## WRECKAGE BROUGHT FROM THE COAS

THE SALVOR RETURNED ON SATURDAY NIGHT

With Picture and Other Articles Useful For Identifying Pass of Melfort's Crew.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Since the last publication of the Times on Saturday afternoon, the arrived from the West Coast with the only available news regarding the sea calms down. wreck of the British barque Pass of Melfort. The Salvor arrived on Saturday night, but instead of coming into day night, but instead of coming into Esquimalt went on to Ladysmith for coal, returning on Sunday. Her deck was strewn with wreckage of fragmentary character. Except for souvenir purposes this is little value. Amongst it is a shirt with the name of R. G. Sharpe; a chest, marked J. P. Riches; a collar bearing the name
A. S. Laurie, and some socks with the name Wormell. There was a photograph together with some of other graph, together with scraps of other photographs, bits of a log referring to a previous voyage on the barque to San Diego, when Capt. Houston was in That split right through the squall. charge, and torn pieces of letters. One from England to a friend on the Pass

of Majford soid: "This is the and of the What? No! Why, Heavens, yes! of Melford said: "This is the end of the term and it went very well. Lancashire cricket club, I'm glad to say, is well up. It has been a good season."

Capt. Harris in command, and Mr. Richardson, second officer of the Tees aboard, proceeded to Ucluelet where the vessel was anchored. Crossing from there to the rocks marking the precipitous coast line, they saw the considerable wreckage, all in sizes not much larger than kindling wood. They gathered up that which might be recognized, and after searching the coast for more returned to Victoria. there being found in addition to that mentioned a bucket with the lost vessel's name on it.

The setamer Queen City came along later. She passed close to the scene of the disaster. The wreck, however, was not in sight, there being nothing above water but a stump of a mast with some wreckage clinging to it. Some sealing men who arrived on the Queen City say that the vessel struck half way between Amphitrite Point and Round Island, about 50 yards from Where her remains lie there is about four or five fathoms of water. Seaward a short way there is a shoal, and over this the vessel evidently was hurled crashing against a rock that rose almost perpendicularly out of the water. One such blow would have sufficed to send her to the bottom, for it in all probability knock out her

The chances of escape for ers of the crew would be nil e drowned during the first es of their calamity. t Townsend Call says: "A

elfort reduces the number on vessel when she went ashore two. It was learned this y a Call reporter that the wicInnis, whose name appeared in the list sent from here, deserted before the vessel left Puget Sound on her last trip. The man D. M. Culgan, one of the 14 who signed at this port

And left his canny friend,
And crept behind a sheltering wall
And waited for the end. one of the 14 who signed at this port before the British vice-consul, had Close in she drove. He saw her welland in the fight which followed the man was so badly beaten up that he Drop down into the sea. man was so badly beaten up that he was unable to join the ship. A few Slowly the chill grey dawn crept up, days later he went to Victoria. No other man was signed in his place. "It is doubtful if the true number of lives lost in the Pass of Melfort will Things that were men and won

ever be definitely known. Thirteen men can be counted on for a certainty. namely, those who were signed at this port, leaving Culgan out. If to this number be added all the men who sailors' outfits from the local outfitting store the number is increased to 28 store the number is increased to 28. One of the apprentice boys on the ship was not among the number, and his name added makes 29. Then there are | Only letters in care of the vessel awaiting three more, making a total of 32 men How many of these were fortunate enough to have deserted when the vessel scattered her bones near Barkley Sound can only be guessed at. The list | H. M. S. Egeria Will Take On New as it appears after careful checking

"Those signed at this port: "Han Meyer, second officer, L. B. Bruce, Charles Hayes, F. Crawford, J. W. Kearn, J. H. Kipling, R. Stuart, John Dorsey, Charles P. Swanson, F. Swanson, G. Abrahmson, John Kirschman and J. Liva.

"Those who fitted out here aside from those named were: "W. Baldwin, first officer; Geo. Planders, third officer; Thomas Kelly, Dan Rosetto, A. Wegner, P. Pusher, Geo. Nelson, William Wormell, F. G. Riches and F. S. Townson.

'Wormell, Retire, Riches, Townson and Reginald G. Sharp were known to be the apprentices.

