THE CITY.

THE Chemainus mill of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. is to be reopened just as soon as a crew can be got together to operate it. Mr. Palmer is now engaging competent workmen.

MRS. STOCKTON, who figures so prominently in the sensational Dr. Browne church trial in San Francisco, was two or three years ago a resident of this city, and also spent some time in Port Angeles.

THE British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association have appointed a special committee to wait upon the provincial government and the city council with a view to ascertaining what assistance will be forthcoming for this fall's show and fair.

JAMES WATSON, a native of Helensbury, Scotland, thirty-nine years of age, died on Friday at the Jubilee hospital of heart disease. The deceased was a member of the Manchester Unity, and members of both Dauntless and Fernwood lodges will attend the funeral to-day.

A TELEGRAM was received yesterday by Mr. I. Braverman stating that Morris Moss, formerly of this city, had died at Denver, Colorado. He came to this province from England in 1862, and for some time was engaged in trading on the West Coast and in Cassiar. He was for a long time agent in this city for Liebes & Co., the fur traders of San Francisco.

THE funeral of the late R. J. Stewart took place yesterday from the residence of his friend and schoolmate R. Hetherington, Camgart cottage, Tennyson road, to the Metropolitan church, where a fitting address was delivered by Rev. Solomon Cleaver. There was a large attendance. The pallbearers were Messrs. Robb, Moor, Whittington, Parfit, Charlton and Lewis.

FOR the respondent in the Cook divorce case, Mr. Murphy yesterday applied to Mr. Justice Drake to have the service on Lillie Traynor, one of the co-respondents, set aside, on the ground that she is an infant. The contention is that such service could only be made on the parent or guardian of a minor. Decision was reserved for the applicant to produce authorities in support.

SATISFACTORY arrangements have been made for the transportation of goods in bond to the Yukon country by way of the Lynn canal across the Thirty Mile portage. This opens the long-desired short route to the mines through Canadian territory, and the trade of British Columbia cannot but be considerably benefited. The first instalment of freight by the new route has already gone forward.

AS AN outcome of the course taken at the meeting of the school trustees on Friday evening, and in view of the action promised in the event of Principal McNeill declining to furnish the apology demanded by to-morrow afternoon, a petition was put in circulation yesterday asking for another public meeting to discuss and pass resolutions in connection with this most recent action of the trustees.

ATTENDANCE and programme were all that could be desired at the popular concert in the Y.M.C.A. hall last evening, the latter—most successfully carried out—being as follows: Concertina solo, Mr. Piper; recitation, Mr. Semple; vocal solo, Mr. William Muir; recitation, Master Pennock; violin solo, Mr. A. Huxtable; vocal solo, Miss Salmon; recitation, Mr. G. Snider; reading, Miss Nichols; duet, the Misses Scowcroft; vocal solo, Mrs. Clyde; and harmonica solo, Mr. J. Hill.

MR. E. A. JACOB, private secretary to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor since December 13, 1892, has resigned the position, after accepting an offer of a place in Mr. R. P. Rithet's office. Mr. Jacob on leaving the scene of his labors for more than three years, was the recipient of a handsome testimonial from His Honor and Mrs. Dewdney. The newly appointed private secretary is Captain Mallcott Richardson, late captain in the 35th Royal Sussex Regiment, who takes over the office with the commencement of this month.

AT a meeting of the congregation of the Central Presbyterian church on Friday evening it was decided that some steps must be taken towards getting additional support for the carrying on of the church. Rev. Mr. Forster was appointed to lay the matter before the meeting of Presbytery on Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian church and to ask them for aid. Should the request not be granted a meeting of the church will be held to determine what further action should be taken.

REAR-ADMIRAL Henry St. Leger Bury Palliser has been appointed to the command of the British North Pacific naval station in succession to Rear-Admiral H. F. Stephenson, promoted. Admiral Palliser attained his present rank on the 26th of April, 1895, and is described by naval men as one of the most promising and popular officers in the navy. It is generally believed that H.M.S. Imperieuse, sister ship to the Royal Arthur and which goes into commission on Thursday at Portsmouth, will be the commander-in-chief's flagship. She sails for Esquimalt about the end of this month.

