From THE DAILY COLONIST, September 5.

THE CITY.

THE Thunder Hill mine is to be closed down for a short time while certain changes are made in the arrangement of the machinery.

A VOLUNTEER fire brigade is being started at Mount Tolmie, in view of the lesson taught by the recent fire there, when the people were powerless to stop the destruction of a valuable house.

THE children's service which was to have been held at St. Saviour's church on Sunday afternoon gave place to the usual Sunday school arrangements, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Barber from the city.

MR JUSTICE WALKEM sat in the Supreme Court yesterday morning for a short time and administered the oath of office to Messrs. Anton Henderson and W. A. Robertson, the newly elected aldermen.

VICTORIA'S officials are not behind the times. Postman Joseph Ball now delivers the mail on his route with a saving of hours by the use of a safety bicycle, and all along his line are delighted with the new arrangement.

MARIA GROS FOUTS, of 1,011 Washington street, San Francisco, is again advertising for information of the whereabout of her brother, Matthew Gros, who left San Francisco for this city thirty-five years ago, and has never since been heard from.

ALD. MCKILLICAN has received a letter from Mr. S. Perry Mills, in which he is warned that if he continues to sit, act and vote at the meetings of the Council, proceedings will be taken against him. Ald. McKillican is still occupying his seat nevertheless.

CONSUMPTION sent another of its victims to the grave yesterday afternoon, when the remains of the late John T. Davis, who had suffered for over five months, were interred. After leaving the residence of Mr. Joseph H. Brown at 2 o'clock, the funeral procession proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral, where Rev. Canon Beanlands officiated.

A MEETING of the Board of School Trustees was held yesterday afternoon, at the office of Mr. W. R. Wilson, architect, to consider the tenders for the erection of the new South Ward school. There were a number of bids put in, and it was decided to award the contract at once. The name of the successful tenderer will be announced as soon as the contract is signed.

D. M. CASHIN, whose case is again brought forward by his expressed desire to return to California and stand his trial, has been for some time past a prominent business man of Vancouver. He does not care to discuss the California case, but does not deny that Mrs. Cashin's visit to San Francisco was in the hope of bringing about some arrangement.

THE four warships, Royal Arthur, Garnet, Pheasant and Nymphe, left on a cruise around the Island yesterday morning. They will first go to Vancouver, thence to Comox and then around the Island. Shorly after leaving Esquimalt the four came to an anchor off Beacon Hill, where they remained during the day, presumably on account of the fog. They will be away about two weeks.

THE interesting juvenile cantata, "The Happy Family," will be given by the children of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, on the evening of the 19th inst., in the public hall, Craigflower road, Mr. Alexander Moir having the affair in his direction. No pains have been spared in the work of preparation, which has been in progress for several months past, and Mr. Moir promises an entertainment alike entertaining to old and young.

CONSIDERABLE good work has been done on the trunk roads this year, but it is mainly quite a distance out of town. A portion of the Saanich, all of the Cedar Hill and Mount Tolmie roads, and some of the Cadboro Bay roads are in a terribly bad condition. In fact, it is about as much as a horse's life is worth to drive him between the city and St. Luke's church, Mount Tolmie, especially by the Jewish cemetery, and people who value their animals are avoiding that route.

THERE was a large attendance at the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal) on Sunday morning, at the ordination services of George Clement King, who for several years has been a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. He was ordained a Presbyter of the Reformed Episcopal Church by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. Dr. Reid, of New Westminster. Suitable sermons were delivered both morning and evening, and Rev. Mr. King preached in the afternoon.

HIS Lordship Bishop Perrin left by this morning's steamer for Toronto for the purpose of attending the special Synod of the Church of England in Canada. The object of this convention is to discuss, and possibly finally settle, a question which has been under consideration for many years, namely, the consolidation of the Church in Canada. One by one the various dioceses have joined the confederation, till now there are but a few far away sections outside. This diocese is one of them, and whether it is to remain so or not will in all probability be settled at the meeting in Toronto on the 13th instant. The Bishop has appointed as delegates from this Synod Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, of St. Barnabas, Victoria, and Dr. Praeger, of Nanaimo. His Lordship, it is expected, will return about the 24th.