"Those for whom mail is waiting here and not noted in the above are

was paid off when the Pass of Melfort are still serving aboard her. arrived from Mexico, but as his name appears on the list of those outfitting the submarine mining by the Royal here a few days before the vessel sail- | Engineer units, warrant officers, noned again it would seem that he had re- commissioned officers and men of these ned the vessel. Frank McDonald was promoted from second to first of- | Esquimalt, B. C., with the exception of | defeated at the polls to-day for the ficer after Baldwin was paid off, but | those trained for electric light duties | mayoralty by Ald. Coatsworth, who Meyer was signed as second officer be- and military mechanist coxswains, are secured a majority of 4,097 votes. Mr. fore the consul here. These figures on their next enlistment days, to be Coatsworth had the solid Conservative total 32 to which add Capt. Scougal clothed on the scales laid down for vote. The chief campaign issue was and 33 men would appear to have gone dismounted Royal Engineers on pp. 56, down with the vessel. What names to 74 and 75 Clothing Regulations, 1904. eliminate from the list in order to bring the number down to 23, the num- light duties will receive the scale of

board when he sailed, time alone will In all four bodies have been seen of naval pattern caps with white cov and recovered from the wreck. A des- ers, knee boots, Canada patterh, oilcription of these has been given by skin clothing and sou'wester hats will A. H. Lyche, of Ucluelet, as follows: be discontinued. Military machinist Body of man about 5 feet 11 inches, coxswains are to continue to receive about 30 years of age; dark hair and the same scale of clothing as hitherto.

The body is dressed in blue overalls, cardigan jacket, short heavy sea boots

seen for a few minutes only by several dians, when a large body wave caried it out of sight. Body dressed in blue with life belt on was seen washing to and fro in the surf for several hours, and then swept out of sight.

Body recovered on the 27th with small man about five feet six inches, sandy complexion and bare feet. It had on a gray worsted pants and blue sweater. A tattoo mark on the righ arm shows the Stars ofd Stripes, with a ship in the circles and the figures

Those bodies recovered have been buried at Ucluelet, and the expense of the same will be borne by the Imperial government. Mr. Lyche has been instructed by Capt. Gaudin to look after the burial of the dead and to forward a bill of the expenses for the same to him for transmission to Ottawa. Mr. steamers Salvor and Queen City have Lyche is of the opinion that other bodies will come ashore as soon as the

THE BALLAD OF A COMING WRECK.

Fiercer and fiercer raged the stor The spindrift stung like hail, The wallings of the whistling buoys Were smothered in the gale.

There goes a rocket—sakes alive!
A ship is in distress!

well up. It has been a good season."

From Esquimalt the Salvor, with
Capt. Harris in command, and Mr.

And watched the rockets rise and burst
And vanish like a spark.

Closer and closer in she rushed, That poor ship to her doom, As in her agony she flared Her signals through the gloom.

A wreck! a wreck! The news spread fast And men ran to and fro.
What can we do? What shall we do? Ah! no one seemed to know Now with the crowd a stranger came,

An old and stupid man,
Who held that everything should be
Worked on a proper plan. What's more, he thought that life was

worth
More than a dollar bill;
Really his arguments would make
A man of sense quite ill. This stranger hailed from a country They tried to guard their shore, So he looked to see the lifeboat of

And rockets by the score. But time passed on and nothing came; He thought he'd find out why,
And picked upon the loafer, whom
He'd noticed, standing by.

"Why don't they send the lifeboat out? It will be late, I fear."
The loafer stared and then he laughed, 'Guess you're a stranger here 'Surely you don't suppose a boat

Would decorate this scene Unless they made it worth her while?" Said the stranger, "What d'you mean?"

The loafer grinned a cunning grin, And calmly chewed a plug. "I mean the salvage must look good Before they'd send a tug. "Still, if the Quadra's in, perhaps" ecking of the list of the But here the stranger swore; 'Is there no help at all to send? Can they do nothing more?" the doomed British bark

> "Well, t'ain't much use to send her now The length of that old wharf out there The blasted show'd be don

The old man turned in sheer disgust

Shedding its bitter light On Things like bags of dirty clothes

In the foam so clean and white He watched the sharp rocks stab them; Cat like, the waves would let them slip And then as quickly grab them.

The men toiled at their gruesome work,
The women shrieked and raved— They might have all been saved! W. H. S.

TO RECOMMISSION.

