ancouver's Civic Fight

minations Made in Municipal Elections—Two Candidates For Mayor.

ouble Over New Scott Mill at Coal Harbor—Gulf Ferry.

other System of Canning From Africa to Be Tested on Fraser.

m Our Own Correspondent.

ancouver, Jan. 2.—This is civic nination day and every man in the sent council seeks re-election. Mr odward retires from the mayoralty test, his bills being paid to date a eed to by the electoral association e nominations are:

FOR MAYOR.

T. H. Neelands and T. O. Townley.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Ward One—H. T. Shelton, Wm. Skene n. Blackmore and Alex. Bethune.

Ward Two—Jas. McQueen, E. Cooke Fletcher, H. A. Bell and Jas. Shan

Ward Three—W. G. McGuigan, D Phaiden, Charles H. Wilson.

Ward Four—C. E. Foreman, W. J ckinson, D. McKinnon and Wm own.

Ward Five.—W. H. Wood, W. Fowler A. Brown, I. G. Johnson, Pete ylie and J. Morton.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

H. H. Layfield, G. Molaro, Rober dd, E. B. Morgan, L. D. Taylor, D Wallbridge, William McGivor nuel J. Gothard.

PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Charles Doering, R. G. Tatlow, Joh lletty, Philip Fewster, A. E. Lees, C Spencer, George Bartley, W. H nt, Tom Wilson.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

. J. Banfield, Alex. Philip, W. D ydone-Jack, Wm. Cartwright.

the contractor for the new Scott mil s been ordered to stop driving pile Coal harbor on the ground that the erfere with navigation. It is re ted that the contractor has refuse stop. Ottawa is being appealed t Capt. McKenzie says work is pr essing rapidly on the railroad betwee nth Westminster and the mouth Fraser in connection with the Fer tem. It is said that in a mo porary shipments will be made ov new ferry route. The railway w t be completed, but barges will ady to carry goods from the Gre thern terminal to the mouth of th raser and across the Gulf. In a fe ys the barges will go into dry doc Esquimalt for overhauling. As fa Sydney is concerned the equipmen n be operated any time after the fir February.

John Hendry, president of the Van iver, Westminster, Yukon & Nort n railway, has returned from St. Pau ere he has been arranging importa talls with J. J. Hill in connection wi e above projected road.

The "Girl from Maxim's" amuse r-sized audience at the Vancouve era house on New Year's eve.

Edgar Hull, the young man who acci tually shot himself in the head Mon y night, is getting better. His fr ll be saved, but he will probably l rmanently blind.

P. H. Malcolm, of Winnipeg, at o e a canner of South Africa, is her ying brought a canning plant with m. Mr. Malcolm will strive to interes pital in his plant, which is similar to ose used in South Africa in canning ester, mackerel and Cape salmon. Th n is known as double sealing. It ief, the sides and ends of the tin p over, and these lapped over edge e wound round and round one anoth the machine, until a small rim is fo und the top and bottom, and the tu absolutely air tight. No solder ed, and no holes are punched in th n to let the steam out, as is done i e system of canning in vogue on th raser river. It is said some of th nneries on the Columbia river ar opting this double sealing system. Mr alcolm will likely embark in the can g business here.

The New Westminster city council ha pointed W. A. Duncan city clerk in ce of Mr. F. R. Glover, who is re ing.

The Burrard Meat company is in fin cial difficulties. The company operat several meat stores in Vancouver an estminster and a slaughter house o estminster road. The shortage is es ed at from $8,000 to $20 0. The sheriff's officers seized all th res which were operated by the com y this morning.

Mr. T. Nosse, consul-general for Can a, and Mrs. Nosse arrived here yes day on their way to Montreal. New Year's Day passed off very etty in Vancouver. The only func ns of general public interest were the eptions held at the American, Jap se and French consulates.

ROBBED OF THEIR JEWELS.

ief Takes $50,000 Worth From New York Residence.

Mr and Mrs. Paul Thebaud, o dison avenue, New York, were rob d on Sunday of jewelry worth $50,000 is was corroborated by Mr. Thebaud headquarters, where, in company wit member of the firm from which mos the jewelry had been purchased, h e the police a partial list of the jew taken.

The valuables consisted in part of one r-shaped diamond, said by Mr. Th d to be worth $20,000; one pear ghing 44 grains, said to be worth ,000, and 200 small ornaments, mak up a total of about $50,000.