A CHANGE has been made in the management of the conservatory of music by the retirement of Miss Adams, who goes to Europe shortly. The principalship of the conservatory will be filled by Miss M. B. Sharp, who has won in both the Eastern States and Canada, the name of being a markedly successful teacher, both of piano and the voice. Her ability in these two branches has not only been acknowledged by competent judges, but is manifested in many of her pupils now taking high order as teachers and musicians. The new principal is a native of Fredericton, N.B., where she is held in high esteem, musically and socially, and is spoken of in terms that must be gratifying to the most modest mind. Musically, Miss Sharp is thorough, painstaking and capable, hence her success. She has studied under the best masters, and taught successfully and well in New York and other places, as well as at home. Dr. Harrison, chancellor of New Brunswick university, says she combines the art of teaching with rare attainments in the science of music. The bishop of Fredericton, himself an excellent musician, expresses himself as being struck with the power and skill of her voice, gifts which she has the evident faculty of imparting to her pupils. Sir Leonard Tilley, the Lieut.-Governor, Canon Neales, Rev. F. Alexander and a number of other high personages, all speak in warm praise of Miss Sharp's ability and finish as a player and singer. Miss Walker will assist in the piano department. This lady is also from the same place, and besides being highly accomplished, has travelled and won laurels that are as well deserved as they are creditable. The personel of the remainder of the teachers will be about the same as before, with possibly some additions.

THE sympathy of very many friends will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Charles 3. Baxter, who on Sunday last were robbed by death of their only child, Aubrey George, a bright little fellow just one year old.

THE funeral of Timothy Reilly, a native of London, England, and late of H.M.S. Warspite, takes place this morning at 8:50 from Storey's undertaking rooms, Johnson street, and from the R. C. Cathedral at nine o'clock.

CHARLES WILSON was brought in to the city lockup last night and a charge of obtaining money under false pretences entered against him. He secured $1 from an Indian to buy a bottle of whiskey for his siwashship. But he never came back.

A LARGE proportion of the Puebla's passenger list yesterday was made up of wealthy Californians, who under the guidance of Mr. W. F. Carson are going over the C.P.R. to Chicago to see the Fair. Mr. Carson has sent many thousands over the Canadian line this summer, and drawn a goodly number from as far as Arizona.

IN response to a dispatch from Tacoma, asking him to preach there last evening, Bishop Lee left on the City of Kingston Sunday evening, shortly after conducting services in the old Methodist church, where he was listened to with much interest. From Tacoma the bishop expects to go to San Francisco and thence to his home in Mexico.

THE Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen were largely represented at the funeral of the late W. A. Steele, which took place from the Odd Fellows' hall on Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by the chaplain of the former society. There was also a large attendance at the grave. The pall-bearers were F. Carne, jr., H. Morrison, A. J. Clyde, S. Schoen, H. Waller, W. H. Huxtable, T. J. Partridge and James Doughty.

THE city has laid down a four inch water main from the end of Fernwood road out to the Jubilee hospital and along the Mount Tolmie road some two hundred yards, as far as Mr. Sears' place. It is thought by the people along that line that this main will not be anything like sufficient, especially in view of the fact that the largest pipe in Spring Ridge at present is only six inches in diameter, and that on North Chatham street, and even then people are without water a great portion of the time. This, though, is a general complaint in that locality.

THE members of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church assembled at the residence of Mr. Henry Lawson, 76 Cook street, last evening, to tender a farewell to Miss Gordon, whose services as a church worker have been looked upon by the society as productive of much good. A nicely worded and appreciative address was presented during the evening, and a feeling reply made. Miss Gordon leaves shortly for Boston, where her many friends wish her all happiness and prosperity.

THE two big brush fences bordering the woods on either side of Tolmie avenue, were perfectly obliterated by fire on Sunday, but no serious damage was done. The fire is still lingering in the woods there, and will no doubt continue to break out now and again whenever it runs into a bit of dry brush, until a good rain comes. Chief Deasy, of the Fire Department, has been watching the fire since it broke out, but he can do nothing, owing to the absence of water connections in that locality; besides the woods are partially outside the city limits. It is not known how the fire originated.

THE Highland school was formally opened yesterday, with Miss Fraser in charge and some fifteen pupils to commence. It is something for which the farmers of the district have waited a considerable time. The schoolhouse, which is located a couple of miles beyond Mr. Scaiffe's place, has just been completed and is almost fully equipped. On Friday a contract was let for the clearing of a quantity of land in the vicinity, and work is now going on. The expectation is that the roll call will shortly double its numbers, as several new settlers have gone into the district lately, a fact that is cheeringly evidenced by the number of improvements that have been effected in the locality within the past year or so. Messrs. Scaiffe, McClure and Dennis are the school trustees, and the men to whom the principal credit is due for getting the institution started.

INDIANS on their way from the canneries to the hop fields and well provided with *chickimin* are giving the police plenty of business just at present. Yesterday saw no fewer than seven dusky brethren in the Police court, charged with having intoxicants in their possession—the largest number of cases ever brought forward in one day. All hands plead guilty and $25 fines were paid without a murmur. Three drunks also contributed, and $50 each was the penalty in the cases of Cornelius de Grand and John Joyce, charged with "supplying". The former acknowledged his wrongdoing, but explained that it was a first transgression; Joyce had been in the same box before and did'nt deny it. When arrested he had three extra bottles hidden in his clothes, and was doing a rushing and profitable business. Harry Wilkinson was fined $2 50 for furious driving and the remaining cases on the list were, by request, laid over until to-day. They are those of a Chinaman named Yang, charged with making a fire in the open air, and of William Hall, a white man, accused of assault and of having made use of threatening language.