Crew Next Month.

from London, says: Two depression range takers are to be included in the establishment of the Royal Garrison Artillery manning the

defences of Esquimalt. Chief Artificer Engineer W. Dalton has been posted to the Egeria at Esquimalt.

As has been already intimated, the survey ship Egeria, Captain J. F. and 110 men will be dispatched from as evidence. "Einar Weiojnen, Joseph Bertschy England early in February to Esqui- The chief of police said to-day that malt. The Egeria was recommissioned

Consequent on the disbandment of units serving at home and Halifax, and the prominent temperance worker, was Part 1. Soldiers trained for electric its death blow by the ratepayers. ber Capt. Scougal stated he had on clothing now laid down for submarine miners on pp. 58, 74, 75 and 77, of the same regulations, except that the issue

## Body of a white man nearly nude;

TO HANDLE PRODUCT OF STRAITS TRAPS

Crpital City Company Expect to Erect a Building Before the Salmon Season Begins.

The Capital City Cannery Company will, it is fully expected, erect a cannery before the coming season's operations open. Last year it will be remembered this company disposed of the fish taken in its traps to Fraser river canneries. This was done purely to test the traps, and was not supposed to be a proper method of handling the fish.

The company is now preparing for active work this coming season, and it is said that a cannery has been decided upon. The capacity and exact locahas not been fully settled, but will come up before the directors within a few days.

It is highly probable, however, that the new cannery will be located on Esquimalt harbor, and will be of about the same capacity as that put up by J. H. Todd & Co. It will likely be built to handle 35,000 or 40,000 cases.

It is also reported that the Capital City Company will not be the only one to build at Esquimalt this spring. Dr. Bell Irving, who has trap sites along the straits, will, it is said, put up a cannery here to handle the take from the traps. It is probable that others will also be put up. This is made necessary after the experience of last year, when the fish were sent to the Fraser. It has been found that to properly handle the catch canneries must be near the traps.

It is therefore doubtful whether in future any salmon will be sent to the Fraser from the Vancouver Island traps, except possibly in the case of an exceptionally heavy run, when a distribution of the take might relieve the situation.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Few Qualified as Householders This Year, and Less Ladies on List.

Seven hundred and twenty-six householders qualified as voters for the approaching municipal elections. Last year the total was seven hundred and this year's number.

of its lapses last year. Not only does | tees was called for to-morrow. it disfranchise many members of the While no official statement on the local militia, but it also causes a subject is obtainable it was accepted formidable hiatus in the voting power as a fact that Mr. McCall's resignaion of the fair sex. All told only twelve as president will be presented to the ladies qualified as householders this trustees to-morrow. year, against a hundred and fifty last deprived of the water rate qualificathose in the western district who don't pay the road tax or imposts on real in the field and the prospect of a batch of aldermanic aspirants, the campaign will soon be in full swing.

BOUNDARY ORE.

Smelter During Week-The Year's Output.

Phoenix, Dec. 30.—Being Christmas week, the last week of the year shows a somewhat smaller output from the Boundary mines than recently. It is probable that the full year revised totals will somewhat increase the amounts. The figures for this week were: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 16,818 tons; Mother Lode to B. C. Copper smelter, 2,522 tons; Brooklyn-Sten winds to Dominion Copper smelter, 1,271 tons; Sunset to Dominion Copper smelter, 427 tons; Emma to Nelson smelter, 198 tons: Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 33 tons; Skylark to Nelson and Granby smelters, 50 tons; total for the week, 21,319 tons; total for the year to date, 978,352 tons.

Boundary smelters this week treated as follows: Granby smelter, 14,915 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 2,628 tons; A correspondent writing to the Times Dominion Copper Co. smelter, 2,114 tons; total for the week, 19,657 tons; total for the year to date, 941,817 tons.

THE VANCOUVER MYSTERY.