The robbery is said by the police, and by Mr. Thebaud, to have been the k of a newly-engaged valet who had n employed by Mr. Thebaud but two eks.

The valet is missing, and the butler o recommended him is under constant veillance.

Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud went to White lns yesterday as the guests of Mr. Mrs. Howard Willets. They were spend Sunday with the Willets fam

The valet accompanied them. This rning the Willets, accompanied by and Mrs. Thebaud and several oth guests, went to church. Soon after return Mrs. Thebaud discovered that diamond and opal were gone, but nd that little else had been taken.

Thebaud at once communicated by phone with the housekeeper of the dence in this city, and it was discov d that the other valuables had been en.

The valet was last seen about 6 ck this morning, when he took one Howard Willet's rigs and drove to railway station in White Plains. ee hours later the rig was found at station, abandoned. It is supposed valet, whose name is Kern, left n on an out-going train soon after drove to the station. The New York ce late tonight communicated with principal cities where Kern would likely to go.

Memorial of Yukon Council

To Be Forwarded to Ottawa Asking More Privileges For Territory.

Dawson City Considering Incorporation—Grand Forks Has Already Done So.

A memorial is to be forwarded to Ottawa by the Yukon council, the governing body of Yukon, asking for more privileges for the territory. The substance of the requests made in the memorial are: Representation in the House of Parliament. Representation in the Senate. Increase of elective members of the Yukon council from two to five, the six appointive members to remain in the body. Division of the territory into electoral districts, and for expenses for elections and traveling of elective members. Jurisdiction over liquor traffic of Yukon. Inland revenue officer for territory. Privilege to establish breweries. Appropriation for maintenance of schools, roads and trails. Right of Yukon council to pass all ordinances on Yukon matters, Ottawa to pass none, but to have power to veto local acts.

A bill for the incorporation of the city of Dawson is before the Yukon council. The bill contains the provision that if the people vote against incorporation the governor of the territory shall appoint a commission of three men to rule the town. A majority vote is required to carry incorporation. The voting as to whether or not to accept will take place within a few weeks. Only British subjects paying taxes on $3,000 income or personal property or $2,000 realty, or paying the rental of $200 a month, will be allowed to vote. The property of the town is assessed at $11,000,000, and the estimated annual expense, aside from schools, which the territory will maintain, will be about $135,000. Part of the revenues from licenses will be allowed the city by the territory.

The officers are to include a mayor and a city clerk and six aldermen selected at large from the city. Candidates for mayor must pay taxes on $2,000 in realty or other property, or income, and for alderman on $1,000. All British subjects will virtually be allowed to vote at the first election, but in subsequent years only those on the tax lists will be eligible.

The town of Grand Forks, 12 miles from Dawson, has just elected a mayor, and taken up self-government under provisions of an ordinance recently passed by the Yukon council. The mayor was elected by the citizens in meeting, and all town matters will be handled by the mayor subject to approval by the people in meeting. There are 40 voters in the town, but many times as many people. Only British subjects owning personal property in the town are entitled to vote. None of the people of the town have titles to the land, or the British land owners might be entitled to vote.

W. M. Woodburn, formerly of Ottawa, 26 years old, is the first mayor. He is druggist and postmaster of the town, and the first mayor of any formally organized town in Yukon territory.

The system by which the town is governed might be called the initiative and referendum. The personal property is all subject to taxation. Grand Forks is the gateway from Dawson to the marvelous gold creeks of the camp, and the Forks may be said to overlook the greatest number of rich placer claims on the Coast, if not on the continent, and to be termed the initial point of shipment of the greatest placer gold production each year on this continent.

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING.

Charles McNeill and Miss E. A. Kettle United in Marriage.

Calvary Baptist church was on Tuesday evening the scene of a very pretty wedding, when the Rev. J. F. Vichert united in the bonds of holy matrimony Eleanor Alice, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kettle, of 33 Henry street, and J. Charles McNeill, foreman of the pressroom for Mr. T. R. Cusack.

The auditorium of the church presented a most pleasing appearance, being tastefully decorated with evergreens and potted plants. The groom, who is one of Victoria's good old all-round athletes, being a member of the J. B. A. A. four-oared crew, and the basketball team, was supported by Mr. H. J. Galbraith and Mr. Wm. Kettle, jr. The bride, who was most charmingly attired in white brocaded Duchesse satin, her only ornament being a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom, was attended by her sisters, Grace and Lella, dressed in white organdie, while her younger sister, Florence, in cream silk, acted as flower girl. The gifts of the groom to the bridesmaid and the flower girl were crescent brooches set in pearls. Messrs. W. Russell and H. W. Northcott, two of the charter members of the once famous A. O. G. R., gave good service as ushers. After the ceremony, about 40 of the most intimate friends of the contracting parties, adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, where a wedding supper was served.