THE San Francisco Chronicle of a recent date thus notices a concert by the talented Beasey children, who are to appear in this city shortly under the auspices and for the benefit of the Jubilee hospital: "At Irving hall last week was an exhibition of what may be called phenomenal skill in execution, when the age of the little ones engaged is considered. They may be classed, in their familiarity with the requirements of music, in the same grade as Masters Hoffman and O'Brien and other surprising juveniles. The best feature was the violin solo by la petite Violetta Beasey, giving selections from 'The Bohemian Girl.' The piano duo by Miss Jennie and Mr. Hugo Mansfeldt astonished the older, and, of course, more skilled performer, while it pleased the audience greatly. This child also interpreted a De Beriot solo on the violin, which showed natural aptitude conjoined with training. The other two members of this interesting family, who are fancifully named Butterfly and Mayflower, did a neat duo on two pianos—a Kuhlan Sonata—and played also on the violin some difficult pieces. We have read in Holy Writ that 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings' praise is perfected. We thought of this passage when these mites of humanity were attempting musical work that it has puzzled old heads and hands to accomplish."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

British Columbia Represented in the Bisley Team—Close of the Rifle Meeting at Ottawa.

"Our Boys" Off for the East—The Provincial Race Meeting—"Directum's" Great Doings.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 4—(Special)—All the members of the British Columbia team have shot well; one of them, Gunner Turnbull, of Westminster, winning a place on the Bisley team for next year, being fifteenth man. The Grand Aggregate was won by Sergeant Simpson, of the 12th Battalion, with 384 points. In this match Turnbull won $6, with a grand total of 366; Langley took $5, with 364 points, and Chamberlain $4, with 353.

In the Henshaw match Langley won $8, with 68 points out of a possible 85; Turnbull $8, with a score of 67; Martin $4, with a score of 62. The completion of this match enabled the Lansdowne to be made up, when it was found that the British Columbia team had captured the seventh prize, $16, with a score of 1,162 points, the top score being 1,184. The Governor-General's was shot for with an unprecedented result, three men from the same battalion, the 12th York Rangers, capturing all the money prizes, $500. Staff-Sergeant Simpson takes the special badge and $250, with a score of 96, H. Mitchell $150, with a score of 94, and Sergeant Bell $100, with a score of 93. Turnbull had done remarkably well at the first two ranges and came back to the 600 yards range with 63 points out of a possible 70. Here his third shot was an outer, but this did not deter him. He found the bull's eye again, and held on to it until his last shot, which was a magpie. Had he scored a bull's eye he would have tied Bell for third place and the hundred dollar prize. Turnbull, Davidson of Quebec, Jamieson of Ottawa and Williamson of Bowmanville tied for fourth place. On the shoot off Turnbull beat the other three, giving him fourth position, a result of which the team is naturally proud. The Bisley team for 1894 will be selected by the executive from those prize winners in the Grand Aggregate match who are members of the active militia, and their places on the list shall be determined by the total of their score in the Grand Aggregate and their score in the match for the Governor-General's prize. The standing of the first thirty is as follows: Staff-Sergt. J. H. Simpson, of the 12th, 480; Pte. Baylis, 12th, 467; Staff-Sergt. W. C. King, 45th, 467; Lieut. Curran, 12th, 466; Lieut. T. Mitchell, 12th, 465; Lieut. W. H. Davidson, 8th, 463; Capt. H. H. Gray, R. L., 462; Lieut. C. McAdams, 3rd Vics., 462; Staff-Sergt. W. Bell, 12th, 461; Staff-Sergt. Davidson, 12th, 461; Lieut. C. N. Mitchell, 90th, 460; Sgt. D. Mitchell, 13th, 459; Pte. W. L. Ross, 13th, 459; Staff Sgt. J. A. Armstrong, Governor-General's Foot Guards, 458; Gunner Turnbull, British Columbia Garrison Artillery, 457; Quarter-Master Sgt Ogg, Guelph Batt., 457; Lt. J. A. Williamson, 45th, 455; Capt. Milligan, Durham F. B., 455; Pte. T. H. Hayhurst, 13th, 455; Pte. A. Bertram, 77th, 454; Capt. R. Rennie, Q.O.R., 454; Staff Sgt. J. Rolston, 20th, 454; Capt. J. T. Hart, R.L., 454; Capt. Moore, 20th, 453; Sgt. Major Case, H.G.A., 452; C. A. Sullivan, H.M.S. Blake, 452; Major Bishop, 63rd, 452; Capt. G. A. McMicking, 44th, 451; Pte. J. Kambery, R.S., 451; Lt. Hutcheson, 43rd, 450; Corp. McNaughton, 51st, 450; Sgt. Major Drysdale, M.G.A., 450.

