

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JAN. 25.

THE CITY.

The snow is reported between two and three feet deep in the vicinity of Jordan river.

In Chambers yesterday an extension of time was granted for the filing of the statement of defence in *Peters v. Pamphlet*, et al.

LA GRIPPE is reported to be working and havoc among the residents of New Westminster, while at the old town the dread disease has made its appearance.

REV. J. W. FLINTON preached his first sermon on Sunday last to his new congregation—St. Luke's Cedar Hill, and St. Michael's, Lake. At all services the attendance was large and the interest very considerable.

The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on Sunday conveyed to Ross Bay Cemetery the remains of one of their brethren, William Scott. Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the funeral services in the society's hall, Blanchard street, there being a large attendance.

REV. O. B. READ and Rev. J. E. Coombs have accepted an invitation to engage in special evangelistic work throughout Ontario and leave next Tuesday for Toronto. Their plans are to prolong their stay in Ontario until next summer, then visiting Northfield, Mass., (Moody's summer school). Afterward evangelistic work is to be done in the Atlantic provinces, and the two clergymen expect to return to the Coast in about two years.

A second sad event occurred in the family of the late Rev. C. C. Brown yesterday afternoon, when Emily, the eldest daughter, passed away after a lingering illness of some months. Miss Brown was only 18 years of age, and was perhaps the most loved member of the family which has not yet recovered from the severe shock attendant upon the death of the husband and father. Her demise will also be a loss to a host of schoolmates and friends, among whom she was a warm favorite.

The choir, Sunday school and nearly all the active members of the Centennial Methodist church were among the sympathizing friends who attended the funeral of the late Mary Elizabeth Tranter yesterday afternoon. The deceased lady's sudden death on Friday last, caused general sorrow among the congregation of the church whose pastor, Rev. Joseph Hall, conducted the funeral services yesterday. Those who acted as pallbearers were: St. John's, N. Shakespeare, T. De Ville, P. Carmode and W. Kettle.

A novel and interesting class of service was introduced at Emmanuel Baptist church Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. J. McEwen. It is called a song and sermon. The pastor takes the four gospels, and discusses the style of the writer, as well as his manner of dealing with the gospel. The discourse is appropriately interspersed with sacred songs and hymns, and the service has proved so acceptable that it is the intention to hold these services fortnightly.

The Victoria Yacht club has lost one of its boats, the small outer Minerva, owned by Mr. Simpson, which was wrecked near Belmont, at the entrance to Esquimalt harbor, on Monday last, through the unaccountable unwinding of the shackle of one of her anchors. With assistance kindly sent from H. M. S. Garnet the boat was got out of the rocks and towed to Esquimalt, where she was beached. The damage proved to be such that her owner decided not to repair her, and after removing the gear and fittings sold the hull for what it would bring. The boat has, in her time, done more single-handed cruising than any yacht in the club; but her "yachting" days are now over.

An enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the Ridge lodge, No. 37, and their friends in Oddfellows' hall, Spring Ridge, last evening, when the following programme was presented: Magic lantern views, Bro. Cox; chairman's address, Rev. Mr. McEwen; piano solo, Mr. Holden; song, Miss Emma Johnson; tableaux, "Gipsy Camp"; piano duet, Misses Hood and Dwyer; song, Miss Richardson; Miss Lyons; reading, Mr. George Snider; tableaux, "Where Are You Going?"; recitation, Miss Semple; dialogue, "Too Curious for Comfort"; song, Mr. Thomas; song, Prof. Rene Quinlan; tableaux, "Joan of Arc." Rev. Mr. McEwen very acceptably filled the office of chairman for the occasion.

The Senate of Queen's University, Kingston, has agreed to institute examinations for the Medical Matriculation of this University at Victoria. This will be a great advantage to any students desiring to take the medical course in the East, as it will enable them to be certain of admission to the course before undertaking an expensive journey. It is to be hoped that the Senate may also be able to make arrangements for holding the Arts Matriculation in this Province. Any information in regard to the curriculum, &c., can be obtained from Rev. E. D. McLaren, B.A., D. Vanouwer, or from William Burns, B.A., Victoria, who has been appointed secretary to the Senate for the carrying out of the necessary arrangements.