Th reception, which was held from 9 to 11, was attended by the many friends who took the opportunity of expressing their best wishes for the future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill. The gifts, which were numerous and costly, are as follows:

Silver dinner bell, Miss M. Underhill; berry spoon, Mr. and Mrs. P. Dickenson; crumb tray and brush, C. Stephens; photo holder, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stephens; pickle jar, Mr., Mrs. and Miss King; silver cake dish, Misses M. and F. Whittaker; tea cosy, Miss Florence Kettle; fruit dish, Miss A. Clyde; centre piece, Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams; silver sugar basin, Mr. Rennie; doiley, Mrs. Dickenson; fruit jar, A. T. Pearce; jardiniere, Mrs. W. W. Carter; silver butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leigh; berry spoon, C. A. Jones; electric fixture, Mr. Clarence Carter; egg holder, Mr. H. and Miss S. Galbraith; card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Parr; fruit dish, Misses Bishop; sugar spoon, W. C. Adam; cheese jar and butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Collins; chocolate set, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roland; lace handkerchief, Miss M. Wallace; flower stand, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick; ladies' companion, J. D. McNeill; fancy plates, J. A. Bland; epicea, Pioneer C. and Spice Mills; silver bread tray, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ditchburn; sugar spoon, W. H. Kinsman; bon-bon dish, Misses Andrews; tea set (5 o'clock), A. C. Popham; purse, Mr. and Mrs. Mann; silver milk jug and sugar basin, Wm. A. Kettle and Miss Parr; photograph box, H. Northcott; lace handkerchief, Miss J. Stephens; cushion, Mr. and Mrs. Olive; water set, Mr. and Mrs. W. McFaun; berry spoon, F. W. Patton; cake dish, Mrs. E. W. Hall; portable lamp, Mr. E. M. Hall; fish set, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, sr.; flower vase, Miss M. Rae; biscuit jar, Mr. Jamieson; dozen knives, Miss Angus McNeill; card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Leigh; vases (pair of), Mrs. J. Mellish; nut cracker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson; half dozen silver spoons, Geo. Shepherd; bon-bon spoon, Miss Bessie Walker; rocking chair, J. C. Pendray and J. Brown; silver salt cellars, Miss Fulton; berry spoon, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dickson; berry set, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Dier; cheese dish, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blaiu; sugar basin, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pierce; card receiver, G. P. Eccleston; carving set, Mary E. Hunter; mantle drape, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Galbraith, jr.; centre piece, Mrs. T. A. Campbell; water set, G. H. Bissell; berry spoon, Wm. Russell; carving set, Arthur Fowler; dozen silver tea spoons, Capt. and Mrs. Grant; book, Miss Keown; album, Miss E. Jackson; lamp, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce; half dozen plates, Mrs. Foster; berry set, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stevens; soup ladles, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers; cake dish, from The Post; salad bowl, Mr. and Mrs. C. Squires; flower jar, Marion C. Smith; nut crackers and picks, Mr. and Mrs. Greer; pickle jar, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kent; pie knife, silver, Miss Jonason; silver butter dish, Dr. Frank Hall; milk jug and sugar basin, Miss Unwin; berry set, Mr. and Mrs. D. Russell; range, W. H., father of bride; water set, Mr. and Mrs. Unwin; half dozen silver spoons, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vichert; rocking chair, Mr. and Mrs. Brock; chair, Mr. Arnold; toilet set, Mr. and Mrs. Maitland (Agassiz); pocket book, Mr. McLaggan; Morris chair, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler; chenille curtains, Misses Kettle; pie knife, J. Braden; doiley, Miss Cornell; check, T. R. Cusack.

GROWING BETTER.

Fewer Canadians of Education Joining Criminal Classes.

From Montreal Herald.

"Canada is growing better—the penitentiaries prove it." This remark was made by Mr. T. W. Dawson, inspector of Canadian penitentiaries, a short time ago. He was here conferring with Dr J. M. Platt, the warden of Kingston for the good of the people whom the state secludes within stone walls.