AVOID DANGER AND TROUBLE.

Beware of Substitutes When Buying Package Dyes

When danger and deception threaten to disturb the peace and happiness of wives and mothers, it is but right that they should be warned and advised.

Crude and worthless imitations of Diamond Dyes are put up by some manufacturers for the sake of profit only. It matters little to them if women have their materials spoiled in the dyeing operation, their tempers ruffled, or soul worried, as long as their common products are sold.

For easy and profitable home dyeing, the Diamond Dyes to-day command the admiration of the civilized world. Insist, therefore, that your dealer provide you with the "Diamond" that are always a success. The Diamond Dyes are the favorites with all wise women.

Mr. Corbould is to ask the government if it intends planting oysters and oyster spawn as well as lobsters in the waters of the Pacific.

Lady Smith, wife of Sir Frank Smith, died in Toronto to-day.

SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

The Need of a Light on Sebl's Point —Ocean Liners Sail

Departure of the "Danube" on Her Initial Season's Trip—New N. P. Ships.

On Sunday afternoon the big Northern Pacific liner Tacoma left the outer dock for China and Japan with a large cargo, which has already been described. The Tacoma's sailing date at Hongkong on the return voyage was originally April 7, but her date will be taken by one of the new Northern Pacific Steamship Company's vessels, which will leave Hongkong the first week in April. The names of the new vessels are the Columbia and Olympia. The growth of trade with the N. P. Co. is so rapid that they have found it necessary to build two new steamships, which, with the Tacoma and Victoria and probably others will make a fleet of at least four vessels operated regularly on the line. The second of the new steamers will be ready in April.

RESUMES HER NORTHERN ROUTE.

The C. P. N. steamship Danube, Capt. Meyer, which has for several weeks been in process of refitting for the Northern trade, sailed North last night on her initial trip of the season. The ship's overhauling has been quite extensive. Her cabins have been improved and increased by two; fresh paint has been used liberally internally and externally, and among other details of the work was an overgoing of the vessel's port holes. The steamer carried North yesterday a large freight, an important shipment being part of the plant of a new Northern cannery which is to replace that destroyed by fire some time ago. The passengers were: R. J. Sargeant, D. Williams, F. C. Roscoe, R. A. Roscoe, G. Lucas, G. Robb, John Wilson, S. Robertson, A. Peden, J. Turnbull, S. A. Spencer, P. Callan, J. Barrett, Rev. C. Saugstadt, M. Morrey, T. H. Ostram, Mr. Schulitz, W. H. Dempster, Mr. Rant, B. Stapleton, P. Wollacott, W. Leigh, G. M. Clough, H. J. Kirkland, C. Suttle, J. E. Langley, G. Rudge, D. Hanburry and C. M. Black.

HARBOR LIGHT WANTED.

Captain G. Rudlin, of the steamer Charmer, had a novel experience when coming into port on Sunday evening. There was a very strong northeaster blowing at the time, the snow on Hospital point was drifting in all inaginable ways and the constantly changing shadows on the water were made very deceptive by the swinging electric lights in the distance—all tending to temporarily blind or mislead the careful navigator. As a result the Charmer at 8½ o'clock got stuck in a sand bank on the point. The steamer had been moving very slowly, and went on so gently that few of the passengers knew anything was amiss until preparations for landing them were commenced. With comparatively little inconvenience the mails and passengers were put ashore in boats. About midnight the vessel floated off with the rising tide. Navigators say that a light on Sebl's point is very badly needed to prevent mishaps such as this, which with no prominent fixed light may very easily occur under conditions such as those of Sunday.

FOR SOUTHERN SEAS.