The Boewotich, which arrived here from the North on Sunday, carried as passengers from Fort Simpson to Fort Rupert a company of ten Indian Salvatorians, under command-in-chief Henry Tate, who are to engage in missionary work along the army lines from Fort Rupert to the north end of Vancouver Island. The Salvation Army, which is now an established feature of Fort Simpson, has, though very similar to the Blood and Fire brigade which acknowledged General Booth as originator and leader, has no connection with the "regular army." The Indian Both is Henry Tate, who has organized and directs about one hundred dusky lads and lassies. Their services are conducted in English and Tahitian, and liberal use is made of the drama, tambourines, etc.

On Saturday night Duncan MacRae, Provincial inspector of timber limits, died at St. Mary's hospital, Westminster. His death, which was somewhat unexpected, will cause general regret throughout Westminster district, where the deceased was well known and generally liked, and among his many friends in other parts of the Province. He had been suffering from an attack of la grippe several weeks ago, and not recovering, went from Chilliwack to Westminster, where he entered the hospital on Friday, and suffering a relapse sank rapidly. The deceased gentleman was a native of Glenargy, Ont., and was 51 years of age at the time of his death. Coming to British Columbia twelve years ago, he entered into partnership with J. A. Campbell and took a contract to get out lumber for Oronook & Co., C. P. R. contractors. Afterwards Messrs. MacRae and Campbell engaged in farming at Chilliwack, where they had one of the best farms in the valley, and were very successful. In 1887 the deceased was appointed inspector of timber limits by the Provincial Government, and

held the office until his death. He was a brother of Rev. D. MacRae of this city. The funeral takes place to-day in Westminster.

THE C. P. R. telegraph company are greatly increasing the capacity of their Victoria-Vancouver wire, by putting in quadruplex instruments.

THE organ recital concluding the Sunday evening service at St. John's church was particularly appreciated by the large congregations attending, and who hailed with satisfaction the announcement that these recitals are to be made monthly in future.

THE position of law clerk to the Legislature having been vacated by the appointment of S. Y. Wootton to be Deputy Registrar General, is now occupied by C. C. Penner, who it is understood will be permanently appointed to the position.

THE anniversary of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday School was celebrated Sunday and yesterday in a memorable manner. The church seated large congregations at all the services, and the specially prepared programme of music, by the children under Mr. Parfitt's supervision, and the sermons by the pastor, Rev. Solomon Clever, made Sunday's services very interesting. A large sum of money was collected for the benefit of the school.

THE brick hall adjoining the Central church, and which has for some time past served as a skating rink, will in future be put to a different use. The young people of the church have leased it for their own accommodation, and on the evening of February 6 will formally open the hall to a fine concert, the programme for which they are now preparing. A series of weekly entertainments will follow, and, according to present arrangements, one of these will be every Saturday evening.

JOHN SAUL, a prominent resident of Lillooet district and well known throughout the province, died of pneumonia on Saturday at the "Mound," his ranch near Clinton. Coming from Eastern Canada, to British Columbia with his brother, William, about 1860, they engaged in freighting some time, but afterwards settled down to farming at the "Mound." Deceased ran for the Provincial Legislature against Thos. Humphreys and A. Jamieson in the first election after confederation, but was unsuccessful. He was appointed road superintendent some years afterwards and after holding the position for two years returned again to farming. In 1889 at the by-election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. A. E. B. Davis, he unsuccessfully opposed Mr. A. W. Smith, the present member for Lillooet. Though unfortunate at politics Mr. Saul enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who knew him, and for a number of years preceding his death was a justice of the peace.

CAPT. F. S. BANGS, skipper of the schooner Mary Parker, which sank off Race Rocks on December 27 last, now lies in Seattle jail charged on his own confession with scuttling his vessel. It appears that along in November Capt. Bangs, who was building a schooner at Salmon Bay and was short of money, got into the hands of J. J. Knoff, of Seattle, who induced him to go to Alaska trading business together. This was agreed to on December 6, Capt. Bangs sailed out of Seattle harbor in command of the schooner Mary L. Parker with several thousand dollars worth of merchandise aboard, insured for \$2,500 and \$2,000 insurance on the hull. The cargo consisted of most of her cargo among the islands of the B. C. coast and then headed for home. At Port Angeles the captain took James Heay, one of the crew into his confidence and got him to bore several big auger holes in the schooner's bottom and then to plug them up for future reference. When within six miles of Race Rocks on December 27, the vessel struck a floating saw log and then Heay, by the captain's direction, pulled out the plugs and in two hours time the Mary L. Parker sank in seventy-four fathoms of water, the crew all escaping in a boat. When Capt. Bangs went to claim his insurance from the Pacific Mutual Insurance Co., Insurance Detective Knoff came on suspicious, and by hiding a spy in a room in which Heay and Bangs were afterwards left to converse together, the true story came out. Bangs was immediately arrested and made a full confession, exonerating his partner Knoff from any participation in or knowledge of the crime. The Parker was worth \$2,000.