"The number of skilled mechanics and of educated and enlightened persons sent to us is decreasing every year, and the percentage is lower this year than ever before. It is a hopeful sign. In fact, I think about the only people who could be called artizans are those who have learned their trades with us, and who have a second time fallen foul of the law. Of course, there are exceptions to this statement. All the convicts of to-day do not come from the illiterate and the ordinary laboring classes. In fact, the very best society gives us an occasional contribution, but the convicts from the cultured and mechanical classes of society are very much fewer than they were some years ago. I attribute this entirely to an improvement in the general morality of the people, and to the prosperity of the mechanical classes, which lessens the inclination for crime."

Dr. Platt, discussing the punishment and improvement of criminals, said: "Visitors are not wanted in penitentiaries. A few years ago the penal institutions were more open to the public than at present, and the effect was not so good. A penitentiary is a place for reformation of those criminally inclined, and turning it into a show place for the curious is bound to have a bad effect. You might suppose criminals have no sensibilities, but that is far from right, and I assure you that you will hardly find a man, no matter what crime he may have been guilty of, who is willing to have the public see him in a striped suit. When visited by curious strangers, frequently prisoners become sullen, and the effect of education and training on them is entirely nullified. No man in a humiliating position enjoys being made an object of curiosity."

To substantiate the claims of Dr. Platt, Mr. Dawson told of an instance of a bookkeeper getting in fast company, taking his employer's money, and being convicted and sentenced for embezzlement. He served his term and came out with a resolution to lead an honest life. Instead of coming to Montreal, where he had lived, when he was discharged, he went straight to Quebec, got a place on a ship and went to England. He knocked about the world for five years, living honestly and occupying several positions of minor importance on ships or in shipping offices. Finally he returned to Montreal, entirely changed in appearance, and under another name got a place as collector of a laundry here. For six months he held his place and won the confidence of his employers. One day, when he presented a bill, the man who took it said: "Do you know where I saw you last? It was behind the bars in the penitentiary." He went to the laundry and asked the manager if all his collectors were ex-convicts.

The man was discharged, and lost heart. Six months later he was again wearing the striped clothes of a convict. "Incidents like these make a man who handles convicts," said Mr. Dawson, "feel that the public should not be admitted to penitentiaries any oftener than is possible."

PHILIP WATTS.

New Director of Naval Construction in British Navy.

Mr. Philips Watts, F.R.S., who has been appointed to succeed Sir William White as director of naval construction to the British admiralty, was trained in the admiralty service, and before he had left it had reached the rank of chief constructor. He left the service to succeed Sir William (then Mr.) White at Elswick about 16 years ago, since which time he has been responsible naval architect for the Armstrong company, and has done splendid work in this capacity. It is scarcely necessary to refer at any length to the ships which he has designed, but among them may be mentioned the Hatsuse and Yashima, battleships, and the Asama, Tokiwa, Idzumo and Iwate, cruisers, for a Japan; the Norge and Eidsvold, coast defence battleships, for Norway; the New Orleans and Albany, cruisers, purchased by the United States on the outbreak of war with Spain; the Esmeralda and O'Higgins, cruisers, for Chile; the 9 de Julio and 25 de Mayo, cruisers, for the Argentine Republic; the Carlos I., cruiser, for Portugal; the Barroso and the Republica, cruisers, for Brazil. The two Japanese battleships are acknowledged to be remarkably fine warships, and compare favorably with similar vessels of their class and displacement. The cruisers he has turned out are among the best alike in gun power and in speed—two qualities essential in vessels of this class. Mr. Watts has probably had more experience in the designing of warships than any other naval architect eligible for the position outside the corps of naval constructors at the admiralty.

Mr. Watt married a Belgian lady and has two daughters, but no sons. He is about 52 years of age, and is a Freemason. He is a keen volunteer, and is commanding officer of the 1st Northumberland Artillery Volunteers, from which the famous Elswick Battery was sent out to the war in South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Report of Boer Losses During the Past Year.

London, Jan. 2.—Official returns show that the Boer losses by killed and wounded and surrendered during 1901 totalled 14,887 men.

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—Two officers of the Intelligence Department, who were sent to parley with the Boers who desired to surrender near Warm Baths, were treacherously shot by concealed Boers.

RIOTS IN WALES.

Troops Called Out Because of Trouble at Quarries.

London, Jan. 2.—Bangor, North Wales and its district are again under control of the military, owing to further serious rioting between strikers and workers at Lord Penrhyn's Bethesda quarries. There was so much wrecking of houses last night that a detachment of cavalry was hastily summoned at midnight from Aldershot, and the militia was drafted in from Lichfield.