Having arrived from the Terminal City on Sunday night the Canadian Australian liner Miowera proceeded on her long voyage to Honolulu, Suva and Sydney yesterday. Flour, salmon, potatoes and hops formed the bulk of the freight received here. Of the last mentioned commodity there are five large bales which are being forwarded as a sample shipment to Sydney by Mr. R. Breeds of Saanich. Besides this the steamer carried an immense shipment of hops from Tacoma while the rest of her cargo is made up of miscellaneous freight, including 30 carloads of Manitoba wheat. The passengers embarking on the steamer here were St. Clair B. Syers, of Seattle, who is going to Honolulu; R. Cridge, who is bound for the same city from Victoria; and Mrs. Ingham, who is also destined for the Hawaiian capital. Among other passengers were J. J. Walklate, T. Sampson, S. W. Scooley, wife and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

RETURN OF THE WILLAPA.

The steamer Willapa arrived from Alaska at Seattle on Saturday after an uneventful trip. Shortly after leaving Dyea the Willapa broke her crank and was laid over for two days at Juneau making repairs. While there sixty miners wanted her to turn back to Dyea, for they said that as the Willapa is the only boat running to Dyea they would have to wait until her return from Seattle before getting there. The Willapa being so much behind hand, refused the inducements offered. The vessel came down light. She had thirteen tons of hides, fish and general merchandise for this port. More sleeping bunks will be put in her steerage. All the berths for her return trip have been engaged in advance.

LIGHT ORIENTAL BUSINESS.

Passenger travel between here and the Orient is now very light, and the R.M.S. Empress of China, which leaves the Straits early this morning, will have but a limited number on board. The saloon list is as follows: J. W. Kennedy, A. Doherty, S. Heywod, J. M. Dubois, A. W. Vosberg and wife, Graham Edward Hutchings, W. S. Ward, Walter Young, Mr. Lyon, D. T. French, J. M. Musson, W. J. Morse, Rev. Mr. Fenwick and Dr. E. H. Horsey. Mr. Dubois has been in Victoria for the past few days. His home is in Dubois, Pennsylvania, where he operates a big lumber manufactory. He is now on his way to Japan. The China carried a fair cargo, of the usual composition.

SHIPPING FOR FEBRUARY.

Shipping has not been so animated during February as it generally is or as it promises to be this month. The main feature of the trade has been the Alaskan rush, which has, however, barely begun to affect this port, although its tendency is this way. Foreign shipping has been comparatively light, but shippers are beginning to feel that the dull season is about over, for soon cannery and mining supplies will commence to move and spring work generally will be in full swing. The clearances and entries during February are naturally fewer than usual owing to the short month; they are as follows: Foreign—clearances, 73; entries, 67. Coastwise, clearances, 110; and entries, 111.

THE MISSING "MAY BELLE."

Mr. William Munsie, manager of the Victoria sealing schooner May Belle, is among those who still consider that vessel to be safe. He believes that she is somewhere out at sea unable through unfavorable weather to reach port. This being the case he thinks the schooner's proven seaworthiness sufficient guarantee that she is all right. The experience of all steamers arriving from the West Coast lately is that of a succession of southeasterly gales, and it is partly from this that Mr. Munsie draws his conclusions.

TO SAIL NEXT SUNDAY.

At 9 a.m. on the 8th instant the Pacific Coast and Alaska Steamship Company's Al-Ki will be given dispatch for Juneau from Seattle. Since the Al-Ki was overhauled she is one of the most comfortable passenger boats on the coast. The upper deck staterooms have been very materially enlarged and improved, and the same treatment has also been given to the second class quarters. The cheap rates applicable to the City of Topeka will prevail on the Al-Ki.

TAX ON ORES.

TO THE EDITOR:—I learn from your issue of the 18th instant that it is the intention of the provincial government to levy a tax of 2 per cent. of the assessed value on all ores gotten from lands in this province.

Now, sir, I do not propose to offer any objection to the proposed tax, but to suggest that the assessment act be altered in such manner as to provide for a rebate of 1 per cent. of the proposed tax, or such amount as the government may deem sufficient for the purpose, upon all ores smelted within the province. Such action upon the part of the government would undoubtedly produce an immediate and large expansion of the smelting industry in this province.

