the methods proposed for its execution. He thought it would be unwise for the board to pass the resolution which had been put forward to fully endorse the plan. They might, however, take some step in the direction of, affiliation with some eastern university. The matter was still crude; it had not been thought out yet. A more general resolution of approval would meet his views.

Principal Paul explained that the principal of the Vancouver high school had actually secured a promise of affiliation from the McGill college people. Trustee Marchant warned the board

away from home renders, at present, that if any half-heartedness were shown such advancement impossible. These in the matter the government would propoung men would gladly repair to Van- bably give the appropriation to Vancou-

Trustee Marchant moved, seconded by Trustee Glover, that the board heartily endorses the suggestion made by the depesidence in Vancouver, where they could utation with reference to the affiliation of the high schools of the province with some one of the eastern universities, and that the government be requested to bring forward such legislation as may be necessary for that purpose. Carried. The board then examined the plans of the new Pemberton gymnasium, and an informal discussion on them took

place. The architect fully explained the The janitors of the North and South ward schools, it was decided, are to be paid \$45 a month each.

Several applications for positions as teachers and janitors were laid on the The report of the attendance at the

Average daily attendance, 1613.69; actual daily attendance, 1593.64; pupils enrolled, 1953; average per teacher, 46.5.

A number of bills were ordered to be government. As an old resident and well known in the place he would a second account and well known in the place he would a well known in the place he would a second account and account account and account account and account and account account account account account account and account accoun schools was read, as follows: Trustee Glover was appointed to the

Mr. Bishop. The committee on the boiler question many of them if he runs as an avowed reported, advising strict adherence to the architect's specifications and advice. The board at 11.10 p.m. went into com- of the government that a pure adminismittee of the whole upon a private matter, the consideration of a complaint against a teacher.

Services to be held at St. Luke's, Cedar you have here. It may be that they are better paid, but we cannot see how that affects the question, unless we are to Good Friday—Matins, Litany and sermon, 11 a. m.; special services, 7 p.m Special services at St. Michael's, Lake 2 n.m.

Saturday, 7 p.m.—Preparation for holy Easter Day-Holy communion, 8 a.m. matins, with hely communion and ser-mon, 11 a.m.; children's service, 3 p.m.; festival, evensong and sermon, 7 p.m. J. W. Flinton, rector.

THE SAILORS' REST.

Public Meeting on the Subject Held on Saturday Evening. There was a fair attendance at the public meeting held on Saturday night to discuss the proposition of the Y. W. C. T. U. to establish a Sailors' Rest at Esquimalt. Mayor Teague presided, Mrs.

Teague and Miss Rosina Smith occupied

seats on the platform and many clergymen were present. The chairman read a constitution which had been prepared which provided that the rest was to be for the sailors of the The finance committee already named were: Mayor Teague, Messrs. Day, A. Wilson, Goward, Captain Grant, Dr. McCarthy, R. N., Mrs. Teague and Miss Rosina Smith. The last named lady told

of an appeal she had made in England for the home and of the aid promised. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Hall, Rev. Cleaver, and Rev. Winchester all approved f something being done. In response to inquiries as to how the committees proposed to proceed, the chairman said they would act only as means warranted. Some \$500 was already pledged and the citizens would be asked to subscribe to a

thoroughly digested scheme.

Bishop Perrin advised them to steer even with our present staff we are quite tory to the people of Victoria would have prepared to undertake the duties that to be brought forward. There must al-

of place here) which will be submitted to stand, and held also that the rest should The chairman said that long experience by the affiliating university. The composition, number or pay of the high school The meeting adjourned without taking