Well Received.—The distinguished patronage and appreciation of Their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra, Madame Patti and Madame Albani, appears in the London, New York and Philadelphia musical press, on Mr. G. Jennings Burnett's song compositions, of this city, which in the course of just 12 months, have attained a good circulation in England and America. Their reception wherever sung has been of a very exceptional and favorable character.

NEW PUPILS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Result of the Entrance Examinations Held Last Month.

Result of the High school entrance examination, held last month, was made known yesterday by the Department of Education. The successful pupils are:

ROSSLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks 1,100.

Ella J. Preston	738
Glen C. Marshall	718
Ruby E. Hook	654
Etta Levy	635
Philip J. Buchanan	622
Fred. H. Hickingbottom	613
Harold H. Lockhart	603
Ida J. McNaughton	597
Ralph Corbett	584
Harry H. Willis	580

Passed also at this centre.

TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Ella G. Graves	725

NELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks 1,100.

Fred Perry	680
Samuel Carley	639
Ernest Gill	614
Albert Busch	597

NEW WESTMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

Goldie F. Anderson	704
Albert Beatty	696
Charles H. Tupper	675
Stanley Robinson	637
Leonard Mercer	634

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Celia S. Hoffard	673
Christina M. Mowbray	670
Elizabeth I. Brennan	615
Jennie G. V. Latham	559

SAPPERTON.

Eliza C. Stott	691
Mary J. Johnston	590

Passed also at this centre.

BROWNSVILLE SCHOOL.

Hattie M. Hartie	656

LADNER SCHOOL.

Mary McClellan	688

NANAIMO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

Hosannah Beveridge	720
Isabel R. Russell	697
Mary L. Jones	695
Elizabeth I. Martell	688
Olive Dawson	673
Edith H. Hodgson	663
Elsie A. Morrison	649
Jessie Mercer	641
Bertha Hardwick	631
Arthur A. Hodgson	618
Fanny E. Bullman	618
Margaret M. McKinnell	591
Clara Chadwick	590
Beatrice E. Waddington	569

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SOUTH PARK.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

James H. Gordon	801
Rhoda Salt	722
Helen M. Emery	713
Jessie R. McLean	693
Florence F. Scott	628
Bertha Mugford	627
Agnes M. Boyd	574

BOYS' CENTRAL.

John A. Casanave	675
Stephen H. Redgrave	650
William F. Finnerty	612

VICTORIA WEST.

Edith J. Atkins	598
Nellie M. Croft	586

NORTH WARD.

Roy Ridsdale	663
Henry Croft	623

GIRLS' CENTRAL.

Mary E. Selman	694
Hilma E. Munro	677
Lillian Carson	618

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

Examination held at Victoria.

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL.

W. Gordon Stephen	739
Walter R. Palmer	580

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

ST. LOUIS COLLEGE.

Bertrand Vogel	625

VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Edythe Jackson	711
Nellie DeBon	709
Dagmar Jorgensen	708
Adelaide Whiteley	707
George A. Mitchell	702
Herbert E. Kemp	695
William Mills	691
Mowbray Sherwood	632
Eva Anderson	631
Jeanette Costello	624
Charles H. Crookall	624
Isabella Bailley	621
Effie B. Smith	614

CENTRAL.

Lillian A. Wehrfritz	726
Gwynn G. Gibbons	725
Lola L. Center	715
Thomas Parsons	676
Joseph Collins	663
Isabelle McKinnon	662
Alma E. Sulley	659
Helena E. Campbell	647
Stanley E. Sulley	636
Margaret M. Scott	602
Mary Macleod	596
George Milne	592

STRATHCONA.

Frank Parsons	716
Margaret A. Odlum	707
Hazel A. Dickinson	682
Jessie Butler	642
Loretta Hanafin	633
Donald McRae	628
Cecil A. Borland	623
Stella M. Davidson	606
Campbell Reid	572

DAWSON.

Jessie McPhail	786
Nellie Ward	781
John Emerson	728
Elizabeth C. Gordon	701
Ewart Jukes	698
Gordon Campbell	696
Margaret E. Harold	692
Holmes Walker	686
Ronald Maitland	676
Roy G. Phipps	672
Mabel I. Powell	659
Gladys E. Lord	646
Nellie Menzies	637
Helen Flumerfelt	632
Henry K. Anstie	591
Henry Lockwood	587
Roy Trythall	586
Alfred E. Holmes	584
Frank Woodworth	579
Emma L. Polenz	569

Passed in order of merit. Total marks, 1,100.