It would doubtless induce the War Eagle Co. to erect their proposed plant within the province, would cause the enlargement of the smelter at Pilot Bay, in which there is considerable Victoria capital invested, would do much to make the proposed smelter at Vancouver an assured fact, and would, I believe, give such an impetus to the smelting industry of the province as would lead to the treating within the country of every pound of ore produced within its limits.

It would furnish a market for coke from the Wellington and other mines, and furnish employment to a large number of workingmen. It would aid many other industries within the province, which time and the desire not to encroach upon your space forbid me to mention.

CANUCK.

Rossland, Feb. 27.

THE PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

The first meeting of the new lady managers of the Protestant orphanage was held yesterday at the home, on Hillside avenue, there being present Mrs. C. Kent, Mrs. C. Hayward, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Miss Carr, Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Mrs. James Hutcheson, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. McCullock and Mrs. T. Earle.

After the usual opening services and routine business, the board proceeded to organize for the year. Mrs. Edward Cridge, who, from the inception of the home, had presided over the ladies' committee, intimated that she was now unable to give the necessary attention to the duties of the office. Much regret was felt at this, and it was unanimously decided to request Mrs. Cridge to accept the life position of honorary president. The following active officers were then chosen: Mrs. C. Kent, president; Mrs. C. Hayward, vice-president; Mrs. James Hutcheson, treasurer; and Mrs. G. A. Sargison, secretary.

A report from the matron stated that there were 53 children in the home and all well, and thankfully acknowledged the following benefactions for January: Invitation to R. E. church entertainment (omitted in January); the Daily COLONIST, from proprietors; milk, daily, Mr. R. E. Knowles; milk, Mrs. D. Ross; cakes, Miss Pooley; and apples, Mr. Tolmie.

After discussion it was unanimously decided to discontinue affiliation with the Local Council of Women.

It was also arranged that the system of dividing the city into small distrcts for the purpose of monthly contributions, should be set going as soon as possible, and volunteers for the work are now earnestly desired.

LAWYERS IN SESSION.

The annual meeting of the Law Society took up the whole of yesterday and a great variety of subjects was discussed. Hon. A. N. Richards was in the chair. Among the resolutions passed was one to the effect that no firm of barristers practising in the province should retain in the firm title the name of any person who is not a bona fide practising barrister. Some dissatisfaction was expressed at what was considered by a number of the barristers as a confused condition of things in regard to the decisions on practice, and a desire was expressed that the practice should be more uniform. A committee composed of Messrs. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., E. V. Bodwell and Gordon Hunter was appointed to wait on the judges to ask that the new tariff for taxing costs be put into effect. On motion of Mr. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., seconded by Mr. George Powell, it was decided that a committee composed of Messrs. Belyea, Bodwell, A. E. McPhillips and Martin, should wait on the Attorney-General to ascertain what action has been taken in regard to the resolution passed by the society on December 12, advocating the introduction of the Torrens system of land registration at the present session.

The meeting was not open to the press, but it was understood to be quite an animated one, these being a great deal of difference of opinion in regard to some of the business. It was decided that a committee be appointed to revise the curriculum for students.

Sir Adolphe Caron informed Mr. Edgar to-day that Elford & Smith, the contractors for the Victoria post office had given a deposit receipt for $10,000 as security for their contract. Up to the present time they had been paid $48,539 on account of the contract. The contractors have not made any claim for a further sum.

ALDERMANIC SALARIES

The City Council Decide Not to Cut Into Their Own Annual Indemnity.

Engineer for the Beaver Lake Works —Statistics Refused to Ald. Marchant.

The chief interest in last evening's meeting of the city council centred in the resolution brought forward by Ald. Williams having for its object the abolishment of the aldermanic indemnity, which resolution found but three friends at the board, and consequently was hopelessly defeated when it came to the vote. All the aldermen were present for the meeting and the proceedings lasted three full hours, the reading of the minutes being dispensed with by consent.

First in the order of communications were a series of letters from Hon. J. H. Turner, H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., and others, acknowledging the council's suggestions for amendments in the municipal act, and promising that these would receive early and careful consideration. Then came a letter from the Winnipeg Electro Plating and Novelty Manufacturing Co., per A. C. Foster, asking what inducements Victoria would offer for the location of their manufactory in this city, and stating that from 10 to 20 skilled artisans are by this industry given employment all the year round. The communication was referred to the finance committee.

Charles Colfax, of 64 North Chatham street, asked the ear of the council for a complaint in regard to the manner in which the street work is apportioned by Inspector Wilson, alleging that employment is obtained by "tipping" the inspector, and suggesting that the composition of the street forces should be completely changed at frequent intervals. As Mr. Colfax's letter contained serious accusations against Inspector Wilson the clerk was requested to demand from him proof of these charges or else an adequate apology.

Graham Campbell again urged the council to appoint a special committee without bias against him, to investigate his charges in connection with the capability of Chief Deasy of the fire department, and complained that he had been refused permission to see or copy the fire warden's report in connection with their recent inquiry. The communication also contained numerous suggestions of other proceedings calculated to prove expensive to the city, in the event of his demand for a special committee being again denied. The letter was filed, the clerk being instructed, however, to furnish a copy of the report referred to.

In accordance with the recent decision of the council, City Clerk Dowler presented a memorandum of letters referred to the streets committee during the week, as follows: From James Sellick, complaining of the condition of King's road; P. S. Lampman, directing attention to a dangerous surface sewer on Rupert street; G. Jeeves, claiming damage through alleged defective drainage on Third street, Work estate; D. A. Ogilvie, referring to the condition of David St.; Sarah Blake, directing attention to the flooding of her Fernwood estate property; A. Borde and eleven others, pointing to the impassable condition of Chatham street; A. G. McCandless and others, asking for the improvement of Francis avenue; R. Foster and others, praying for the grading, macadamizing and planking of David street; John Kingsley and others, requesting a sidewalk for William street; Walter Noble and others, urging the completion of street improvements already entered upon on San Juan avenue; B. Boggs, complaining of the impassable condition of Jessie and Alston streets; and B. Boggs and others, asking for a sidewalk towards Victoria West from the railway bridge. This formal report was placed on file, and to the street committee was also referred a communication from the city engineer, in which he estimated the cost of improvements proposed on Market street at $966, on Henry street at $1,300 and on Stanley avenue at $2,058.

The City Solicitor having reported upon the legal aspect of Dalby and Claxton's request for the removal of the Pritchard house verandah, the matter was referred to the building inspector for a report as to the value and condition of the verandah. Superintendent Johnson reported market fees for February at $91.50, the statement being filed; the contract for street sprinkling was awarded to C. J. King, the only tenderer, at $3.50 per day for man and team; and tenders for forage and for printing went to the several committees interested for report.

PAYMENT OF MR. JORGENSEN.

In a series of reports from the finance committee appropriations to the total of $8,814.21 were recommended for payment, the last vote, of $1,270.65 out of the waterworks loan, being intended as payment in full to Mr. G. E. Jorgensen for his services as engineer at the Beaver lake waterworks. In this connection Ald. Partridge asked an explanation—did the city lose money through having dispensed with Mr. Jorgensen's services prior to the completon of the work?

ALD. WILLIAMS, chairman of the committee, explained that this amount was acceptable to Mr. Jorgensen and at the same time strictly in accordance with the terms of the agreement between that gentleman and the corporation. Reference to the contract showed this statement to be entirely correct and the appropriation passed, the Mayor replying to a question of Ald. Williams that all the working plans and specifications are in the possession of the city.

The last of the series of reports from the finance committee recommended the cutting down of the telephone list by nine instruments—those in the residences of the chief of police, sergt. of police, city engineer, police magistrate, poundkeeper, street inspector, electric light superintendant, sanitary officer, and Mrs. Jamieson. The report further advised that no clothing or boots be furnished by the corporation to any officers other than the police, and that the veterinary surgeon retained by the city be required to attend to all corporation horses for the same fee which he now receives for attendance upon five of the number. This report was tabled for careful consideration.