On the court resuming proceedings in the Minnie case yesterday morning, Mr. Belyea argued at some length for the rejection of the protocol, on the ground that it did not comply with the requirements of the act, and therefore could not be looked on in the light of prima facie evidence so as to throw the onus probandi on the defendants. The court would not decide the point against him, but promised to take it into consideration when dealing with the case. Captain Mohrhouse was called, and examined and cross-examined at some length. He testified that according to his reckoning he was forty-eight miles from land when he was seized, and he also stated that he had had no notice, beyond the instructions of Captain Jacobson, owner of the vessel, to keep outside. The morning after the seizure he sighted the schooner Viva, Captain Anderson, and on comparing with the latter, found that their dead reckoning agreed. Captain Anderson's evidence, taken *de bene esse*, was put in and proved. Captain Jacobson was the next witness. He said he might have heard of the official notice from Capt. Cox; would not be sure that he had not, but was not positive, on the other hand, that he had. His instructions to Capt. Mohrhouse were to stay at least forty-five miles outside of the lake, so that even in the finest weather, when the Indians go to the great distance from the vessel, they might still be acting in compliance with the law. The testimony of Capt. Mohrhouse was to the same effect. He would have gone to Yokohama but for the shortness of provisions and his having fallen in with a succession of gales, which carried away the boom and jibstays. Another cause of his coming home was the peremptory demand of the Indians to be returned to their point of embarkation. At 6 o'clock Mr. Belyea closed his case, and the court rose till this morning, when argument will be commenced.

FISHERY REGULATIONS.

At the special general meeting of the New Westminster Board of Trade held on Saturday evening the report of the special committee appointed to consider and suggest amendments to the draft of proposed new fishery regulations was presented. On motion read clause by clause by Mr. W. A. Dunoon. The clause regulating the time and duration of the weekly close season was seriously discussed, the members wishing that fishing should begin not later than 6 p.m. on Sundays, many members on the other hand, favoring Sabbath observance and wishing the time extended to 12 p.m. An amendment to that effect was moved by D. Robson, seconded by D. S. Curtis, but was lost on a vote of five to six against. The report as presented by the committee met with general approval.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A Good Deal of Business Expeditiously and Smoothly Dealt With.

Important Sewerage Resolution Proposed by Ald. Keith-Wilson and Carried.

There were present at last evening's meeting of the City Council, His Worship Mayor Teague presiding, Ald. Harris, Mann, Wilson, Ledingham, Dwyer, Baker, Styles and Vigliani.

Drake, Jackson & Helmsdon wrote informing the Council of a complaint from William Steinberger, whose land was damaged by an overflow from Elk lake, caused by works performed by the corporation, and asking for compensation.

Ald. VIGLIANI said this was a matter that should be referred to a committee; there was no such body this year, and he did not know why there was not.

Ald. BAKER suggested that the matter should be referred to a committee of the Board. This was an important question to be placed on one man.

On the suggestion of Ald. Wilson, the matter was held over till the next meeting of the Council, so as to give time to look into the question of appointing a committee.

Mr. H. Dallas Helmsdon drew the attention of the Council to the fact that his former letter regarding the drain from the James Bay school, in consequence of which he had been injured, had not been attended to.

Mr. Mox said the matter had been referred to the School Board, which had not yet reported.

Ald. WILSON moved therefore, and it was carried, that it be referred to the Street committee to report.

E. Mohr wrote with reference to the ownership of the plans for the sewerage system. Ald. Humphreys, the question was referred to the Sewerage committee to report.

E. A. Wilmut submitted an approximate estimate of the cost of raising the water in Elk lake, and the subject was referred to the Finance committee for report. The figure quoted was \$800, and the time required five weeks.