Examination held at Vancouver.

TRENANT SCHOOL.

Duncan McKenzie	658

MT. LEHMAN SCHOOL.

Lillie MacCallam	566

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Large Number of Pupils Absent During Month of December.

It would seem that a school truant officer might be a profitable investment for the city. During the month of December there were nearly 450 children belonging to the schools absent every day, and in consequence the city treasury will get some $475 less per capita grant than if the possible attendance had been realized.

The whole number present during the month out of some 2,750 registered was 2,580, with a daily average of 2,306.64 or 89.33 per cent. This is an increase of about 200 over the attendance in December, 1900, when the figures stood 2,385 present during the month and daily average, 2,100.

The banner school for regular attendance is the Spring Ridge with a percentage for the month of 94.08. One division of which, Miss Blackburn's, reached the very high percentage of 97.88.

Following is the summary for the respective schools:

	Number Present.	Daily Average	Per Cent.
High school	157	136.38	86.10
Boys' Central	395	362.70	91.82
Girls' Central	410	367.17	89.53
North Ward	415	358.91	86.48
South Park	405	359.70	88.07
Victoria West	289	257.79	89.20
Spring Ridge	167	157.12	94.08
Hillside	145	129.92	89.51
Kingston street	116	101.36	87.32
Rock Bay	83	75.59	90.07
	2,582	2,306.64	89.33

The divisions in the various schools in which the attendance reached 90 per cent. for the month are:

Div. 2—Spring Ridge	97.88
Div. 1—High	97.16
Div. 7—Girls	95.03
Div. 6—Boys	94.70
Div. 1—Spring Ridge	94.62
Div. 4—Boys	93.47
Div. 2—Girls	93.33
Div. 3—Spring Ridge	93.27
Div. 1—Boys	93.25
Div. 1—Hillside	93.06
Div. 4—South Park	93.00
Div. 3—Boys	92.51
Div. 2—Rock Bay	92.24
Div. 6—West	92.00
Div. 3—Girls	91.54
Div. 5—Boys	91.49
Div. 4—Spring Ridge	91.38
Div. 1—West	91.01
Div. 7—Boys	90.97
Div. 6—Girls	90.75
Div. 1—South Park	90.69
Div. 5—North Ward	90.05
Div. 6—South Park	90.05

OLD MAN'S LOVE STORY.

Curious Evidence in a Hull (England) Farmer's Case.

Few counsel permit themselves to tell a jury that "a bigger fool does not exist" than their client. Mr. Milvain, K.C., said it at York Assizes of Mr. Charles Lambert, the 73-year-old farmer of South Island, near Hull (Eng.), who was charging Albert H. Llewellyn, aged 27, and Ella Rose Llewellyn, his wife, who is 26, with obtaining by false pretences the sum of £222 10s. from him.

This is the case in which the farmer became infatuated with Mrs. Llewellyn, whom he knew as Miss Ross, and to whom he engaged himself in anticipation of the death of his own wife, who was ten years older than himself. He gave Miss Ross many presents, reconstructed Elloughton Hall, where she lived, and signed promissory notes for £154 and £222 10s., which sums, it was alleged, were received by Mr. Llewellyn.

The correspondence read in court caused shouts of laughter, such terms as "Your loving darling" and "My dear goose" recurring. "B. G." stood for "big goose." The female defendant wrote once that she was very anxious to see her "W. S." (wedding shoes), and described herself as his "L. D." (loving darling). "I W. W. W." meant "I will willingly wait."

The correspondence closed with a letter asking Mr. Lambert what he meant by writing to Mr. Llewellyn's wife, and threatened an exposure unless he paid £100. Mr. Lambert apologized and paid £2. Llewellyn married Miss Ross before the promissory notes were signed.

In the witness box Mr. Lambert said that Miss Ross got about £1,100 from him this year and "a good lot" last year. His wife had given him permission to look out for "somebody else."

When did you propose to her? She proposed herself. She asked me first for a ring to bind us together. I told Mrs. Ross that if Ella did not keep her solemn vows, made before God and me, she would have such a troublesome life as nobody ever had. If she married anyone else, I said, there would be divorce, quarrelling, they would be parted, and very likely there would be some prison work. I had had a dream to that effect.