> Sons of Erin Concert. The Victoria theatre was crowded from parquet to gallery on Saturday evening

in whom the patriotic Irish songs and se-

lections stirred up remembrances of their old home. Everyone taking part was called upon for a repetition of his or her selection. After a number of selections by the orchestra Clement Rowlands sang "I'm off to Philadelphia" in his usual pleasing manner, for which he received enthusiastic applause. In the second part he sang "The Heart Bowed Down," for which his rich baritone voice is well suited. "Kathleen Mayourneen" was very acceptably sung by Mrs. Macleod. The comic songs by the evening were supplied by F. R. Richardson who keeps his listeners in continuous laughter. Among his songs were "Patsy Branni-"Enniscarthy" and "I'm the Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo.' I. E. Philo sang "Come Back to Erin, for which he was heartily encored. To the ladies' orchestra was the audience indebted for one of the most pleasing items on the programme. The orcnestra was composed of guitar, Misses C. Cameron, Nicholson, and L. Spring; harp, Miss L. Styles; violin, Miss A. Brown; mando lin, Misses E. Spring, E. Sehl and D. Sehl. They were encored for a very pretty selection to which they responded. During the evening Miss Styles played a harp solo. This was the first time harp had been played on the Victoria stage by an amateur and the large audience showed their appreciation by heartily applauding the talented young lady. As usual Madame Laird afforded the audience much pleasure with her selections "Killarney's Lakes" and "The Last Rose of Summer." This lady has a very sweet and well trained voice. A. S. Aspland's rendition of the "Minstrel Boy" and "The Lost Chord" were very acceptable. The story of a young Irishman' trip across the Atlantic by R. A. Whyte eaused much laughter. J. G. Brown's voice was well suited for the rousing Irish song "Father O'Flynn," and the pathetic ballad "Eileen," both of which he sang. One of the most popular vocalists is Mrs. Clement Rowlands, as was shown by the manner in which she was received in "Thady O'Flynn" and "The Meeting of the Waters," for both of which she was encored. I. G. Evan-Thomas made his second appearance te-

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fore a Victoria audience. He has a

lected. On the whole the audience was indebted to the Sons of Erin for a very

grand voice and his songs were well se

pleasant evening's entertainment.

A GOOD MAJORITY.

Electric Light Loan By-Law of \$55,000 Ratified by the People To.Day. The ratepayers to-day gave their sauction to the Electric Light Loan by-law of \$55,000 by giving it a very respectable majority. The vote is large compared with the usual by-law elections. The vote by wards is:

Central Ward..... 37 South Ward ... 57 North War ... 113

Majority For There were only six spoiled ballots.

A Cowichan Rumor. The Cowichan correspondent of the Columbian sends the following items: Mr. Lewis Hall, dentist, Victoria,

well known in the place, he would re ceive much sympathy and support, but several committees in place of the late as nearly all the temperance people her are men of sound principle, he will los as it is said by many staunch supporters tration is the sine qua non of the hour, even before prohibition in British ('0). umbia.

To counteract the influence of the Times and other Opposition papers, an inane publication from Victoria is being distributed gratuitously here.

COALOPOLIS GOSSIP.

The Dynamite Bewards-Political Chat -Gabriola Island Coal. There is a party of politicians going up

to Englishman's River to make speeches in favor of the government. Among the party are John Thompson, Andrew Me-Murtrie, Captain Dillon and several others who will attend the meeting. It is currently reported that four gen-

tlemen are about forming a partnership for the purpose of opening out a goat ranch on Texada Island. It is almost certain that Mr. John Horrobin will come out as a labor candidate

under the patronage of the Northfield Reform club, and moreover we think that we have more than a good chance of sending him in. Ald. Nightingale, Wilson and Lience were appointed a committee last night to enquire into the electric light plant,

with the possibility of its purchase by the city. Mr. Marsh has on view in his store a turbot, a fish which was supposed to be unknown in these waters. By this morning's train Mat. Duffie, William Edmonds, George Lister, Jacob Neen, Joseph Neen, Samuel Webster and Charles Bamford left for Victoria on their way to San Francisco. This little party of seven forms Nanaimo's contribution to the football team that will do battle for British Columbia at

the Midwinter fair. Good fishing is reported at Shawnigan lake. One expert rodsman secured 140 fish yesterday. Not too poor a catch for one afternoon's work.

Four hundred and fifty-five additional names have been added to the city voters' list up to the present. The Gun Club's new grounds, opposite the Mount View hotel, Newcastle townsite, will be ready for use by the end of this week.

It is stated that negotiations are not ing for the bonding of 1,000 acres or more of the lands on the northern end of Gabriola Island to a New York syndicate, who are said to have a representative inspecting the coal treasures of this district. The New Vancouver Coal company own and have bonded several thousand acres on the southern and central pontions of the island, but with the exception of the 1,800 foot bore put down a few years ago by the company no deep prospecting has been done on this island, which is situated right in front of Nanaimo, and about three miles distant. The miners and others employed at the Wellington colliery have added to the large rewards offered for the conviction of the perpetrator of the dastardly attempt to wreck assistant superintendent Sharpe's house last Tuesday morning. The employes will give \$500 to any one supplying such information as will lead to the capture of the miscreant. Several detectives are working on the case besides the local police, and now that the belief is gaining ground that more than one man was implicated in the outrage it is thought that sooner or later the guilty parties will be brought to justice. It was reported on Saturday evening that the police had learned that three men were seen running from the direction of Mr. Sharpe's house directly after the explosion occurred. Superintendent Hussy returned to Victoria yesterday, having thoroughly investigated the whole af

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Premier Davie Looks of His Sund SUCCESSION DUTIES

Steps Taken by the Orime Along the the Province-The Second Time.

The speaker took t Mr. Martin moved eport of Messrs. Ka l's, regarding the Kamloops. Adopted. Mr. Martin moved reports of the govern coal measures in the

Adopted.
On consideration of legislative library bill, moved to strike out t providing that mun legislative library bill, ed to strike out the p vinding that municipa and all public institut pelled to give the sta He did not think the school boards should u alty, be compelled to The board would gi voluntarily.
The amendment was

port was adopted. The placer mining nassed. The Cariboo railwa sawmill, bills were fit The report on the hill was adopted. In committee of the mines bill, Mr. Swor the preamble of the with the notice of

referred back to the ed his decision.
On the second read hydraulic mining com Mr. Davie stated th could not assent to ei Cariboo hydraulic co government intended hill to give the comp franchise. They could bills in their present A discussion arose government had the such a bill, Mr. Spe cussion out of order

laid over. Mr. Martin moved of the game protection plained clause by clar Mr. Grant thought not have the power from exporting deer articles of commerce interfered with. On Indians were taking a States and buy their The bill was read a

The line fences and Mr. Kitchen, was res Mr. Kitchen moved ing of his amendmen act, the object of w prevent fraud. The

second time.

AFTER I Mr. Speaker said that the Hall mines er powers than wer notice of application. as Mr. Horne had a papers to refer the railway and Light to the private bills o

The house rose at

motion. In the absence Grant moved the I company's bill back Mr. Booth moved the Hall mines bill similar manner. ended was passed. On the second read panies bill Mr. Beav that the bill propose act, which a member out complying with t respecting private

Mr. Speaker there

out of order. Hon. Mr. Davie

from the Lieutenan

ting a bill to aid in

traffic and railway Fraser river. The bill to provide succession duties in considered in comm Hon. Mr. Davie minister of finance the rate of duty pro Hon. Mr. Beaven bill should be discu He quoted a number support of his conten ment was not prepa the bill the committ Progress and ask lea Hon. Mr. Davie usual practice sho from, especially in v most members desir Easter. He would,

matter in the hands Hon. Mr. Beaven a departure from the the bill in committee The bill was report was read a first the Hon, Mr. Vernon amend the land act. Mr. Croft moved the better protection ufacturers of bever if the bill was rev many particulars. Mr. Speaker said tended to bring in should ask leave to would decide on the

On consideration supreme court bill, errors were correc the assizes were st The British Colum endment bill was fir A number of tec were made to the consideration of rep vie moved an ame returning officer to country districts vot polling place. The that at the final co cer shall examine b several presiding o tinize the marked