Adams Edwards complained of injury to his property and health of his family by the blocking up of the drain leading from Moss street to the sea, thereby causing an overflow of water on his property. Referred to the Sewerage committee.

Mr. S. Campbell requested that a sidewalk be laid from Cedar Hill park to Carr street. Referred to the Street and Sewerage committees.

George Jay and twenty-nine others called attention to the impassable condition of Pembroke street between Chambers and Reed streets, and asked that the sidewalk be laid at once. Referred to the Street committee.

R. J. Styles and fifteen others, alarmed by the destruction of a large arbutus tree on Craigflower road, Victoria West, supposed to have been done by Corporation workmen. Referred to the Street committee.

N. S. Sinclair requested that a sidewalk be laid from Hillside avenue to join the sidewalk on Cedar Hill road, and that an electric light be placed at the corner of Hillside avenue and Cedar Hill road. Referred to the Street and Electric Light committees.

Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, requested that the Board put Bastion street in front of the Board of Trade building in proper repair. Referred to the Street committee.

Henry Rutland asked that Battery street be graded and drained from Park to Carr street. Referred to the Street committee.

W. A. Dwyer requested that the drainage on Battery street, and request that a sidewalk be laid on said street to connect with Carr street. Referred to the Street and Drainage committees.

E. C. Johnson, market superintendent, called attention to the necessity of placing a drain on the market place, so as to keep out small dogs, cats and rats, and also on the top of the gates. Referred to the Market committee.

Thomas Desay, chief of the Fire Department, submitted a request for more fire hose, it having been proved at recent fires that the supply of hose was inadequate.

The various departmental annual reports were submitted and taken read, to be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Ald. Wilson's resolution regarding the needed retaining wall on Dallas road, already published, was next dealt with, the mover speaking in support of the motion.

He pointed out how necessary such a wall was, and referred to the various attempts that had been made to remedy the state of affairs which exist there. Carried.

Ald. LEDINGHAM, Humphreys and Keith-Wilson were appointed a committee to watch the amendments being made in the Municipalities Act in the Legislature during the present session.

The matter of calling for tenders for printing and binding 300 copies of the annual report of 1893 was referred to the Printing committee, which is composed of Ald. Styles, Wilson and Ledingham.

Ald. WILSON's motion for a return of unpaid taxes, licenses and local improvement assessments was next taken up and carried. With the return asked for being ordered to be made.

Ald. WILSON said it was not the intention to make this an inquisitorial proceeding, it was merely to find out what amount was owing the city in this manner, and to enable the Council to adopt some means for its collection.

Ald. WILSON moved the following: That the initiatory steps be taken to complete the Sewerage system in the business portion of the city in the area bounded by the following streets: Douglas from Cormorant to Humboldt; Humboldt from Wharf from Douglas to Johnson; Johnson

from Wharf to Store; Store from Johnson to Cormorant; Cormorant from Store to Douglas.

The mover was of opinion that the business part of the city must be sewered; until this was done it was impossible to keep the streets in anything like a presentable or business-like shape. As to the cost, it would be found to be small. He had gone into the question with the engineer, and found the estimated cost, not losing sight of the fact that a portion of this is already secured, amounted to \$31,730, including excavating, piping and manholes. The amount Ald. Wilson suggested, be raised on a loan borrowed on the credit of the city, the benefited area paying its pro rata proportion, which might be paid in a lump sum, or levied on the property over a number of years. As soon as this portion was completed, it would be time for other portions of the city to connect on similar terms.

Ald. STYLES said he very much regretted that in the beginning this sectional method had not been adopted. It was a good idea to get the central portion of the city sewered, and was glad to see this step taken at this early stage, which would enable the work to be done in the best season of the year.

On the suggestion of Ald. STYLES, the motion was made to include Figard and Herald streets from Douglas to Store street. The calculation of the assessment which would be made on property, showed that on a thirty foot lot the amount payable in ten years would be \$22.60 per year, after which there would be no more charges.

Ald. MUNN asked leave to introduce a by-law respecting the assessment of 1894. A by-law was introduced and read a first time.

The caretaker wrote drawing attention to a number of necessary improvements in the cemetery, and his letter was referred to committee to report.

The Finance committee reported expenditures and appropriations amounting to \$1,418. The report was received and adopted.