Police Chief Says Mrs. Jackson and Mrs Jones Will Be Charged With

Vancouver, Jan. 2.-The Jackson-Jones case had another all morning session at Parry, will be recommissioned at the police court to-day. J. Martin, coun-Esquimalt for another commission- sel for the accused, succeeding in having her fourth consecutive one-on the the letters alleged to have passel be Pacific station in order to complete tween Jones while in the penitentiary the survey of the British Columbian and Mrs. Jackson held out. The magiscoasts. A new crew of eleven officers | trate decided that they could not be given

charges of murder would be laid against "According to official records here at Esquimalt on the 28th March, 1903, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson in a day or W. Baldwin, first officer on the vessel, and eight of the original eleven officers two, some new evidence having been dis-

ONTARIO MAYORS

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Comptroller Spence, the question of the reduction of liquor licenses, which proposal is thus dealt Other mayoralty elections in Ontario

esulted as follows: Ottawa-Ellis (re-elected) by 300. Kingston-J. M. Mowat. Woodstock-John Butler. Windsor-E. S. Wigle.

The creation of the British museum Hans Sloane, who died in 1753, leaving posed of for the sum of £20,000. day. PRINTERS' STRIKE

Number of Men Quit Work in New York in Support of Demand For Eight-Hour Day.

New York, Jan. 2.-Twelve hundred union printers, the employees of fortyfour book and job printers, to-day went on strike for a working day of eight hours. Members of the local Typothetate, against whom the strike was declared, said to-night that hundreds of non-union printers from various parts of the country are hurrying here. Representatives of the Typographical Union declare that the eighthour day principle already has been won in New York, and that the percentage of men compelled to strike is

small. The newspapers are not affected by the strike, since the eight-hour day has been the rule in these offices for some time. There ar 6.400 printers in Typographical Union No. 6 in this city, and as long as the strike continues all of them who remain at work will con tribute 10 per cent. of their wages each week toward the support of those of their number who are out on strike.

Situation in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—The national eight-hour work day of the printers' union was declared by that organization to be in effect to-day in this city. The introduction of the new pro gramme was not marked in this city by strikes of any magnitude, the bulk of the militant employers having anticipated the movement weeks ago by locking out their union men and continuing their shops with non-union men.

At Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 2.-Two hundred and forty-five employees of printing houses joined the 175 members of the Typographical Union already on strike here to-day. Three-fourths of the master printers having refused to sign the eight-hour agreement the strike was declared. The Typothetae is making efforts to obtain non-union

NEW YORK LIFE AFFAIRS.

A. McCall Has Paid Company \$235,-000 Advance to Hamilton and Still Unaccounted For.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 2.-John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, has paid to the company \$235,000 advanced to Andrew Hamilton, and so far not accounted for by Mr. Hamilton.

Thomas P. Fowler, chairman of the company's investigation committee, appointed by the board of trustees, received to-day a cheque from Mr. Mc-Call for \$85,000 and a note for \$150,000. fifty-one, an excess of twenty-six over Mr. McCall some time ago promised to make good this sum unless Hamil-Unquestionably there would have ton, who was legislative agent for the been a much larger enrolment this big insurance company, rendered an year were it not for the unfortunate accounting. On receipt of Mr. McCall's condition of the Municipal Elections letter accompanying the cheque and Act created by the legislature in one note, a meeting of the board of trus-

At a conference of a number of trusyear. In Victoria West the act falls tees to-day Alexander E. Orr was rerather severely, the people there being quested to accept the presidency of the company. Mr. Orr said he would pretion. Plainly the only loophole for fer that some one else be selected for the place permanently, but he offerd to act as president until some one else property, is the dog license. Now that was selected. Others mentioned for the there are two mayoralty candidates presidency are John Claiftin, Norman B. Ream and Hiram R. Steele.

Life investigation committee said to- general agent of the White Pass & wishes for the success of the King Ed- cathedral broke out. The hour hand not pay over the \$235,000 in one lump office with practically nothing except his wife and some friends.

THE DRAWING TROUBLE.

Commissioner Adjourned This Morning Unti: Friday Owing to Illness of Counsel.

The commission appointed to investigate the South Park school drawing book trouble was expected to resume its sitting this morning in the County court. When Commissioner Lampman ascended the bench, however, F. B. Gregory, counsel for the board of school trustees, was not present. His representative immediately requested an adjournment, stating that Mr. Gregory was ill and unable to attend. No opposition to the proposal was made by Messrs. Elliott and Eberts, representing Miss Cameron and the education repartment respectively, although both thought it exceedingly unfortunate that the proceedings would have to be delayed. Upon suggestion Commissioner Lampman consented to

an adjournment until Friday morning at 10.30 o'clock. There is considerable evidence to be taken before Miss Cameron's side of pany in Seattle. the trouble is finished. Her own crossexamination is by no means complete. Mr. Eberts has not yet finished, and Mr. Gregory intends following with further questions in behalf of the trustees. Miss Fraser, B. A., who instructed the South Park school drawing class, and Miss Spears, another member of the teaching staff of the same institution, have yet to take the stand. They will be followed by the children, whose evidence on the point of whether ruling was general is expected to be exceedingly interesting. Everything considered the commission nises to extend over a much longer

period than was originally anticipated. HONOR FOR MAJOR JOLY.