Of the first twenty, Gray is ineligible, being in the retired list, while in the thirty, Hart and Sullivan could not, under Dominion Rifle Association rules, represent Canada.

The Gzowski Military match was won by the Governor-General's Foot Guards, with a score of 258; the 13th, of Hamilton, take $40, with 257½; the 57th, of Peterboro, take $45, with a score of 245; the British Columbia Garrison Artillery $35, with 243 points.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards again took the British challenge shield, with a score of 153; the 13th Battalion taking second $32, and the British Columbia team third and $28.

The London Merchants' cup was won by the Ontario team, with 692 points, prize, $100; Quebec second, with 687 points, prize, $80. Next in order was New Brunswick, 663 points, and British Columbia, 639 points.

In the Extra series, at 500 yards, Turnbull won $5, with the possible. In the 600 yards Extra series, Chamberlain won $4, with 23 points.

THE GUN.

POT LUCK POOR.

Sportsmen who went looking for grouse Sunday were sadly disappointed as a whole. The number of gunners was legion, as were the breeds of dogs that accompanied them, but in no case was a decent bag made. The country is simply burnt to a crisp by the sun, thus rendering the best dog worse than useless. Birds, as stated at the opening of the season, are very scarce and in poor condition. The Provincial authorities had special constables stationed at points on the various main roads, where all vehicles with hunters were stopped and searched.

LACROSSE.

THAT GAME AT VANCOUVER.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR:—Having witnessed the defeat of the champions at Vancouver, Saturday and read the several reports of the match subsequently appearing in print, I feel moved to review the game myself. No two people see the action on a lacrosse field with the same pair of eyes and everyone, therefore, has a right to his own opinion. Mine is that the match played at Brockton Point was the most exciting and stubbornly contested in the history of lacrosse in the Province and at the same time the most disgraceful in many ways. The Victorians went on the field far from fresh; travelling on an early sailing excursion steamer is but poor preparation for a hard game. They were opposed by a twelve in perfect condition, on grounds whose peculiarities they had the advantage of acquaintance with, and animated with the one idea—to defeat the Victorias at any cost and by any method. In this they were assisted by a wilfully blind or woefully weak referee, whose determination apparently was to take no cognizance of fouling and formulate his rulings to suit a strongly partizan grand stand. A referee strong in the determination to enforce the rules would have seen the match finished with half a dozen men at least, off the field in disgrace. The Vancouvers had made elaborate preparations for the match, had changed their men about and had arranged for double-checking at almost every stage of the game the Victoria players regarded as most dangerous. Hence it was that Archie Macnaughton found himself matched against two strong men in gray almost every time he got the ball—and that was often. He found, too, that Spain had determined to cripple him if possible, and that he only partially succeeded was owing to no lack of expressed willingness. Spain's checking was such as I never saw before on a lacrosse field. He started out to cut Macnaughton's legs below the knee, and carried out this policy, interspersing blows on the head, throughout the whole match, never once being called down for his cowardice. To Macnaughton's credit be it said, he kept his temper splendidly, never retaliated and played his own game against heavy odds without once showing that he noticed that his check was not a gentleman used to playing lacrosse. The weak spots in the Victoria team were where they had not been expected. In the early part of the game Ross Eckardt was manifestly uncertain, missing catches, stumbling and losing to infinitely inferior players, possibly on account of rough handling in the first game. He woke up in the two last games, but missed every one of fully twenty-five shots on the flags which Macnaughton would have made successfully had the positions been reversed. Unfortunately Ross is far from strong in a swift overhand shot, and his swing shot is apt to go wide, as it did time and again. Morton was another of the twelve "off color," and he knew it. He himself asserted that he never put up a worse game, and expressed the determination to break his stick and retire if he could not do better on the next occasion. No doubt the knowledge that the Vancouvers were anxious for a pretext of roughness to get him into trouble had a great deal to do with his weakness; he was determined to give no occasion for offence and consequently allowed chances to slip. Frost seemed afraid of his check from the face-off, and was of little assistance; true he was poorly fed when he might with safety have been entrusted with the ball, but it was because he had shown himself uncertain in the early part of the game. On the other hand, Ketchum played a star defence; he made no errors of judgment; his stick-work was brilliant, and the Victoria contingent were satisfied when they saw the ball go into his territory that it would be well cared for. George Tite also showed up strong; he never played a better game, and gave many evidences of lacrosse ability that will soon bring him into the front rank. Blight, Belfry and Frank Cullin played their usual steady game; while Clark, the veteran, showed up much stronger than many a more favored man, though hard checked throughout. Charlie Cullin spoiled an otherwise good game by slashing back, while Will found the pace a trifle too fast for him. He was unlucky all day, in the fifth game especially so, for he caught a shot on goal only to have it run down his stick and bounce through, scoring. He lost every goal at the upper end of the field, the dark background of trees making it impossible to follow a ball thrown high. For the Vancouvers, Quigley played the game of the day; Quann did some good work, but spoiled it by "faking" injury to gain a rest; Spain was positively brutal. The combination was at times good, but slashing spoiled otherwise fine lacrosse. The grand stand was feverish and the excitement throughout intense. Seeing his men cut to pieces, it is my opinion Field Captain Lowe should have taken his team off the field and defied the comment of the rougher element among the spectators; the lesson would have been a salutary one and beneficial to true lacrosse. It would also have been a pointer to Mr. Jake Brouse, should he ever be asked to referee another match. As it is, Saturday's match, in my opinion, was won by rough play, unchecked by the referee; weakness on the part of the field captain, and gathering darkness in the decisive game, which, owing to the leafy background, put the Victoria defence at a serious disadvantage. There were two beautiful plays during the match. Ketchum scored with a lucky long shot the full length of the field, seeing a clear opening; and Quann intercepted a past from Macnaughton to Eckardt in a manner that called for the tumult of applause that greeted it. In the matter of applause there was much that was commendable and much that was the reverse. When gentlemen high in position incite players to "kill" their checks, or express a desire to see opposition men carried out on shutters, the fond wish of a Westminster official for Morton, it is not to be wondered at perhaps that players go wild. The contrast between the behavior of Vancouverites on their own grand stand and their reception in Victoria strikes me as significant. I think all who have witnessed the games in both cities must feel as I do, on this one point at least.