A requisition was received from the School Board, and adopted, for some \$3,100 for building accounts.

The fire wardens reported recommending the purchase of 1,000 feet of hose; also that tenders be called for the supply of forage for the department horses for the year.

Ald. VIGLIANI said that so far as the forage was concerned, here was a chance of bringing into effect Ald. Styles' suggestion to divide the trade equally between the city merchants.

The report was adopted. The Home committee recommended the admission of two applicants to the home for the aged.

The committee also recommended the calling of tenders for supplies for the present year.

Worship referred to the over-crowding of the home at present, and Ald. MUNN said that as soon as the home at Kamloops was completed, some of the men at present kept there by the provincial government would be removed and that would make more room. The report was adopted.

A report was submitted from the Sewerage committee, dealing with matters referred to the Council for consideration. The Streets committee also reported, recommending the calling of tenders for sidewalks for 1894, and that Mr. Dumbleton be asked to furnish an estimate for the improvement of Rockland avenue. Received and adopted.

The Council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

SEWERAGE.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please allow me to correct a statement made by myself in the council as to the cost of sewerage to a 30-foot business lot. Instead of being \$22.60 per year for ten years, which would be cheap, it is as follows: Engineer's estimate submitted by Ald. Wilson Monday evening for one side of the street, making the estimated cost \$112.50; to this add 10 per cent for contingencies, \$11.25, with 10 years' interest at 5 per cent, \$33.93; total cost for a 30-foot lot, \$157.68, or a cost per year of \$15.76, after making all due allowance for these contingencies.

This, of course, does not include the cost of the street line, which will be a small matter, but it is possible that even this item will be covered in the above estimate. You can see at a glance that there is a direct saving over and above the sewerage bill, to say nothing of the increased value of property at present and the benefit of the sewerage for ten years. The plan suggested to bury the cost is commendable. We know just what each lot will have to pay, how long it will take to pay for it, and just where the money is to come from.

Now, when you see how well the frontage tax will work in respect to sewerage, just consider the results of making the sewerage public works on the same system. There is no waste, no doing things over two or three times, neither is any piece of property paying a dollar for which it will not receive the worth of its money, besides laying the foundation for a better state of affairs, which the casual observer will fail to recognize. If the city council can show to the people that their interest will be properly guarded, and that all sums of money, however large, will be judiciously expended, they will vote every dollar asked for. We have reached the time of day when the people are alive to their interests, and demand a thorough knowledge of what is going on, and a no greater incentive to the welfare of Victoria than to have the people of Victoria educating themselves in all that transpires.

Neither is there a greater incentive to our Mayor and Council than to see the people who elect them to their servants, assisting in making their duties a pleasure, and if we will all pull together it will not be a few short years when, instead of looking to this city and that for an example, the other cities will point to Victoria as the model city on the Pacific Coast.

W. J. LEDINGHAM.

RELICS OF ROYALTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—Among the Hawaiian exhibits at the Midwinter Fair, loaned by the Provisional Government, will be the royal throne of Hawaii and other appearances of the ex-monarchical trappings of that island kingdom.

The furnishings of the royal bed chamber, the uniforms formerly worn by King Kalakaua, and other articles that adorned the royal palace will also be exhibited. The Hawaiian throne consists of a pair of chairs resembling old-fashioned pulp chairs, which are covered with gold and silver, and are set in red satin and upholstered. As an article of furniture they are uncomfortable, but they make up in glitter and show what they lack otherwise.

The chairs are accompanied by the rug on which they rested in the throne room in the Hawaiian palace, and the royal standards, which are made of rare feathers.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Attorney-General Casgrain has decided to take prompt action against John R. Hooper, who was acquitted of murder on Saturday. He will now be charged with attempting to drown his wife, the details of which came out during the trial.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JAN. 24.

THE CITY.

HON. MR. JUSTICE DRAKE was the judge in Chambers yesterday, and made an order for an interlocutory in the case of *McLaughlin v. Jordan*, costs in the cause; he also dismissed with costs an application for leave to sign judgment in *Brackman & Ker v. Jordan* for \$2,516.39.

THERE is yet to be collected about \$90 of the amount required to open the Y.M.C.A. rooms. In the event of this not being obtained by Friday, it is probable that the rooms will remain closed. Should, however, all the necessary funds be secured by Friday, the formal opening of the rooms will take place on that day.

