## EXTENDING

What Ensuing Year Holds in Store For Railroad Builders.

Various Important Enterprises Promise to Crystalize.

The Canadian Pacific has not as yet amounced its policy with respect to railroad construction in the Kootenays for 1903, but it is likely that a certain amount of work will be undertaken and that the approaching season will see construction inaugurated at various points by the Canadian Pacific and

The mining industry of the Lardeau was given a substantial impetus last year by the completion of the Canadian nay lake to Selkirk, at the foot of Frout lake, and it is understood that the traffic returns were quite satisfac-tory. The original plan in connection with this road was to build to Trout ake City along the southern side of Trout lake, and report has it that the coming summer. Trout lake invariably treezes during the winter and the steamer service is consequently inter-fered with. The completion of the road to Trout Lake City would overome the interruptions to traffic and afford better service for the mines exporting ore via the proposed terminus Then the line would naturally be car Landing or a point in that vicinity on the Arrow lakes, thereby giving the ountry egress to the main line. This of road would serve another also—were traffic interrupted on the main line trains could be diverted at Dunmore Junction to the Crow's Nest road, transferred at Kootenay Landing to Lardo, thence over the Trout lake road to Arrowhead and back to the main line beyond the point where interruptions are likely to occur The detour thus necessary would be much shorter than the alternative route via Nelson, Robson and the Arrow lakes and the saving effected by shortening the distance and avoidng one transfer would be considerable The scheme is cherished by Canadian

Pacific engineers, who predict that one day the bulk of the transcontinenta traffic will be handled in this eaving the main line with its heavy rades clear for the passenger and nail business that is expected to deenormously as years progress.

EXPENSIVE BUILDING.

The rumor has been revived that the rojected rail connection between the enay lines and the Crow's Nes road. This would necessitate some the west arm of Kootenay lake to a point opposite Kootenay Landing and ction of a bridge across the lake, which is almost a mile wide at point. The great drawback the enormous expense involved, \$3,000,000 being the estimate of The road question. be a solid rockcut from start to finish, with several long tunnels through the huge promontories that jut into the lake along the rocky and abrupt east shore. Years might elapse before the work was undertaken were it not for the fact that the Federal subsidy for the Crow's Nest road depends in a measure upon the completion of this

THE SPOKANE ROAD.

More interesting than all from the Rossland point of view is the construction of the line to connect the Construc-adian Pacific with Spokane, for which a charter has been obtained by D. C. Corbin and others. It is not known whether construction will be com-menced on this enterprise during the coming summer, but the venture is credited to the Canadian Pacific, and it is probable that having decided upon the line the big Canadian company will lose no time in putting its plans into effect. Recently it was chronicled that a Canadian banking institution was about to commence business in Spokane—do the railroad building and

of any volume, hence it would be opposed to good policy to enter the territory. A line from a point on the Kootenay lines of the Canadian Pacific -commencing at Trail for instancewould tap Washington's rich wheat fields, and afford local business on a large and ever-expanding scale. The wheat crop of the Washington grain rgely exported to the Orient, and the Canadian Pacific could handle the business as profitably as any other

road tapping the country.

In East Kootenay and in the Boundary there are railroad projects on the tapis and several of them, notably the v. v. & E., are certain to crystalize into active building operations, this year. Altogether the outlook for activity in this line during the summer seems unusually bright.

OFFICIALLY DENIED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 27.-The re port published by a news agency in the United States yesterday in a dispatch from Vienna to the effect that a sanguinary battle between striking rail-road workers and troops had occurred at Omsk, Siberia, and that several hundred workmen were killed, was nundred workmen were killed, was filicially denied here today.

## LICENSE REDUCTIONS CUT OFF

AN ARGUMENT FROM BUSINES MEN'S STANDPOINT ON THE

GIVE LICENSES A VALUE IN THEMSELVES AND NOTE RESULTS.

The hotel and saloon men's petition to the council for the cancellation of all icenses unrenewed on the 15th inst., with the request that these be not re newed at any time in the future, is still on the hooks. The matter is ostensibly in the hands of the city solicitor and may come up, for consideration at Tuesday's session

In their petition the hotelmen put forward only the aspect of the question that appealed to them, ignoring the features that would have appealed to business men and possibly secured their approval and support.