LACROSSE CRANK.

OFF FOR THE EAST.

A little company of three Victorians, assisted by two Vancouverites, gave the Victoria lacrosse team a parting blessing as they started on their eastern tour from Vancouver on Sunday morning. All were feeling stiff and sore, but hopeful, and if they do not sweep all before them it will not be because they won't try. "Chub" Quigley did not accompany the boys, much as his company would have been appreciated, as his business engagements prevented.

THE TURF.

OUT OF THE BUSINESS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Pierre Lorillard has decided to sell his entire stable of horses in training and temporarily retire from the turf. His stable will be sold in two lots, the first on September 8, at Sheepshead Bay, including the following well-known horses: Lamplighter, Kilkenny, Julien, Yemen, Kildeer, Defargilla, Rubicon, Curacoa, Lochinvar, Roma, Ixion, Flirt and Venusburg. Lorillard's retirement is due to continued ill health. He will spend the winter and possibly a year in California.

ANOTHER NOTCH.

FLEETWOOD, Sept. 4.—Directum to-day trotted a competition mile in 2:09¼, breaking the record he made on Wednesday of 2:09¾. He made the quarter in 32 seconds, the half in 1:03¼, then up hill to the three-quarters in 1:36½, and the mile in 2:09¼. This was the third heat of the 2:12 trot, the first two heats of which he won also in 2:11¾ and 2:11½ respectively. Phœbe Wilkes was second and Hazel Wilkes third.

THE WHEEL.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.

At the Manor House, Vancouver, on Saturday evening, a meeting of the Executive of District 11, C.W.A., was held under the presidency of Chief Consul C. H. Gibbons to arrange for the first Provincial meeting, to be held at Westminster in connection with the exhibition there this month. It was decided that four months' residence in British Columbia should be sufficient to render a wheelman eligible for the championship races, and a medal of solid gold, with a device emblematic of the provincial connection with the C.W.A. and the usual inscription on the reverse, was accepted as the championship medal.

The race programme includes nine events—one mile, novice; quarter mile, flying start; two mile, handicap; one mile, championship; two mile, handicap; two mile handicap for solid tires; one mile; five mile, championship; half mile, obstacle; and three mile team race. All events are open where not specified otherwise, and the handicaps allotted must be finally approved by the racing board before publication. September 20 is set as the last day for receiving entries. A prize will be provided for the club making the strongest showing in parade, and the Westminster officers are working energetically to ensure success.

The officers of the day—or days rather—will be as follows: Starter, C. H. Gibbons, Victoria; Referee, Fred. G. Turner, New Westminster; Judges, A. A. Boak and C. S. Philp, Vancouver, and J. A. McMartin, Vancouver; Official timer, Thomas W. Edwards, Victoria; Clerk of the Course, H. L. Edmonds, New Westminster; Scorer, M.C. Reynard, Victoria; Handicapper, M. Gintzberger, Vancouver.

JOHNSON'S RECORD BREAKING.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 4.—John S. Johnson, the Minneapolis wonder who now rides under the colors of the Syracuse Cycling club, broke two records to-day at the race meeting of the Kansas City bicyclists. He made a quarter mile in 34 flat and three miles in 7:50, lowering the records for those distances on a quarter mile track.

AQUATIC.

CANOEISTS ON A CRUISE.