From the electric light committee was received the following report, explanatory of why certain lights asked for cannot be immediately supplied:

"Your electric light committee, having considered the petition of residents of Seventh street, as also that of Mr. E. E. Wootton, on behalf of the wardens and committee of St. Barnabas church, for electric lights at these points, beg to report that owing to the fact that the circuits are now taxed to their full capacity, it will be impossible to grant the requests unless certain additions be made to the electric light plant and building, for which purpose it is the intention of your committee to ask for an appropriation in the estimates."

The streets committee submitted the following in explanation of what they have been doing during the past seven days:

"Your streets committee, having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to recommend as follows: (1) That the city engineer report as to the cost of the proposed box drain on Pine street; (2) that the city engineer report as to the cost of laying a sidewalk on First street; (3) that the engineer investigate the condition of Burnside road; (4) that the engineer estimate on the cost of grading, draining and sidewalking Amphion street and Belcher avenue; (5) that the nuisance complained of by W. Gourlie Blackie be abated; (6) that the city solicitor be requested to notify the managers of St. John's church that unless they remove their fence now encroaching on Herald street action will be taken by the council to compel removal; (7) that a drain be laid on St. James street, James Bay; and (8)—that an additional corporation horse be purchased.

On the last recommendation on the list a long debate arose, the point of order being raised that this was not the proper procedure to adopt where a matter of expenditure was involved. The report with the omission of the last clause was unanimously adopted, and to test the feeling on the important issue involved, Ald. Macmillan moved, seconded by Ald. Wilson, "That this council is of opinion that the street committee should recommend to the council a requisition of $150 or $175 with the object of providing for the purchase of a horse."

This motion was ruled out of order, and the board then passed on to the next order of business.

ALDERMANIC INDEMNITY.

This came in the form of the resolution of which Ald. Williams and Ald. Cameron had given notice some time ago, providing for the abolition of aldermanic indemnity. In introducing this resolution Ald. Williams said:

"This is the second time this matter has been before the council, I having had the honor to bring it up myself during the latter part of last year. I now have the honor of again bringing it forward. I am still of the same opinion as last year, that the duties of the aldermen should be purely legislative, and in so doing I at least consider that the amount that is paid by way of salary or emolument should be simply for the duties or the labors that are performed in a legislative way. We cannot but admit that the present system gives a great deal more labor than is really necessary. At the same time I look upon it that if no salary was attached to the position there would be many large property owners who would take more interest in securing a position on the board than at present. Without enlarging any further on the subject I simply bring it to the council again, and wish to move for its adoption."

ALD. CAMERON in seconding the resolution held that the executive corporation work should all be done by the officials of the city. At the present time executive and legislative functions are confused, and much energy wasted in consequence. He held that steps should be taken at once to get the work of the council into working channels. He had not supported Ald. Williams' resolution during the latter part of the year on account of the lateness of its presentation, but was heartily in favor of the principle involved and had therefore second the resolution.

ALD. PARTRIDGE, though he had when before his constituents upheld the fairness of compensating aldermen for their time lost, announced his intention of voting for the resolution, inasmuch as the council had seen fit to reduce the salaries of the majority of corporation officers and should be thought begin with themselves.

ALD. WILSON believed in indemnifying the aldermen for their time lost, but thought that if any of the board objected to taking the compensation now paid he would be allowed to leave it with the council. The streets committee would promise to find use for any sums so rendered available.

ALD. MARCHANT favored the payment of the indemnity to aldermen and spoke at some length in favor of his position. He held that the resolution had for its object the exclusion of the poor man from the privilege of representation at the council board.