JOHN HARRIS was, in the City Police court yesterday, fined \$10 with an additional \$10 costs, for maliciously damaging property owned by Mr. T. G. Rayner. The plea was not guilty, but the evidence given by Mr. Rayner, Mr. Patrick Sullivan and Mr. Edward Neal was conclusive. In default of payment of the fine, an alternative of one month's imprisonment at hard labor was provided.

FOLLOWING is the docket for the Full court, which sits to-morrow: *Adams vs. McBeath*—Appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Crease; *Jackson vs. Jackson & Mylne*—Appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Crease; *Estimote & Nanaimo Railway Co. vs. Attorney-General for British Columbia*—Case stated on reference to Full court. *Adams vs. Duck*—Appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake.

THE Wanderers, as a result of their benefit match on New Year's day, were enabled to hand over to Charles Kenward the sum of \$30 towards paying his expenses in his recent accident. Saturday next the Wanderers will give the Victoria Association in aid of funds for the final tie in the B. C. challenge cup at Nanaimo. In the evening a first class smoking concert will be held in the Clarence hotel.

THE twenty-first annual meeting of the subscribers of the C. Protestant Orphans' Home will be held next Tuesday evening at the City Hall committee room, when the retiring officers will present their reports and the new committee of management will be elected. Donations and subscriptions forwarded to the honorary treasurer, Mr. James Hatcher, before Monday next, will be included in his report.

THE Retail Mercantile Association met on Monday evening, when they further considered their relationship with the whole sale traders. As the committee appointed by the association to investigate the matter of alleged conflict of interests has not yet reported, no definite conclusion was arrived at; but the society will again meet on Monday evening next, when considerable business will probably be transacted.

JIM HEAY, the seaman who by Captain Bangs' orders scuttled the schooner Mary L. Parker, in the Straits, has been arrested by the authorities at Seattle, somewhat contrary to the general expectations, as it was first given out that it would be impossible to secure a conviction in his case. He is lodged at the county jail at Seattle, as he was unable to furnish bail in the sum of \$1,000. It is said that he has friends in Victoria as well as Seattle who will likely furnish the required bonds in a few days.

Heay has hitherto borne a good reputation, but by all accounts Captain Bangs' former history was not a very creditable one, as he served a term at Sitka, Alaska, for robbing an Indian canoe on Prince of Wales Island as far back as 1886. Bangs will be tried for re-seducing or attempting to defraud the insurance company.

BURNS' ANNUAL CONCERT.

The Burns' concert, a crowded house and a thoroughly enjoyable evening have been the synonyms of the event, especially so last night. The programme was admirably arranged and carried out these elements. Last evening's affair, held in the usual place, was no exception to the rule, notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, standing room even not being available.

The programme was wholly Scottish, affecting was promised, "twas o'er at home and the various numbers caused manifold recollections of home among the audience. The well-balanced and carefully trained choir gave a number of part songs, "Cam ye by Athol," "The Auld Man," "Willie Wastle," and "Corn Rig." The joyful and the serious, being catching and the latter were treated with more than the usual complement of applause. Among the lady vocalists, Mrs. McCandless and Mrs. J. D. Stuart divided the honors. The former lady was only heard once, but showed in that number that she had lost none of her popularity.

Her rendition of "My Heart is in the Sea" being rendered with a considerable degree of sympathy and sweetness. A cordial recall was the well-merited reward. Mrs. Stuart appeared in a song, "Rothsday Bay," and in a duet with Mr. J. G. Brown, "The Crooked Bank of the River." The latter piece was the crown of the evening, only approached by the duet given as an encore. Miss Jamieson was heard in "Doon the Burn" and "Gather Herring," the former being the more acceptable of the two. Rev. Mr. Chisholm was a pleasant surprise to the audience, his recitation of "Jennie Kaye, of Balmoral," and "The Organ Question" revealing a sense of humor, and an ability of imparting it to others with which that gentleman had not been credited. He was a warm and welcome favorite. Mr. Kinnaird sang very appreciably "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond," and was unanimously recalled for it. Mr. J. G. Brown, the conductor and promoter of these soirees, looked for annual events, was every bit himself. He selected humorous numbers, his rendition of "Willie Wastle" (in character), proving a side-splitting performance. He responded to a general recall with an old Scottish ballad, "The Old Pair o' Thaws," and in the second part of the programme was heard as good advantage in the song, "Jennie's Barrow." Altogether, the Burns' concert of 1894 was just as pleasurable as its predecessors.

AN IMPERIAL SNUB.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says of Count Herbert Bismarck's presence at the decoration ceremony in the old castle yesterday: "Count Herbert was invited in accordance with the etiquette requiring the presence of every minister and ex-minister possessing certain orders and happening to be in Berlin on the occasion of the festival. The Emperor openly snubbed Count Herbert, merely nodding to him without speaking."

MONROE, N. B., Jan. 22.—St. John's church, one of the finest Presbyterian churches in the Maritime Provinces, was destroyed by fire last night, together with three organs and school library. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$17,000.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, JAN. 24.

SINGLE TAX CLUB.

Open Their New Hall and Appoint a Committee to Frame a Constitution.

Will Consult Trades and Labor Interests On the Choice of Legislative Candidates.

The single tax club met last evening, for the first time in their new hall in the Salmon block, at the corner of Yates and Government streets, quite a nice little gathering of members being present in spite of the inclement weather. Hitherto the club have had no hall of their own, but the present one has been secured and neatly fitted up for their use, and it has been decided, as the president, Mr. Howell, explained in his opening remarks, to meet regularly every week and to occasionally give socials at which the wives and lady friends of the members may be present. There were present last evening, in addition to others, Dr. Watt, M. P. P., and Messrs. Brown and Forster, M. P. P.

Mr. Kipling, the secretary, having read the minutes of last meeting, Mr. Cohen explained by desire of the president that the idea was to have a hall of their own, which could be rented also to trade unions, and it was calculated that, by that means, the expenses of furnishing would be met and a nice little balance would result at the end of the year.

On Mr. Cameron's motion, a committee, composed of Messrs. W. G. Cameron and J. Fraser, were appointed to frame a regular constitution and by-laws.

Mr. Berridge spoke on the subject of single tax, which he described as an instrument which, if it did not kill landlordism, would at least wound it a mortal blow. His idea was to get the true unions to act in conjunction with the single taxers to bring about land reforms which would benefit the condition of the working classes. He moved that a committee be appointed to arrange for a united action with the trades and labor organizations of Victoria to nominate and support jointly one or more candidates for the city at the next provincial election.

W. G. Cameron having seconded this, the chairman explained in answer to a question that the intention was that the candidates were to be pledged to support single tax and labor measures.

Rev. W. H. P. Arden wanted to know whether it would not be well, if possible, to secure some one who had already been a parliamentarian, who would promise to advance his own ideas. He hardly thought that the single-taxers were so strongly enough to run a man of their own.

A. H. Soafie thought no false move should be made. They should be perfectly certain of carrying their point before they took a single step. If they failed at this juncture it could be a set-back to single tax.

Mr. Cohen believed that the best thing to do was to bring to the front a man who would not only advocate single tax but would also be popular with the trade and labor circles.

J. McMillan considered that a straight single taxer should be chosen whether he supported the labor union or not. When he first came to this town he had supposed that Hon. Mr. Beaven was a friend of single tax. He had, however, after a lapse of four years, opposed that gentleman because he found Mr. Beaven was not sincere in his professions, but carried favor with the single taxers for the sake of the money he was getting from them. He paid a considerable sum to Dr. Watt for his question introduced in the legislature in regard to the newly surveyed land in Cariboo district, and in conclusion believed that the great majority of the labor party would be willing to support a single taxer who would fearlessly advocate the views of those who supported him.

After some further discussion Mr. Berridge's motion was carried, and Messrs. Berridge and J. Fraser were appointed the committee.

Mr. Fraser moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the government to see if it is their intention to abolish the \$200 deposit required of candidates for the legislature.

Mr. Cohen strongly supported this motion, holding that want of money did not argue that the labor party should not remove the disability which was placed upon the poor man who was at present ineligible to Dr. Watt for his question introduced in the legislature in regard to the newly surveyed land in Cariboo district, and in conclusion believed that the great majority of the labor party would be willing to support a single taxer who would fearlessly advocate the views of those who supported him.

After some further discussion Mr. Berridge's motion was carried, and Messrs. Berridge and J. Fraser were appointed the committee.