Messrs. Frank B. Gibbs, G. A. Wey and W. Cathcart leave Oak bay this morning on their second annual cruise, in their fast sailing canoe the Kaiulani, and will spend the next two weeks cruising amongst the many islands between here and Fairhaven, proceeding down the Sound and visiting the numerous cities on the way. Last year they spent a very enjoyable trip, visiting James, Sidney, San Juan and other islands, and on their return they resolved that this year they would go on a more extended trip, visiting all the Sound cities. They go well fitted out for their journey, and will no doubt have an excellent outing.

SERVICES IN MEMORIAM

Of the Late Rev. M. C. Browne on Sunday—Sermon by the Bishop.

There were large congregations at both morning and evening service at St. Luke's, Mount Tolmie, on Sunday, in memory of the late Rev. M. C. Browne. Just before the service, the parishioners presented the following address to Mrs. Browne:

VICTORIA, B. C.

Mrs. M. C. Browne, St. Luke's Rectory, Cedar Hill:

DEAR MADAM:—We hope we are not intruding thus early into the privacy of your deep affliction in thus addressing you; but we would desire to convey to you and your family our sense of the great loss the parish of Cedar Hill has sustained in the death of our lamented Rector, the Rev. M. C. Browne. It is now three years since our late dear Pastor came among us, and during his ministry, in spite of many difficulties, the church structurally has been improved and the sanctuary adorned, the services at all times receiving the most careful attention at his hands. We remember that when the late Bishop paid his farewell visit last year, he was pleased to express his satisfaction at the state in which he found the church, and the way in which the service was devoutly and musically rendered. We know full well that the rector's heart was ever open to the claims of suffering in whatever shape they came, and his signal charity to all men was a marked feature in his character. He was always cheerful, with a bright word for everyone, and thus endeared himself to those who knew him intimately, and even in his trying illness he preserved a serenity of mind to the last, the hope of the Christian being the one thought which animated him until he passed away, in full assurance of finding rest in the Paradise of God.

And, now that he is within the veil, it is our earnest prayer that you, dear madam, and your children, in the overwhelming sorrow it has pleased Almighty God to afflict you with, may have all the consolation derived from heavenly sources, taking to you the blessed thought that, though the removal of such a partner is a severance of all you hold dear on earth, yet that your loss is his gain in Christ Jesus our Lord.

With our sincere wishes for your temporal and eternal happiness, we remain, dear madam,

(Signed) HENRY A. KING,
W. HILL GATRELL,
S. F. TOLMIE
Churchwardens.

Rev. Canon Paddon read the prayers for the day, and His Lordship the Bishop the lessons. The Bishop also preached, selecting as his text II. Corinthians vi.-10, "Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." He alluded to the fact that he had promised Mr. Browne to be present at St. Luke's on this particular day, and how changed were the circumstances under which the promise was fulfilled! He would not attempt to estimate the character of the late pastor, as the parishioners had expressed their appreciation in an address presented before service to Mrs. Browne. He asked, however, for the prayers of the people for the bereaved family, and also for guidance as to a successor to the work in the ministry. The preacher then proceeded to show how true Christianity was the only secret of living a life of rejoicing amidst all the trials and necessities of life.

There were thirty communicants, the service being conducted by His Lordship.

In the evening the service was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, there being another good attendance.

TO SEATTLE AND BACK.

Pleasant Excursion Under the Auspices of the A.O.F.—Address to the Captain and Officers of the "Joan."

Probably one of the most pleasant outings of the season was that to Seattle and back, which took place on the capitally appointed and well officered steamer Joan. The party left here on Saturday morning, remaining over by special request until Sunday morning, to enable excursionists to see more of the Queen City of the Sound than would have been made in the time announced. The great majority of the passengers were highly delighted at the arrangement—a circumstance which, with the delightful character of the voyage itself, led to the presentation of the following eulogistic address, which was read by Mr. E. B. Paul, head master of the Victoria High school:

ON BOARD STEAMER JOAN,
Sunday, Sept. 3, 1893.

To Captain Butler, Steamer Joan:

We, the undersigned passengers on board the Joan on an excursion to Seattle, wish to express our appreciation of the kindness we have experienced on this occasion from yourself and Mr. Austin, the purser, particularly in being allowed to remain at Seattle Saturday night.

We trust it will be our good fortune to take many trips in this staunch, convenient and well-appointed steamer under your command, and thanking you for the kindness we have received at the hands of yourself and the attentive and obliging officers of the Joan,

We are,

(Signed),
E. J. SALMON, R. HENDERSON,
J. HUNTER, JOHN PARR,
HENRY DAWSON, W. PARTRIDGE,
EDWARD H. PAUL, R. SLOAN,
D. M. CARLEY, J. A. BATES,
M. YOUNG, J. RICHARDS,
R. BORDWICK

and about eighty other ladies and gentlemen.