ALD. MACMILLAN looked upon the resolution as a bid for popularity; he noted that Ald. Williams said nothing in regard to abolishing the salary for the Mayor, and contended that the mover was but obeying the scriptural injunction to cast his bread upon the waters in the hope that it would be returned to him in about ten months. In the course of a long address he maintained that the resolution looked toward the establishment of a plutocracy and the exclusion of the working people from the administration of public affairs. As to the indemnification of aldermen, he held that if the public could not afford to pay for their business being done it should not be attended to. The whole reason for the resolution being introduced was that there were a number of the large taxpayers who were too mean to pay for the services of the aldermen and wished to avoid it. Personally it made very little difference to him, as in any event he would not again offer himself as a candidate for aldermanic honors.

ALD. GLOVER did not believe that the people of the North ward wanted their representatives to serve for nothing, and accordingly would oppose the resolution.

ALD. HUMPHREY took a similar stand. Those who favored doing away with the small remuneration now provided were apparently of opinion that their services were not worth even this small sum. He placed a somewhat higher estimate on the value of his time and energies.

ALD. WILLIAMS, in closing the debate, said:

"I shall be very brief as the hour is late and those who have gone before me have been somewhat lengthy. The argument has been used that in doing away with salaries for aldermen I would be virtually excluding the workingmen. This has not been the intention from the beginning. I think rather that it will be an inducement and a help to workingmen in this connection. It will induce the workingmen to run for aldermen as it is the evident intention to overlook. Take for example a man in the Albion Iron Works. He is engaged during the day for eight or ten hours, as the case may be, and would not have the time to take up the duties that now devolve upon an alderman. If his duties were purely legislative his employers would not object to his taking time to act as a representative of the people in the council. Now he could not possibly do so. He would have to give up his position, worth perhaps $90 or $100 a month, and take this $30 or so. The statements of Ald. Macmillan are strictly correct, so far as his being returned at the head of the poll with a determination to maintain aldermanic salaries, is concerned. That was in the North Ward; in the Centre Ward I was returned at the head of the poll on just the opposite position, so that argument goes for very little. There were workingmen elected as aldermen and as mayors of Victoria in other years before any remuneration was attached to the offices and they discharged their duties faithfully and well. And so they would again; of this I am confident. I only look on myself as a workingman for I have worked as hard as anyone. With these remarks I will close hoping the resolution will commend itself to the council."

The resolution was rejected, only the mover, Ald. Cameron and Ald. Partridge voting affirmatively.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

In accordance with the notice he had given in this respect the Mayor recommended to the council the following resolution:

"That City Engineer Wilmot be authorized to act as supervising engineer in the carrying out of the work at Beaver lake, for the Victoria waterworks, under the memorandum of agreement made on July 12, 1895, between Messrs. Walkely, King & Casey and the corporation."

This was productive of a short but interesting debate, the adoption of the resolution being moved by Ald. Tiarks and Williams, the latter of whom quite agreed with the Mayor in regard to the wisdom of the action proposed. Had the council acceded to his views in this connection last year a large sum of money would have been saved the ratepayers. To employ any other engineer in the first place to do the work that the city engineer should do was incorrect. Either the city engineer could quite well do the work or he was not capable for the position, and a better man should be appointed.

ALD. MACMILLAN disputed the competency of Mr. Wilmot for the outside work. He was no doubt a good man for the office, but he should be kept there. It seemed very probable that the council was going to have trouble with the contractors, and a man with more firmness and backbone than Mr. Wilmot was required.

Ald. Partridge and Glover held Mr. Wilmot could not work effectively in two places at once, and consequently opposed the motion, as did Ald. Humphrey for practically the same reasons.

The amendment tabling the entire matter was ultimately adopted.

There was but little debate on and no opposition to Ald. Marchant's resolution respecting the James Bay flats, which read as follows:

"That Ald. Cameron, Williams and the mover constitute a special committee to investigate and report as to the best means of reclaiming and utilizing the waste lands known as the James Bay mud flats."

Then came that of the same alderman requesting the police commissioners to supply statistics relating to property rented by women of ill-fame and the number and names of this portion of the community. The resolution was seconded by Ald. Macmillan, and was negatived with very little discussion, only the mover and seconder voting in support of it.