In March this year the young woman wrote solemnly vowing that "I will not marry until you make me a legal and honorable offer, when we will marry on the Saturday we have in prospect."

Mr. Macaskie asked if this meant the first Saturday after his wife died. "No," said Mr. Lambert, "it's a solemn thing to talk about my wife like that. She might have died on a Friday, and do you think I would have married the thickhead the next day?"

The male defendant went into the box, and said he was the sole partner in the firm of Llewellyn & Co., saddlery merchants, Walsall. He married Miss Ross secretly at Beverley, and he understood that Lambert was a kind of guardian to Ella and trustee for her mother.

In May his wife gave him a promissory note for money he had lent her to the extent of £154, and the note was drawn in the name of Howard, in order to deceive the mother. Another note for £220 was made payable to Lewis, which name he had occasionally used in business.

In September last, said Llewellyn, his wife made a full confession to him about Lambert. He then called on the old farmer and suggested that he should apologize.

The witness admitted that he "might have dictated" a letter written by his wife to Mr. Lambert, in which she accused him of "unpardonable conduct." He denied that heavy damages were demanded from Lambert, or that threats were used.

Both defendants were found guilty and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labor.

POLITICS AT NANAIMO.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.P., Defines His Position Clearly.

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.—(Special)—J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.P., has taken occasion to set himself right with regard to the Liberal-Labor mix-up here. He does not discuss Mr. Bodwell's candidature on the ground that his platform is Liberal, while Hawthornthwaite is a Labor representative and intends to remain one. The position in Nanaimo, he says, is embarrassing and confusing and requires courageous and honest handling. He believes there is no such party as a Liberal-Labor party and that that combination in the local house, as advocated by Mr. Smith Curtis and supported by himself, simply meant a temporary coalition for joint action against the administration. He further says the Liberal and Labor parties are quite distinct both in principles and methods. The Liberal party does not believe in class legislation and does not advocate progress along socialistic line. The Independent Labor party in Canada, England and New Zealand seeks to obtain direct legislation for the benefit of the labor class, which includes all wage workers.

"On joining the Labor party at Winnipeg, Vancouver, Victoria or elsewhere," he says, "You are required to forswear all allegiance to all other existing political parties."

He disagrees with the view put forth by the Herald that Mr. Ralph Smith was sent to Ottawa as an indication to the Laurier government that the labor men fully appreciated the value of the labor legislation placed on the statutes during the preceding session.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite says he will call a public meeting in the near future to discuss these matters. He says in conclusion that he has not the slightest intention of dropping the Labor party and rejoining the Liberal party.

METHODIST CENTURY FUND.

London, Jan. 1.—By a special collection taken up last Sunday, which is said to have realized £65,000, and by promises from other quarters, the Wesleyan Methodists have practically completed the collection of the Wesley Methodist 20th Century Fund of a million pounds.

ASSIGNMENTS OF TEACHERS

Distribution of the Teaching Staff of Public Schools For 1902.

The teachers of the Victoria public schools have been assigned as follows for the coming school term:

High School—Div. 1, Mr. Paul; div. 2, Mr. Pineo; div. 3, Mr. Russell; div. 4, Miss Watson; div. 5, Mr. Miles.

Boys' School—Div. 1, Mr. Gillis; div. 2, Mr. Galloway; div. 3, Mr. Campbell; div. 4, Miss Sylvester; div. 5, Miss McKenzie; Div. 6, Mrs. Taylor; Div. 7, Mrs. I. Barron; div. 8, Mrs. Nason.

Girls' School—Div. 1, Miss Williams; div. 2, Miss Barron; div. 3, Miss Keast; div. 4, Miss Robinson; Div. 5, Miss M. Lawson; div. 6, Miss Shrapnel; div. 7, Miss Brown; div. 8, Miss Johnston.

Spring Ridge—Div. 1, Miss Russell; div. 2, Miss Blackburn; div. 3, Miss Christie; div. 4 Miss Winter.

South Park—Div. 1, Miss Cameron; div. 2, Miss Speers; div. 3, Miss McGregor; div. 4. Miss A. Fraser; div. 5, Miss Powell; div. 6, Mr. Sprague; div. 7, Miss Porter; div. 8, Miss McLean.

Kingston street—Div. 1, Miss F. Fraser; div. 2, Miss Jesse; div. 3, Miss E. Lawson (principal.)

North Ward.—Div. 1, Mr. Tait; div. 2, Miss Dowler; div. 3, Mr. Simpson; div. 4, Miss Marchant; div. 5, Miss B. Pope; div. 6, Miss Tumlin; div. 7, Miss Tingley; div. 8, Miss Chapman; div. 9, Miss Noble.

Hillside—Div. 1, Miss Blackwell; div. 2, Miss Anderson; div. 3, Miss Lucas.

Victoria West—Div. 1, Mr. Winsby; div. 2, Miss Gardiner; div. 3, Miss M. Johnson; div. 4, Miss Blake; div. 5, Miss R. Pope; div. 6, Miss Nisbet.

Rock Bay—Div. 1, Miss Spragge; div. 2, Mrs. Wheeler (principal.)

NEW YEAR'S DANCE.

The Jollity Club Gave Pleasant Masquerade at A. O. U. W. Hall.

The Jollity club saw the old year go and a new one dawn while dancing to the sweet strains of good music on a smooth and even floor at A. O. U. W. hall, where about eighty couples attired in costumes pretty, grotesque and quaint, were gathered to enjoy the merry dress and domino party given by the club. There were some excellent and thoroughly sustained costumes, including the Queens of the Night, flower girls and other pretty and artistic characters, Chinese, Irishmen and characters from history's pages, all sorts and conditions of men and of women. Shortly before midnight came the unmasking—and fun galore, for when masks were doffed there was considerable chatter. At midnight a dainty supper was served in the dining room adjoining the hall, and after several hours of the New Year had been spent in the merry whirl to the music of Bantley's orchestra, the dancers wended their homeward way as the electric lights paled, as they vied with the dawn. The committee in charge of the pleasant entertainment was as follows: W. L. Cullin, Norman Hardie and W. Winsby.

CATHERINE OF BRAGANZA.

Catherine of Braganza, the ill-used wife of Charles II., survived her dissolute husband and remained in England until the disturbances which ended in the exile of James II. forced her to return to her native country, of Portugal. There, in Lisbon, on December 21, 1705, she died. Her first arrival in England was in 1662, when she came as the betrothed of the King. Charles, to whom her dowry of £500,000 was the most acceptable feature of the marriage, never seems to have entertained any positive ill-feeling for her, and an offer of Buckingham to kidnap her, was rejected with disgust. So far had she come to acquiesce in his neglect of her that when he was dying, she asked pardon if she had ever offended him. "Alas, poor woman," he explained, "she beg my pardon! I beg hers with all my heart."

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

J. M. Cameron, organizer of the Socialist party of British Columbia has organized branches of the party at Rossland, 41 members; Grand Forks, 13; Greenwood, 22; Phoenix, 23; Ymir, 26; and Trail, 7.

An unusually heavy fall of snow occurred on the Slocan all along the route of the K. & S. railway. At Sandon a foot of snow fell within twelve hours and on the hills there was about five feet. Some narrow escapes from snow slides are reported but so far no accidents.

A very satisfactory deal has just been completed which ensures the thorough exploitation of the Big Bend mica field, a company of Revelstoke capitalists having paid $1,000 down to secure an option on ten of the claims in that district.

A man named O'Brien, who, though bearing an Irish name, is a Frenchman, got into a row with a fellow workman named Burdette, on Christmas Day, in Beach's camp, near Golden, and received serious injuries, no less than 10 stabs being inflicted on the upper part of his body. None of the wounds were fatal.

The Rossland branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is to be withdrawn on January 15. An arrangement is completed with the Bank of Montreal to pay off all Rossland depositors in the Bank of Commerce. Customers are to be notified of the change in a circular.

The mineral exports via Nelson for the past week have been very light. The value of the ore is returned at $4,555, that of the lead bullion at $14,655, and the gold bullion at $10,500.

The collections of the port of Nelson for the current month will be very much in excess of the collections for the corresponding period last year. This is good evidence that Nelson merchants made due preparations for a good holiday trade and they all agree that their business for the past week exceeded their expectations.

Brown brothers, of Empire Valley, have disposed of that part of their property known as Empire ranch, to A. Bishop, for the sum of $1500.

The grading of the Republic-Grand Forks railway is complete, and the tracklayers are now about five miles beyond Nelson, Wash. There is considerable work to be done in bridging yet, which is well in hand. The new depot for the road in Grand Forks will be 71x36 feet in size, two stories high. The telegraph line for the road, now nearly finished, is being built by John Trotter.

Dr. Westwood of Grand Forks, ac