London, Nov. 2.-The New Year honors include the name of Major Alain Joly de Lotbiniere, R. E., superintending engineer, to be Companion of the Indian Order.

the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

WAS UNVEILED IN ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

Brass Tablet Dedicated to the Memory of Those Drowned in Royal Roads September, 1904.

On Sunday at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, the morning parade ser ice was made the occasion of the dedication, by the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, of a memorial brass erected within the church by the Garrison, in memory of Staff Sergeant-Major Ellicott, A. S. C., Staff Sergeant Shorey, R. E., and Second Mate Hartopp, of the Blythswood, who were the victims of a distressing accident, the upsetting of a boat in the Royal Roads, on Sunday afternoon, September 25th,

After the memorial had been unveiled by Col. English, O. C. troops, the pishop read the inscription thereon, and at the conclusion of his dedication prayers the Dead March was rendered in a very impressive manner by the organist.

The sermon was preached by the pishop, who chose for his text "And the sea shall give up its dead." During the course of his eloquent address referred in feeling terms to the futile endeavors made in the first instance by Staff Sergeant Shorey, R. E., and subsequently by Second Mate Hartopp to swim to the Blythswood, then anchored in Esquimalt harbor, to obtain assistance for their companions in peril, each brave soul perishing in the attempt. In the meantime another had succumbed, Staff Sergeant-Major Ellicott being compelled to release his hold of the upturned boat, being overcome by exposure and cold. It was only by the timely arrival on the scene of a small steam launch that the remainder of those in a position of much danger were rescued.

Among those included in a strong muster of the troops of the garrison were noticed the following officers and warrant officers: Col. English, O. C. troops, Captain Bumbery, R. E., Captain Wright, A. S. C., Lieut. Thomson, R. G. A., Lieut. Wright, A. O. C., Commander Meager, A. O. C., and Superintending Clerk and Draughtsman, G. Fenton, R. E.

The morning's impressive service was closed by the rendering of that beautiful hymn commencing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

MANY PROMOTIONS.

Changes Made in White Pass Company -Chas. Wurtele's Advancement.

A number of changes have been made in connection with the White Pass & Yukon Railway. The office of general freight and passenger agent has been abolished, and M. J. B. White. of Vancouver, the former occupier of that position, now becomes chief clerk to the traffic manager.

The position of traffic manager goes to a former resident of Victoria, J. H. Rogers, who is in the city at the for the Great Northern at Victoria, One of the members of the New York and for four or five years has been

The office of general agent at Daw-Over Two Thousand Tons Sent to man. It was said he will go out of the likewise to a former Victorian, W. Taylor, who has been assistant-superhis life insurance policy of \$500,000, and intendent of the river division, with that in order to pay his \$150,000 note headquarters at White Horse. Mr. he may have to get assistance from Rogers earns a deserved and popular promotion by the new shuffle; indeed came close to the top of the ladder in

the service of the White Pass. Charles Wurtele, the general Eastern Canadian agent of the Great Nothern, with headquarters at Toronto, has resigned in order to become manager of the estate of the Camthra estate. Mr. Wurtele likewise was Great Northern agent in this city a few years ago.

Former Victiria agents of the Great Northern Railway seem to have been experiencing rapid promotions recent-Edgar M. Burns, a former Victorian.

has been appointed travelling freight agent for the Chicago Great Western railroad, with headquarters at Taoma. Mr. Burns is one of the best known railroad and steamship men in the Northwest. He was formerly the assistant passenger agent for the Great Northern railroad at Victoria and Vancouver, was assistant passenger agent for the Northern Pacific at the same cities, and for three years was the city ticket agent for the Northern Pacific in Seattle, and also ocupied the position of city ticket agent for the Pacific Coast Steamship Com-

CONSOLIDATE FACTORIES. Capital" and "Nugget" Cigars Will Be Made By New Firm.

ompany, and Jas. Johnston, of the Jugget factory, who for a number of years past successfully carried on ed their interests, and for the present lines." will occupy the premises now occupied public, namely, the "Capital" and and some new faces as well. extensive advertising. A traveller will ests, were appreciated. look after the outside interests, and in There were several witty speeches, this way considerable more business

Major Joly is a son of Sir Henri Joly, The majority of the six thousand the enterprise and connection of both parties, will make a strong factor in his forty years' connection with the table. This will be of inestimates The creation of the British museum was rendered possible by the will of Sir Hens Sloope who died in 175 leads and the field. It is safe to predict that in paint business in Victoria.

The evening's entertainment was plough can be worked to do a certain on strike Tuesday. They demanded an tory that will materially assist the dark eyebrows. On his right arm is a tattoo mark of an anchor and shield.

The clothing regulations will be the treasures of his museum to his at the commercial centre of the province, and the singing of reverse and still be in working contil.

NANAIMO STATISTICS. Cosl Shipments: For the Year-Prospectz Bright For 1906.

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.-Statistics for the year just closed show a material increase in business all round. The importance of Nanatmo as a shipping VICTORIANS UNITED the Island north of Victoria is shown by the appended report of the customs dues collected for the month of December, the returns of which show 90 per cent. of the total collections were paid here.

The coal shipments for December are the highest for the year from Nanaimo, namely, 21,260.07 tons, which, according to the anticipations of the management of the local collieries, will be vastly increased within the next two

The sawmill is now cutting more lumber than ever in its history and its owners expect to more than double its capacity by the addition of several carloads of new machinery now on the which when installed, will make the Nanaimo mill one of the finest in the province. Messrs. Vipond and Williams of this city are also erecting a fine mill at Beck's lake, South Wellington, where they recently purchased several hundred acres of timber lands. The mill for the present will cut 20,000 feet a day.

With the commencement of boring for coal in the Wellington district to the north and the existence of several important industries in the south, and the vast improvements about to be made to her chief industries, the mines. the family hearth hands-locked and nills and fisheries, the prospects for sang "For Auld Lang Syne" or some Nanaimo during the coming year are

ndeed very bright. The following customs dues were collected for the month of December throughout the district: Nanaimo, \$5,-655.06: Comox, \$459.81; Chemainus, \$401.09; Ladysmith, \$177.07; Cumber amid the noise of celebration of their land, \$16.89; New Alberni, \$10.86; Alberni, \$7,365; Courtney, \$3.95.

The total shipments of coal by the Western Fuel Company for the year were 169,874.05 tons, divided as fol- They started on Saturday evening and lows: January, 16,855.14; February, 16,-530.10; March, 24,519.07; April, 28,510.09; May, 21,004.00; June, 3,354.00; July, 1,520.17; August, 1,211.05; September, 2,042.10; October, 10,447.00; November, 24,199.14; December, 27,260.07.

The amount collected for Canadian spirits, malt, raw leaf tobacco and reception. Pandemonium resulted cigars by J. McAloney, of the inland Everyone acted with the greatest revenue department for the year is abandon, no person was free from the \$3,988.78. The attendance of the schools throughout the city for the present

other month of 1905, the attendance being for December 726.56. DINED THEIR EMPLOYEES.

month shows a decline over every

Melrose Company Gave Christmas Dinner on Saturday Evening. On Saturday evening in the spacious the Salvation Army band joined the new dining room of the King Edward carnival rendering in really creditable notel, the Melrose Co. entertained their

style a programme of suitable seleclarge staff of employees at a Christmas tions. The diversion thus afforded, however, was neutralized by the strid-Very tastefully prepared invitations ent notes of an opposition "tenderfoot" had been sent out on Christmas Eve, organization. Obviously it had been and there were upwards of fifty seated collected on the spur of the mor at the tables, all employees of the Mel- and with absolutely no regard for the

rose Co. After the manager, Mr. Newton, had made a speech extending to all a hearty welcome a commencement was quite a procession was formed. made on the good things. An elaborate menu had been drawn up, its execution strenuous than ever, factory whistles being left in the hands of Mrs. Patterwere lending their assistance, and from son, and many were the compliments present time. He was formerly agent paid her respecting the manner in echo of a fusilade of revolver shots which the dinner was cooked and (presumably blank) when the clear served, while she received many good musical chimes of Christ church

was within five minutes of 12 o'clock, vas because Mr. McCall is a poor son, in succession to Mr. Rogers, goes the "roll call," on which everyone had it had struck. Then the noise gradualbeen given a title for the evening, and ly subsided, the celebrators turned toa nickname expressive of something in wards each other and whispered that connection with his particular work, time-honored salutation "A Happy reputation, hobby or peculiarity. Each New Year." Having thus done their had a card by his plate bearing his duty in launching 1906 they gradually name and title. dispersed, and the streets once more

In replying to a toast "The Melrose

Co," Mr. Newton expressed satisfaction at seeing so many of the company's employees gathered together for an evening's entertainment. He said: "This annual dinner is given by the company as an expression of their good will towards their employees and as a slight token of their high appreciation of the faithful and energetic manner in which all had done their duty during the past year. Companies are supposed to 'have no souls,' but I want you to feel that in the Melrose Co. there are those who are always considering your interests, those who believe in honorable and fair treatment to all, those who notice and appreciate faithful service. I believe we have the best staff of men in the country, and feel that the success of the company is due, in no small degree, to the conscientious manner in which you have worked for its interests, and in the name of the company I wish to thank you very sincerely for your past efforts, and express the hope of their continuance in the future.

"You will all be glad to hear that there has been a most satisfactory increase in the company's business during the past year. We are looking for still further prosperity in 1906; the indications being that there are good times ahead for British Columbia, and particularly for Victoria and Van-Thos. F. Gold, of the Capital Cigar couver Island. It is in view of expected increase of business that we have built and moved into our new premises, where we have better facilities for siness in this city, have amalgamat- handling business in all our various

Mr. Newton closed his remarks by by Mr. Gold, 23 Johnson street. The expressing the hope that at the next brands that are so well known to the annual dinner they would all be there

"Nugget" cigars, will continue to be manufactured, and special attention made, indicative of the good will borne headway that nothing could be saved. will be given to quality. It is the in- by the employees towards the company The fire is supposed to have started tention of the new firm to make both and the management, and expressing orands special leaders throughout the satisfaction at the knowledge that left. province and Northwest Territories by their efforts, in the company's inter-

songs and recitations, and a number will come to this city, which rightly of toasts, all of which were drunk with line. The plough is of the usual radipresent business combined and with all have a feeling of respect and good round clear of the tracks and turned

"God Save the King."

NEW YEAR GIVEN

IN THE FESTIVITIES

welcome to 1906, others gathered about

other suitable selection while the mon

prosaic, to whom the passing of one

year to another, is not of sufficient im-

portance to interefere with the night's

rest, vainly endeavored to slumb

the notes of every imaginable noise-

producing instrument defies descrip-

tion. As the midnight hour approach-

ed on Sunday night the uproar became

more striking. Each whistle, horn,

bell, etc., was worked overtime and

with frenzied energy. About 11 o'clock

character of the instruments, their

tune or the musical ability of the

bandsmen. They paraded also, and

The festivities had become more

more wakeful neighbors.

Pandemonium Reigned Until After Midnight on Sunday-Lieut. Governor Received Yesterday.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The year 1905, with all its joys and serrows, has passed into history. To many it seems but a short span since the same was said of the year previ ous, demonstrating the truth of 116 remark made by a local pastor curing the progress of watch-night services to the effect that the unrelenting scythe of Father Time appears to gather speed as the ages advance. V torians marked the exit of the old and the advent of the New Year in various manners. Many were engaged in devo tional exercises when the town clock work. slowly tolled the hour of mid-night A communication others thronged the streets and busie themselves devising fantastic schemes for expressing the sincerity of the

> This was referred bridges and sewers H., T. Knott asked extension of time for of the Old Men's Ho It was decided to re cation to the stre sewers committee.

Owing to the fact that New Year's Eve was on Sunday the festivities exsion of a sidewalk tended over a longer period than usual. This was referred neer for report. continued with unabated enthusiasu Another request on the following day. On both occasions Government, Fort and Yates engineer. streets were paraded by crowds thor-Mrs. Barlow wrote oughly imbued with the holiday spirit to the deplorable co and determined to leave no stone unstreet. turned to tender the New Year a fitting Ald. Fullerton mov matter. showers of confetti, which afterwards gave the walks the appearance of bereport. ing draped with snow. But the discordant noise was what would have been most noticed by the casual visitor. The effect of the combination of

> The petition was re engineer for report. Applications for th tor of the public libra ed. There were 46 o Ald. Oddy wanted the mayor and the This was declared method of proceeding then proposed that a and references be re an intelligent vote co motion was not se council proceeded to cants by ballot, resi the selection of W. The streets, bridge committee was rece Your streets, bridge

council: eries departs

assumed their customary quiet. In all the churches on Sunday special services were held, and sermons, suitable to the occasion were delivered by the respective pastors, while at many the congregations gathered to watch "the old year out and the new year in." This was the case at St. John's, St. James', St. Barnabas', the Metropolitan and Centennial Methodist churches. The services were marked by the usual hymns, prayers and devo tions. As the old year slowly rolled away many inwardly resolved the new would be much better spent, and a number made pledges to that effect. Yesterday, New Year's Day, was observed in a comparatively quiet manner. As usual it was a day of calls and from Government House down to the humblest cottage the doors were hospitably open to the visitor. His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, the Lieut.-Governor, received from 3

advantage of the opportunity to pay their respects. The Rugby and Association football matches in the morning and afternoon at Oak Bay attracted the sport-loving members of the community. Everything considered the holiday was passed very pleasantly, and will

to 6 o'clock, and a large number took

tions ever credited to Victoria. NEW WESTMINSTER NOTES.

be remembered as marking one of the

most boisterous impromptu demonstra-

A Japanese boarding house, belonging to the Star cannery at Steveston was completely gutted by fire the other evening, and all its contents were destroyed. None of the inmates were in when the fire started, and before it from a stove in which a fire had been

The B. C. Electric car shops have just compelted and built a snow plough for use on the Lulu Island branch, which is somewhat of a nevelty in this belongs here.

There is no reason to doubt that the firm of Gold & Johnston, with their lettice, the superintendent, for whom a king pin the whole car can be swurged. reverse and still be in working cordi-

PASSED MEETING

Another Janitor Appo Library-Other B acted Last

At the meeting of Tuesday night a new pointed for the pub Walker being the cho cations. Before the deputation waited or brged that work be between Kings road which had been left tion through puttin Later the council de

B. Kitto, hon. secret C. A., drawing the council to the danger block pavements d weather, and sugge with sand.

J. B. Robertson ask Davey street was ref

engineer be given por Ald. Oddy moved in it be referred to the A vote was taken, being lost by a vote motion carried. Mr. Wheeler and of sidewalk on Richmo

mittee, having conside tioned subjects, beg following resolutions Re water lot, Govern Bay: Resolved, that city engineer and city to prepare a suitable letter received from the ultimo, from the Owners' Association council to submit cer plebiscite of the mu that a reply be sent lowing effect: (1) Whi favor of an independe to time, they do not ment by the electors There is no provision

Clauses Act for the an officer. (2) The equal force to the app ary park commission could not be relegated sieners. (3) This is within the legislative vincial parliament. Resolved, that the grant of the Rock Bay ed from the Domini Resolved, that the street work be adopte

works carried out as r

reports of the city of

and 29th ult., respect

Repair of Chestnut

cost, \$125. Replacement of cov Cadboro Bay road east Junction; estimated ed Pipe drain for Dune ed\_cost, \$90. Box drain on Sixth Hillside avenue and mated cost, \$90. Sidewalk at the corn Young streets.

Sidewalk on the we

street; estimated cost, Sidewalk on Sevent cost, \$30. Sidewalk east side Ju mated cost, \$87. Sidewalk Maple stree

Surface drain, inter Kingston streets; estir Cinder sidewalk, Dall San Juan avenue ar estimated cost, \$100, pro be obtained from the Expenditure of \$50 or Sidewalk on the wes street, between Joh streets; estimated cost, Macadam on Bay str ernment street and R ment; estimated cost. Repair of alleyway b and King's road; estin All expenditures ret regoing to be subject port thereon by the

cil. On motion of Ald. F was amended to permi ture of \$50 for an alle road and Bay street. Ald. Hall moved in walk on Dalton street Ald, Oddy opposed tl

and adoption of said re