Captain Butler made a brief but appropriate reply, expressing the hope, on behalf of himself and the vessel's officers, that the Joan might, on many an occasion, be the scene of such pleasant experiences as had been those of Saturday and Sunday.

DYSPEPSIA CURED.

GENTLEMEN,—I was troubled with dyspepsia for about four years. I noticed an advertisement of Burdock Blood Bitters, so I started to use it and soon found that there was nothing to equal it. It took just three bottles to effect a perfect cure in my case.

BERT J. REID, Wingham, Ont.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Lengthy Discussion on the Question of the Spring Ridge Surface Drains Contract.

The Council Decides to Go Slow—Shall Surface Drains be Used as Sewers?

Ald. W. A. Robertson, the new member of the Council for the North Ward, was the first to turn up last evening for the regular meeting. He came early to get a good seat, and Ald. Baker being absent, the end seat in the semi-circle was temporarily given to him. Ald. Belyea was also present, for the first time since his return from St. John, New Brunswick. The other members of the Board in attendance were Ald. McKillican, Styles, Bragg, and His Worship the Mayor.

After routine business, the official return from Mr. W. K. Bull was received, declaring Anton Henderson elected as alderman for the South Ward, and W. A. Robertson for the North Ward. The return was ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

The Finance committee reported the passing of accounts amounting to $3,483 27. Other accounts amounting to $2,000 were also recommended paid. A separate report was made on the $150 account from R. Carmichael for examination of the contents of the stomachs of two Chinese supposed to have been poisoned.

The Building Inspector recommended the payment of $386 75, balance due Fullerton & Cook for repairs to the Old Men's Home. The Inspector was authorized to accept the work, so that the money can be paid.

Requisitions from the School Board for $14,000 to pay for school sites were received and passed.

ALD. STYLES asked if the property was deeded to the city.

THE MAYOR replied that he had suggested this, and certainly thought the school sites should be purchased in the name of the corporation.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved, seconded by Ald. Styles, that the money be paid on condition that the property be deeded to the city, Mayor Beaven being appointed to see that this is done. Carried.

The Street committee recommended that C. King be given the contract for supplying a team for the watering cart at $4 50 per day, and that the road to the old Agricultural hall be made passable by the corporation working men. Adopted.

THE MAYOR reported having received an order of the Supreme court restraining the corporation from proceeding further with the Spring Ridge surface contract with H. H. Macdonald.

ALD. BRAGG moved, seconded by Ald. Robertson, the formal resolution authorizing the Mayor to complete the agreement with Work estate property owners for the construction of a surface drain through their property.

ALD. STYLES understood that under the agreement referred to surface water only was to run through the drain. If sewage were allowed to go through it would be all right, but otherwise the drain would be of little use.

The resolution carried.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved, seconded by Ald. Styles, "That that portion of a resolution of the Council, passed on the 9th day of August, 1893, which awarded the Spring Ridge surface drain contract to Messrs. H. H. Macdonald & Co., at $9,784, and that portion of a resolution of the Council, passed on the 14th day of August, 1893, which authorized the City Clerk to affix the corporate seal to the conrract awarded for the above work to Messrs. H. H. Macdonald & Co., be hereby rescinded and annulled; and that the Spring Ridge surface drain be constructed in brick and the contract for the same be hereby awarded to Messrs. Coughlan & Mayo at $8,935 35, and that the City Clerk be authorized to affix the corporate seal to the contract."

ALD. BRAGG moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Robertson, that the work be done by day labor. The mover thought that after the vindictive manner in which Coughlan & Mayo had pursued certain members of the Board they ill deserved ever to get another contract from the city. On the Cook street sewer half the men employed were "Dagos," and the workingmen did not get the benefit out of it they ought. He thought all prejudice should be thrown aside and the work gone on with. In Coughlan & Mayo's contract there was a clause that bricklayers' helpers should be paid 28½ cents per hour. One man that he knew of had been working for Coughlan & Mayo, who offered him only $2 a day, and he quit. The City Engineer was to blame for a good deal of the trouble, as he had not had his work up to date. If Coughlan & Mayo got the contract now the law would probably be resorted to again. The City Engineer was satisfied the work could be done about as cheaply by day work as by contract, and at any rate there would not be much money lost.

ALD. STYLES had been the first to suggest that the work be done by day labor, but was overridden, and tenders were invited to do the work by contract. In this matter Coughlan & Mayo were 10 per cent. below H. H. Macdonald & Co., and he proposed to vote that they get the contract.

ALD. ROBERTSON was satisfied that if Coughlan & Mayo got the contract there would be more law suits and more trouble. The Corporation, he was sure, could do the work more cheaply than the contractor.