The by-law to amend the Ross Bay Cemetery by-law was introduced and received its first reading, and the Mayor next proposed the introduction of the by-law of which he had given notice to repeal the legal advisers appointment by-law. The object, he explained, was to carry into effect the determination of the council to combine the offices of barrister and solicitor. The council saw fit to reject the resolution, and His Worship closed the proceedings of the evening with the observation,

"Well, gentlemen, you can proceed your own way after this."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE CITY.

THE vital statistics for the month of February show an exceptionally high death rate, in all 26 deaths being recorded. Thirteen marriages and 24 births were also registered during the month.

THE annual general meeting of the Polo Club was held yesterday at the Driard, when the statement of the past season was presented showing most satisfactory progress. The coming season promises an increased programme of gymkana meetings, polo matches, etc.

THE collections of inland revenue for February for Victoria division totalled $13,116.40, the several heads of receipts being as follows: Spirits, $6,628.34; malt, $1,622.33; tobacco, $4,047.12; cigars, $727.65; methylated spirits, $58.50; inspection of petroleum, $22.35; and other receipts, $9.60.

MRS. JULIAN PIAGGIO, one of the oldest residents in Happy Valley, died yesterday. She was born in Piedmont, Italy, 82 years ago, and came to this province in 1858. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. Rhode. The funeral takes place to-morrow from Hayward's undertaking rooms at 2.15, and at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral a quarter of an hour later.

FROM the Free Library, Victoria, 2,138 books were lent out during the month of February; 1,005 to ladies and 1,133 to gentlemen. The largest number given out in one day was 152, and the average number 85. Thirty-four new members have entered their names on the register, 15 ladies and 19 gentlemen, and two additional copies of "The Prospector's Handbook" have been placed on the shelves.

A LARGE number of the members of the C.O.O.F. were present on Sunday at the funeral of Mr. J. Watson, a member of Helensburgh lodge, Manchester Unity, Scotland. The funeral was from Hanna's undertaking parlors, where services were conducted by Rev. A. B. Winchester, the impressive services at the order being carried out at the grave. Bros. Carter, McIntosh, Cooper, Hobbs, Westcott and Walsh were pall-bearers.

REV. MR. FENWICK'S talks in the St. Andrew's and First Presbytesian churches on Sunday were very interesting. The visiting missionary claims to be a convert of the Rev. P. McF. Macleod and shows himself to be an ardent enthusiast in missionary work, his field—Korea—being the main topic of his addresses on Sunday. Mr. Fenwick left for Yokohama en route for Korea on the steamship Empress of China last night.

A WELL attended meeting of persons interested in the protection of game was held at Mr. Bickford's, Fort street, last evening. Mr. C. P. Wolley presided, and a number of amendments to the game act amendment bill, as introduced by Hon. Mr. Martin in the legislature, were suggested. These will be drawn up and handed to one of the city members in the legislature to be submitted to the house when the bill comes up for its second reading.

A VERDICT of suicide was returned yesterday by the coroner's jury empanelled to inquire into the circumstances in connection with the death of Tom Chen Ming. No evidence was procurable touching the motive for the act, the deceased being well-to-do and continuously employed during the past six years as warehouseman by the Hudson's Bay Co. He was, however, an inveterate gambler, and his friends suggest that the suicide may have been occasioned by the fact that the games all having been closed down he had nowhere to spend his evenings in a manner congenial to his peculiar tastes.

Baldness is either hereditary or caused by sickness, mental exhaustion, wearing tight-fitting hats, and by overwork and trouble. Hall's Renewer will prevent it.

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MONDAY,

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MR. WILLIAMS asked:
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MR. KITCHEN—Is there
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HON. MR. TURNER—No.
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Commissioner of Lands and
of any.
HON. MR. MARTIN—No.
HON. MR. TURNER—No
will follow us; they do take
us sometimes. (Laughter.)
After nearly two hours' dis
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Fifteen minutes later Mr. S
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ing); this also was lost; and
proceeded on an amendment