The statement is made that almost very business house on Columbia avenue every bu iffered to a greater or less extent through bad debts contracted by saloon men who have opened places in Ross-land during past years and gone out of business with their financial affairs involved. It is claimed that a substan-tial reduction in licenses will materially reduce the percentage of losses by business men from this cause, and the argument is logically supported. When the number of liquor licenses is reduced to the point where the licensees have sufficient business to make a profit on sufficient business to make a profit on their operations, the license becomes an their operations, the license becomes an asset. This has not been the case in the past, for a license being obtainable by any one who made application and put up the necessary sum of money, any saloon man who dropped out of business knew that he could come in again at the proposed amendment any saloon li-cense lapsing would be wiped out, and in the course of time the survival-of-the-fittest rule will have sifted out the tutions. Liquor licenses would then be come valuable and in themselves would have a cash value which would make their holders more careful of their busi-

This condition of affairs exists in On tario and other provinces where the tee licenses in thriving towns and cities there are often sold for thousands of dollars without any other collateral attached The effect is to add stability to the li-The effect is to add stability to the in-quor business, and this is a desideratum in western towns such as Rossland, and to secure a better observance of the li-quor laws by hotelmen, also a consider-ation in the eyes of many. The corpora-tion might lose some revenue for a time, but in the end the community generally would profit materially by the innova-tion—at least this is strongly urged in various quarters. various quarters.

### HE FOREGOES HIS PAY

ALDERMAN EMBLETON WILLING TO DROP INDEMNITY FOR 1908.

MAYOR DEAN, HE INSISTS, MUST ACCEPT SIMILAR RE-

DUCTION.

Alderman Thomas Embleton will star the ball rolling with regard to the payment of indemnity to members of the city council. He has an idea that will appeal to all citizens as fair and rea-sonable, and this will be embodied in a resolution to be brought before the council after notice of motion is given at to

"I am willing to forego the salary of \$200 which has hitherto been paid members of the council," said the West Ward alderman to a Miner man yesterday, "provided Mayor Dean will accept a reduction of a similar amount in his salary. My motive is to relieve the strain on the city's and accept a ladarmanic infinances by cutting off aldermanic demnities for the present year at least, but to be consistent in this course it is fair and right that his worship should Spokane—do the railroad building and the banking enterprise go together? A Canadian bank in Spokane doing the business for a long stretch of railroad construction would secure an enviable start.

If the Canadian Pacific is to build this road there is little doubt as to the line they will select. To parallel the Nelson & Bedlington or Kootenay Valley line would be to run through a country that produces no local business of any volume, hence it would be op-

Under Alderman Embleton's proposi-tion no salaries will be paid to alder-men and the mayor's stipend will be re-duced by the sum of \$300, leaving the chief magistrate's remuneration \$700 for the year. The argument is, of course, that if the aldermen forego their remuneration for the sake of promoting the interests of the city the mayor has no sound ground for insisting that he

receive the usual stipend. The saving to be effected under Alderman Embleton's proposal is \$1800 on aldermanic indemnities and \$300 on the mayor's salary, a total of \$2100. The civic strong box cannot be strengthened to a similar degree with the same ease by any other scheme yet proposed, and Alderman Embleton's patriotism will be

## ONE SALARY

**Council Abolishes Position** of Collector and As-

HALL THE Mayor Moves Against the Company Boarding Houses.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The city fathers made their first move last night toward promoting economy in the city offices by dispensing with the services of William Harp, city asse and collector, and dividing his dut between the city engineer and the clerk. The reduction in the staff will work a saving of \$1500 per annum.

The report of the finance committee dealt with Mr. Harp's dismissal. By motion Major VanBuskirk was appointed assessor and William McQueen collector. Neither official will secure any increase in his present stipend as a result of the change. Regret is felt among the aidermen and citizens that the city' in the staff, inasmuch as Mr. Harp has served the corporation faithfully and well for several years and has taken prominent part in all patriotic move-ents inaugurated during his term of office. He leaves the city service on February 28th.

By motion the new tructed to commence the annual assessment on or before February 1st, and t ete the work on or before Apri The assessment roll is made re nrnable to the city clerk on April 10th

A grant of \$150 was made toward the unual Winter Carnival. This is the um which has been granted annually or the same purpose by the municipal-

The city solicitor notified the co in a report on the saloon and hotel men's petition as to restricting the number of licenses to be issued, that the corporation has the power to pass a by-law making such restrictions.

Leave was granted to introduce a by-law for the borrowing of money in anticipation of the city's revenue for

the current year.

Mayor Dean handed in notice to the
council to the effect that at the next
council to the council he would move council he would move al be forwarded to the directly or otherwise. This is tantacount to a request that the boarding ouses on Red Mountain to be closed up.
Alderman Embleton came into the council chamber armed with a resolu-

ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION.

OPINIONS HARD TO PROCURE-MAXOR DEAN ON THE

SUBJECT.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The city council has made no move as yet in regard to declaring a polic nent the payment of salaries to the chief magistrate and aldermanic members of the board. It was thought that something along this line would develop at last night's council meeting, but nothing eventuated. In the star chamber sessions the matter may have chamber sessions the matter may have come up for consideration, but there has been absolute stience on the part of the board when their sentiments could have been secured for the rate-

ready last night obtaining leave to introduce the bylaw necessary to settle the question for a year, but the motion was never introduced, and Alderman Embleton's explanation was that he had failed to secure a seconder. Alderman man Dunlop was asked to state his views on the subject, but declined to do so. He left the impression, however, that he was favorably disposed toward the abolition of aldermanic, salaries for this year at least, but could to a similar degree with the same ease by any other scheme yet proposed, and Alderman Embleton's patriotism will be generally appreciated.

PASSED AWAY—

Charles Hiland, aged twelve years, only son of Mrs. Charles Hiland, corner of Washington street and Second avenue, died yesterday at neon from enlargement of the brain. The funeral takes place tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church. Deceased was the son of the late Charles Hiand, who was a printer in Rossland for some years.

In the bulieved to make a definite statement on the subject, remarking that his opinion was reserved for the council. Alderman Dunlop did state that he believed chairmen, who were compelled to devote considerable time to civic business, should be remunerated. Alderman Armstrong and Daniel will pay Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie an extended visit.

Were asked for an expression of opinion, which they gave, but The Miner reporter was absolutely enjoined from divulging the sentiments thus conveyed to him. If adhered to as stated their stand will meet with public approval.

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elf, namely, that of permitting th mayor's indemnity to remain at \$1000, which amount he had expressely stipulated in his ante-election platform, and reducing aldermanic salaries to \$150. It was well known that the expenses of a mayoralty candidate were far in excess of those of aldermanic candidates, and it might be estimated in round figures that he had already expended in campaign expenses one-third of the salary he expected, which the city had the benefit of. Then it could not be denied that the mayor was compelled to liquidate certain expenses incident to his office, entertaining, etc., that aldermen were not required to cident to his office, entertaining, etc., that aldermen were not required to foot. Lastly he did not propose to devote the portion of his time absolutely necessary to place at the city's disposal without remuneration, and he did not believe citizens asked this of him. Were his salary reduced, however, the sum leff, to him as remuneration for Were his salary reduced, however, the sum left to him as remuneration for services actually rendered the city would be little or nothing. If the aldermen would accept his proposal to hold fortnightly meetings and cut the \$300 salary in half, he thought this would be more satisfactory all round

Mayor Dean admitted on interrog tion that if it came to a point where he must sacrifice \$300 of his salary and thereby lead to a net saving by the corporation of \$2100, with the alternative that no saving would be effected, he would consent to the cut, but he ex-pressed the conviction that this was not the best course to adopt.

### CITY LOST ITS CASE

WATER APPLICATION CASES GO AGAINST MUNICIPALITY IN FULL COURT.

DOES NOT AFFECT MERITS OF CASE-APPLICATION NOW

(From Wednesday's Daily:)

Centre Star mines. Word to this effect was received yesterday and transmit ted to the council last night. No action for the council to make a move at this the supreme court of Canada, which is not likely to be considered.

L. P. Duff. K. C., appeared for the city in the argument before the su-

olu- to the full court by the corporation council chamber armed with a resolu-tion asking for leave to introduce at next meeting of the council a by-law to amend the existing by-law relating to mayoralty and aldermanic indemnities. He could not get a seconder for the resolution, and the matter never came hefore the board. rights were held under special act of the legislature he had no jurisdiction to entertain the application. It was on this technical point that the companies appealed to the supreme court, and on argument Chief Justice Hunter decide that the commissioner did have power to hear the application. This decision was appealed by the corporation, but is now upheld by the full court of the province. The mining companies can, therefore, proceed with their application to the gold commissioner, who is bound by the decision of the two courts to hear the case and decide on the merits of the facts submitted to him.

The gold commissioner's sitting will probably be arranged at a compara-tively early date. He will take the evitively early date. He will take the evi-dence for and against the application in exactly the same manner as in an ordinary application of a similar na-ture, and is not bound in any way by the court decisions on the matter, the effect of which is simply that he must take the application under considera-

BADLY HURT-

Antone Urline, a miner, had his leg broken by a falling rock while at work in the Centre Star mine yesterday. He was taken to the hospital in the ambulance and his injuries attended to. He received injuries in the back, none of which are serious.

INJURED AT RINK-

J. McLaughlin, an employe of Hunter Bros. and a member of the Rossland Victorias, was injured last night in the hockey match between Hunter Bros. and the West Kootenay Power & Light company. He was thrown during the match upon the point of one of the players' skates, the blade of

# ORGANIZED

Committees Named Connection Withithe Carnival.

Arrangements For Differ-Sports Well Advanced.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The members of the various commi that have been appointed to look after the arrangement of all sports and of ies of such entertainments. financing the Midwinter Carnival are men who have the success of the carnival at heart, and may be depended on to give the requisite attention to the Pythias, gave a splendid dance and somatter. They have expressed themselves in favor of doing everything that could of the members of the society were prebe done toward interesting the outside sent, as well as a number of invited public, and have promised to work hard guests. A nice luncheon was served by to bring about success.

to business. The principal matters year. brought to the attention of the executive committee were the appointment of various committees and the threshing out of the tangled hockey cup problem.

THE HOCKEY CUP It seems that of all the British Colum bia towns, Nelson alone came out and objected to allowing teams from the the Rossand Carnival hockey cup. They claimed that the cup was for the cham-rionship of B. C., and was put up originally to be competed for by British Columbia towns. They therefore ob-jected to allowing either Pincher Creek or Medicine Hat to compete for the cup. The question of whether outside teams could be allowed to enter the tournamen for the cup was dragged out to some length, it finally being decided to allow outside teams to enter the competion, but that they should not be allowed to carry the cup back with them should they win. In the event of one of the thwest teams winning the cup, they will be given medals, while the British Columbia team coming next takes the up for the period of one year. The uestion of whether or not the cup was perpetual challenge cup was also decided. The cup, according to the mem-bers of the committee, is a cup that was sung up by the first Rossland carnival committee to be competed for each year to Rossland, consequently it could not be the property of any one team winning

the property of the carminal from Revelstoke, et tries for the carminal from Revelstoke, Pincher Creek, Grand Forks, Nelson, Pincher Creek, Grand Forks, Nelson, at an early date. ndon and a combined team from eenwood and Phoenix. Medicine Hat wishes to compete and may come for the carnival if they can get a low enough railroad fare. They think that they will be able to bring quite a respectable following from the Crow's Nest section and the more so if their hockey team

OUTSIDE ATTENTION.

the fact that he had written to H. A. Tackson, Spokane agent of the Grea Northern railway, in regard to running Northern railway, in regard to running excursions from that point and also read the answer to the communication. Mr. Jackson thought that the best way the matter could be gone into would be by sending to Spokane some one with authority to arrange matters. Henry Ewert and Andrew Larson are going on a trip to Spokane, and they will probably do all in their power to advertise the carnival. Mr. Larson has volunteered to give the advertising of the carnival in Spokane quite a bit of his time and attention, and the well known public spiritedness of Mr. Ewert is sufficient guarantee that he will accomplish a great deal of good. It is the plan of the committee to advertise along all railroad lines and in the cities that may send people to the carnival.

SPORTS ARRANGEMENTS.

Reports on the progress of the various sports contemplated were made. J. S. Deschamps stated that he had men building the proposed fort on Monte Cristo mountain and that he would have quite a respectable number of snowslovers in line by the time the carnival came around. He spoke of costumes and other matters, and mentioned that his snowshoe brigade would hold their first night torchlight procession along the proposed course tomorrow night. The ski men have not fully decided where they will hold their ski jump this year. Most of the members wish to have the ski jump take place as near the heart of the city as possible, and think that Spokane street is the best site considering all things. The street will probably be chosen by the ski men, who will hold a meeting this afternoon to decide the matter.

one of the players' skates, the blade of which penetrated his side. He was taken to his home and his cut bound up.

MRS. McKenzie Returns—

After an absence extending over six months, Mrs. J. T. McKenzie arrived home from eastern Canada last night. Mrs. McKenzie is accompanied by her cousin, Miss Jennie Smith of Brighton, Ontario, who will be remembered by Rosslanders as a very popular figure in prominent social circles somewhat over a year ago. Dr. McKenzie went down to Spokane and met Mrs. McKenzie will be chosen by the ski men, who will be decide the matter.

As to the toboggan slide, everything has practically been arranged. Today the contractor will be on hand and arrangements made for building the start and the course completed. It is the aim of the toboggan committee to have the course built as rapidly as possible, so that the slide can be used at an early moment. They wish to break in men for the purpose of guiding the toboggans. Chief Guthrie will have men there at the property advertised in the tax sale has not been disposed of and the course.

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Mayor Dean was elected chairman of the carnival committee, and on the motion of C. O. Lalonde, A. B. Mackenzie was confirmed in his position as secretary of the carnival committee with the usual salary.

Lorne Campbell, of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, stated that his company would string a number of electric lights along the toboggan course on Washington street, so that the toboggans could the operated at night as well as during the day.

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Several of the prominent lodges of the city are planning to give either dances or social entertainments at an early date. Most of the lodges wish to make the winter season pass along as swiftly and enjoyably as possible, and can think of no better way to do so than by a ser-

During the week the Rathbone Sisers, a sister order of the Knights of cial at their hall on Queen street. Most The meeting yesterday afternoon at the board of trade rooms was well attended, but was rather late getting down

> The Rossland Camp of the Woodmen of the World held a social meeting Wednesday night at their hall on Columbia avenue. Quite a few of the members of the order were present. Card games, phonograph selections and other modes of entertainment made the evening pass

At the last meeting of the Sons of St. George, held at their meeting place at the fire hall, the means of stocking and ouilding up a public library were discussed. At present the library is nothing more than a reading room. It is intention of the society to push the project of a library, that will be a library in every sense of the word, to the fore as much as possible. Owing to present conditions, nothing was done in the matter, but the subject will probably be taken up again at the next meeting of the society. One of the plans advanced b; members of the society for filling the beok shelves is by public subscription, or through giving a concert or entertainment in its interests.

The Knights of Pythias met Friday night at their hall on Queen street. It is understood that several important matters will come up and a large at-tendance is desired.

The Odd Fellows, Deborah Rebekah and the Samaritan Encampment have held large meetings during the week.

The visit to this city of A. W. von Rhein, provincial deputy grand presi-dent of the Fraternal Order of Aagles. will be made a noteworthy event by the local aerie of Eagles. The Ross-land aerie has induced Mr. Von Rhein to stay over and attend the regular weekly meeting, which takes place Monday night. After the session is over a bannet will be t the meeting Monday night matters of special importance touching the local acrie will come up. The provincial dethrough the province, visiting the aeries at Grand Forks, Phoenix, Revelstoke and other points. It is his intention to try and institute a new lodge at Green-

The Knights of Pythias met Friday night at their hall on Queen street. In honor of the visit to the lodge of A. W. Von Rhein, provincial deputy grand president of the Eagles, the degree team gave an exhibition of their work. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

The Rossland Hive No. 5 of the Ladies of the Maccabees are making a special effort to take first rank among the hives of the order in this province.

At the present time the local hive stands in second place, Vancouver hive stand-ing at the top. As the local hive is gaining in point of membership steadily, they hope to pass the coast hive with-in the next few months.

THE TAX SALE. Light Bidding for the Property Offered

at Auctio Little interest was evinced at Green-

wood in the adjourned tax sale of property situated in Trail, Eholt, Midway. Moyie and other points. The sales of good property amounted to the neighborhood of \$200, some of the property being sold for less tha nthe amount due for taxes. for taxes.

In some cases, said J. E. Hoos perty was sold for \$2.50 and other par-cels went at from \$5 up. The property

over a year ago. Dr. McKenzie went down to Spokane and met Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Smith and escorted them back to the Golden City. Miss Smith will pay Dr. and Mrs. McKenzie an extended visit.

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