ALD. BELYEA confessed he did not know much about the matter, as, unfortunately, he had missed all the fun. Some of his esteemed friends, the contrators, seemed to have been enjoying themselves while he was away. He was not prepared to vote for either the motion or the amendment. Rightly or wrongly, the Council had awarded the contract to H. H. Macdonald & Co., and the case had thereupon been taken to the courts, where the matter was now under consideration. This being the case, the Council would be doing an unwise thing to pass any resolution at all. He should, therefore, vote against both the motion and the amendment. When he reflected that three members of the Board who had voted to award the contract were absent—Ald. Baker, Munn and Henderson—it was not fair to the rest of the aldermen that the Board should be asked to decide the question. He would, after a fuller examination, act as he thought best, independently of Coughlan & Mayo, H. H. Macdonald & Co., or anyone else.

ALD. MCKILLICAN thought the Council should not ignore the lowest tender and give away the ratepayers' money by having the work done by day s labor as Ald. Bragg proposed.

ALD. BRAGG acknowledged that Coughlan & Mayo's tender was the lowest, but this was after the "peculiar methods" which had been adopted by these tenderers. He complimented Ald. Belyea on the fair and impartial stand he had taken.

ALD. MCKILLICAN inquired if the order of the Court would enable the Council to deal with the question?

THE MAYOR referred the order to Ald. Belyea, who advised that the matter be left over, as he did not think the Council could, in face of the order, deal with the question.

The motion and amendment were then withdrawn.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved, seconded by Ald. Belyea: "That Messrs. F. W. Adams and William P. Sayward be notified to remove immediately, at their own expense, the fences, buildings and other obstructions belonging to them on the south side of View street, between Cook and Ormond streets, back to the street line as defined by the City Engineer, for the purpose of widening the said street to the uniform width of sixty feet, said removal having been agreed to by the said F. W. Adams and William P. Sayward in their letter to the Council, dated the 2nd of May last." Carried.

ALD. MCKILLICAN moved, seconded by Ald. Styles, that people along the line of the surface drains be allowed to connect with such drains temporarily, no such connections to be made on a street where there may be a sewer.

THE MAYOR read the following report of the City Engineer:

CITY HALL, Victoria, B. C.,
4th September, 1893.

His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN,—As requested by your Worship, I beg to submit the following report re the construction and use of the surface drains now being laid.

The primary object of these drains is to provide an outlet for water that otherwise would stagnate in natural depressions on the ground, and also to carry off water that would accumulate in the street gutters.

The contracts being executed by Mr. F. Adams and Messrs. Harrison & Walkley comprise the Cook and View street drains, and some of their principal branches, the drainage from all of which it is proposed to convey into the outfall sewer, near Southgate street, through which it will be discharged at Clover Point, provision being made by means of an overflow to allow only so much of the storm water to empty into the main sewer as will not overtax its capacity for carrying off sewage, until the population of the city is far greater than it is at present. Ultimately it is intended to extend the Cook street drain to discharge into the gulf at the south end of that street. Along Cook street, from Southgate to View, and along View street, west of Cook, sewers are laid and most of the houses are connected therewith. On the lines of the surface drains between Cook street and North Pandora, via Johnson street, Mr. Dooley's property, South Pandora and Comosin street, and between Cook street and Fernwood road, via View street and the School reserve, no sewers are as yet laid.

The drain through the School reserve replaces a wooden box drain that had become rotten and useless, and to which a number of houses were connected. The question to be considered is whether direct house connection with the drain is to be permitted temporarily, until such time as sewers can be provided, or the sewage from the houses is to be allowed to run in open gutters and find its way into the drains through catch basins, or gully traps, and so continue the nuisance at present complained of; whether direct house connection is to be permitted with the surface drains or not, provision for occasionally flushing them in the dry season will necessarily be made, in order to keep them clean, and in good working order. These drains are constructed of material, and on scientific principles equal in all respects to sewers. Proper inspection and ventilation being provided for by means of manholes and ventilators.

With regard to the surface drains that discharge elsewhere than into the Cook street drain, the less sewage matter introduced into them the better and drains from water closets should be entirely excluded, but until sewers proper are constructed, and they are urgently needed, it will be impossible to prevent sewage from house drains that discharge into the gutters and box drains, from entering the surface drains. In the separate system of sewerage which has been adopted the surface drains are for carrying off surface and storm water, but until the other part of the system is complete they will carry off sewage from houses that is not disposed of by the scavenger. In order to have the city properly sewered and drained each part of the system should be complete or satisfactory results cannot be obtained.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. WILMOT,
City Engineer.

ALD. MCKILLICAN claimed that there was a misunderstanding about these surface drains, and people who did not understand the question were misleading others. If the ratepayers would look at the matter in a reasonable light, they would have no objections to the use of the surface drains in this way.

MAYOR BEAVEN suggested that the opinion of the city barristers be taken on the question to see if it would be legal to make house connections with the surface drains. He recommended the Council to go slow, and wanted to know what Ald. Belyea thought about it.

ALD. BELYEA—If we begin using these surface drains as sewers it will be a long time before we get sewers. The people would say: