## R. L. Drury Explains Some of Advantages of the System.

Previous to the regular session of the city council Tuesday, a deputation of ratepayers, headed by Ald. Hanna, waited on the board and presented a petition praying that the action in postponing the vote on the by-law for the creation of a board of control be reonsidered. R. L. Drury was the pokesman for the deputation and h ontended that it was obvious to all ative. The mayor promised that the views of the deputation would receive full consideration, though it is improbable that any further action will be taken by the council this year.

Mr. Drury said it ought to be possible to arrange to place the responsibility somewhere. Just now that could not be done. The ratepayers look to their representatives on the board to of the chairman of the streets, sewers here. In addition to the appointed deland bridges committee. He had given egates, Mayor Robinson, C. W. Hallaa lot of his time to the affairs of the city but it was no injustice to him to E. J. Hosker, J. P. Shaw, M.P.P.-elect; say that if he were asked to accept E. Shaw and several other citizens, streets he would say no. Mr. Drury placing before the premier the needs of was very sure that the public was fair Kamloops in connection with the Canough not to demand responsibility adian Northern railway. from such representative who could not be expected to give all his time to seeing that work was properly carried out.
But was it not clear that if there was

Premier McBride and he was urged to in his place some permanent official who would be paid a salary to give all his time to the work that responsibility could be fixed, and that this responsibility could be fixed, and that this responsibility could be fixed. sibility could not be shirked?

that controllers would not be able to work to advantage unless they were experts. He dissented from that view. As an illustration he cited the success. which attended the management of big private enterprises. The Empress hotel for instance was successfully managed by a man who did not know how to run the the managed by a would nevertheless. which attended the management of big tors of the company would nevertheless everything possible was done to meet

the whole institution. were the same as the president and directors of a company and should not in power to meet, their wishes. Mayor Robinson called the premier's him about this pointing out that there was no case on record where the president and directors ever dispensed with the services of a manager. They would have to find some person to accept responsibility. It was quite impossible to define exactly what were the duties of a manager, yet such a man had it in a manager, yet such a man had it in the government had the matter under his power to wreck the affairs of any advisement and no doubt something company, or, on the other hand, to would be done in the near future. The achieve a huge success. Thus the city should have a man in close touch with all the affairs of the city. He claimed that controllers would have a know-ledge of the workings of every departent and thus the people would be able fix responsibility, and the control-

Mr. Drury cited the experience of Annual Banquet Held Monday other cities in Canada where the board control system had worked to great advantage. In Toronto the office of controller was considered a stepping stone to the position of mayor—there was a well-beaten path from the position of aldermen to mayor via the controllership. He strongly urged that Victoria should adopt the system. "Cer-

must say. deputation, was the next speaker. He stirring songs were rendered and an cited the experience of Edmonton, enjoyable evening was spent by the where he used to live, to indicate how large gathering.

splendid was the board of control sysGeorge Jay, past president, was tem. They had never had a bit of sat-isfaction in the management of their loyal toasts after an excellent dinner work until they had got control-They appointed two and paid drunk with all the honors. civic work until they had got controlthem \$2,500 per year and they gave every satisfaction. Mr. Oliphant conno mistake if it decided that Victoria would get in line with the other progressive cities in Canada. He felt sure that the system would prove not only a blessing to Victoria but a blessing to the board of aldermen, as the tter's duties would not be so onerous

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Island, situate at the

WINTON CLARKE.

given that application Parliament of Canada n thereof for an Act Vancouver Island and

npany, and for an

oria, British Columbia, y of October, A.D. 1909. R. C. LOWE,

for the Applicants, Box 1, Victoria, B. C.

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Mr. Hanna, who was called on by the mayor, said he was assured by Mr. Taylor, the city barrister, that the act ntained all that was necessary for pli the by-law. If there were certain flaws it was in the province of the al-He felt that the citizens wished to vote on the proposal at the earliest possible date, and he urged that the board

should reconsider its decision. Mayor Hall said that all the member of the board were agreed that the matter should be placed before the but before that was done the by-law must be in proper shape, and as there were some defects in the act it was

as the act covers could be placed be- ZINC PROPOSITION fore the people.

The deputation then withdrew, being

assured that their views would receive consideration at the hands of the board. RIPLINGER CASE.

Acquitted of One Charge of Embezzle ment—Other Counts Will Be Pressed.

Seattle, Wash, Dec. 14.-John Riplinge ex-city comptroller, tried more than two years after he fled from the city on a charge of embezzling \$4,500 from the local improvement fund, was acquitted in the next month. Another jury must be drawn, as this one, having already served on the case, will be disqualified. The evient, with different facts."

KAMLOOPS DOES NOT STAND SIDE-TRACKING

that a change in the present system of managing the city's affairs was imper-Made Run Through That City.

Kamloops, Dec. 13 .- The deputation appointed by the board of trade and city council, consisting of J. Gill, J. Milton and Dr. Wade, representing the board of trade, and Ald. Noble, Taylor esponsibility for the condition of the joined the deputation and assisted in

ity could be fixed, and that this responsibility could not be shirked?

It had been said in some quarters hat controllers when the city limits of the callway. Every possible argument was used by members of the deputation in urging this action on the part of the

The premier, in reply, said he thought the people of Kamloops were needless ly alarmed. He had talked over the matter with Mr. Mann and he was asld him responsible for the success of their wishees. He could not hold a piste whole institution. tol to the head of the Canadian North-Mr. Drury had the other evening ern in this matter but he knew that

AT FESTIVE BOARD

Evening—A Very Successful Affair.

The fifteenth annual banquet of the local lodges of the Sons of England Benevolent Society, held on Monday tainly things could not be worse than in the Poodle Dog restaurant, was the they are," declared Mr. Drury. most pleasant and successful reunion Ald. McKeown-Quite a compliment, the society has yet had. Speeches ringing with loyalty to the empire and the old flag were made,

"The Imperial and Colonial Forces" was proposed by W. P. Allen, past ry satisfaction. Mr. Oliphant conded that the board would be making president, and responded to by Lieuts. T. D. Veitch and R. P. Clarke, of the Fifth Regiment. "Sons and Daughters of England" was proposed by C. F. Beaven, and the reply was by Bros. J. Hillier and Savage. The toast of the Dominion and Provincial parliaments was given by A. Lees and James Critchley responded. G. W. Hall proposed a toast to the city council, responded to by Mayor Hall. The health of the host and hostess was proposed by J. Chadwick and Mr. Davis re-

The musical portion of the pro gramme was contributed to by J. Symons, J. G. Millet and W. Williams. The National Anthem brought the

evening to a close. SKATING FATALITY.

Five Persons Lose Their Lives By Breaking of Ice.

Kent, O., Dec., 14.—The opening of the skating season claimed five victims cipal of Duncan school at a salary of had developed in the reservoir, were, mear here and nearly obliterated a family. The dead are Frank Cormany, of Municipalities to see to it that near the dead are Frank Cormany, of the exponenting session of the legislating the proposed of the legislating the population of the special distribution of the special distri near here and nearly obliterated a \$80 per month.

IN NEW YORK HANDS

The Big Ledge Property Has \_ New Owners, Who Will Develop It.

Nelson, Dec., 13.-An important min Improvement fund, was acquitted in the Criminal Superior court, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty after having been out thirty minutes.

Prosecuting Attorney George F. Vanderveer said: "All the other charges against Riplinger will be tried, beginning talkes by which the Big Ledge mine, near Burton City, passes into the hands of New York capitalists. The deal was put through on December 2nd the New York parties being represented by Mr. Greenstreet. The Big Ledge is a zinc proposition, and it is claimed that 200,000 tons of ore are in sight, dence in all the other cases will be differ- while the mine is described as being practically a quarry proposition. The new interests will put in an aerial tramway. A large gang of men have already gone in to do development

see that the affairs of the city are pro-perly administered, but take the case upon Premier McBride while he was property, Mr. Malone accompanying him. The claim is located on a divide more, president of the board of trade; at the head of Eagle and Sand creeks. at an elevation of 4,900 feet.

"The work of development on the Alma M. is proceeding satisfactorily," said Mr. Hillis on his return to Nelson, "and no trouble has been experienced Mr. Ostin is in charge of the work and has four men at present. A crosscut tunnel has been run 125 feet and they expect to catch the lead in the next 50 pairs. feet. It is probably the same lead, or at any rate, the same ledge as on the Granite mine."

NO TRACE OF YOUTH LOST ON BRIDGE RIVER

Must Have Gone Through the Ice—Mining Prospects Bright.

Mr. Drury had the other evening ern in this matter but he snew that heard one of the mayoralty candidates it was intended to have C. N. R. shops, young man lost on Bridge river, as heard one of the mayor and aldermen etc., built here. He assured the deputer were the same as the president and tation that he would do everything in the boy had seen some game across the the boy had seen some game across the river and had undoubtedly gone river and had undoubtedly gone as a construction contingency provides as a construction contingency provides.

a big dividend paver.

TWO KILLED IN PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Cars Are Wrecked By Loose Rail.

ripped through the floor of the baggage car and through the smoker. In the smoker the torn up rail, killed two immigrants. The engineer and firemen were injured. An immigrant woman and a man were also injured.

DUNCAN SCHOOL BOARD.

in District.

ASK ADAMS TO

CITY COUNCIL AND THE BIG RESERVOIR

ing transfer is reported on the Arrow Lively Debate at Aldermanic **Board's Meeting Monday** Night.

improvements which were undertaken Mr. Adams an opportunity to make for the past six years, is to be asked good. work.

The owners of the Bonanza gold mime on Sheep Creek, of whom one we keep. B. Bell of Salmo, recently, disposed or the third property to Vancouver parties, represented by Mr. Oliver, The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The Bonanza is a well known claim and its development will be pushed.

J. T. Hillis of Vancouver, who in partnership with S. S. Raymond, now in California, took a two-year bond and lease of the Alma M. gold mine, near this city, from J. J. Malone, William Gosnell, George Matthews, Nels Lovering and John Ostin two months ago, yesterday made an inspection of the property, Mr. Malone accompanying.

The owners of the Bonanza gold mime on Sheep Creek, of whom one we keep. The contingence of the California engineer at Monday evening's in the head of the she may be will be able to do so in a very satisfactory fashion, and I hope he will, but he should come at this own expense. I should think he would average as high in intelligence as the critics of the bonard. The press should have more partience, and quit knocking the city by work and I hope he will, but he should come at this own expense. I should think he would be only too glad of the opportunity to the respiration. Maybe he will be able to do so in a very satisfactory fashion, and I hope he will, but he should come at this own expense. I should think he would average as high in intelligence as the critics of the work and I hope he will, but he should come at the shou dition of the Smith's Hill reservoir. reputation. Maybe he will be able to

The debate on the reservoir was a to the press, which he said was busy has had 24 feet of water in it. in the nature of a sensation by de- it for a time. claring that Assistant Engineer Bry-

On the matter coming up for discussion, the city clerk read the following letter, which had just been received Kempke. by Mr. Raymur, the water commis-sioner, from Mr. Adams:

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8, 1909. Dear Mr. Raymur-Your recent message leads me to conclude that certain interests in Victoria adverse to the water department of the city, the city administration, and myself, have gained that headway which makes it imprudent to longer delay taking definite action to secure absence of leakage in the Smith Hill reservoir, even though that delay were warrantable on the score of ascertaining facts desirable in prescribing the best and cheap-Lillooet, Dec., 13.—The search party were unable to find any trace of the young man lost on Bridge river, as it

reports he should have a very good have been, with the exception of this property, as Bridge River placers have contingency, the satisfactory results of the reservoir was not perfect thought always yielded a lot of gold to the in-dividual prospector and miner, and if worked on a large scale should prove and adverse conditions from start to the papers should be ashamed of the papers should be ashamed of city and myself under most difficult and adverse conditions from start to Mayor Hall—Knocking the city. this dividend payer.

A trapper (W. S. Leacg) reports feel that I have the right in fairness papers were apparently attempting to finding numbers of wolves near the to myself and in the interest of the show the board up as composed of a headwaters of Bridge river, and in one citizens of Victoria to expect that the lot of fools. Now they had employed public officials will suspend judgment, the best man obtainable for the job, resist influenced clamor, and take such and he had had complete control. steps under my direction as may be There was a drain at the reservoir necessary to make this structure an What was it for? To take the water

I therefore request that the reservoir right, it was true, but the difficulty be again placed in the hands of Mr. should not be magnified. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Two immigrants I may recommend in the course of the were killed and three men and one work to be carried out. This work him. Now it would take only 20 days woman injured in a peculair accident must be handled by one skilled and to fill the reservoir. Why not fill it up. to a northbound Chicago and North- known to me to be skilled in such and satisfy the public? "Fill it up, western railway passenger train in the work. Mr. Kempke, I believe, meets let's be men," cried the alderman. orthern part of the city. The tracks these requirements. Furthermore, his Ald. Stewart said there was an ashad been elevated recently, and as the train passed a rail was torn loose. It under the city employ entitled him to Bryson, Mr. Topp and Mr. Adams all the opportunity of bringing it to a successful issue.

ARTHUR L. ADAMS. Ald. Stewart asked that the other letter received from Mr. Adams a few days ago also be read. This was done.
Ald. McKeown opened the debate by was responsible for the condition of the reservoir if it was not Adams. The as to agree to dismiss Adams. Several Changes in the Teaching Staff latter had had full charge, had apordered his own material. Now Mr. Duncan, Dec., 13.—The school trusgineer up here again. He could understand why Adams should try to fix responsibility on anybody else but the reservoir on numerous occasion, that the knew the man he applied. There was a great tees met on Thursday. The resignations gineer up here again. He could not of Mr. Codes principal of Duncan fix responsibility on anybody else himself. He knew the man he appointed as foreman and must have had pointed as foreman and must have had pointed as foreman and must have had amount of water which was falling on the reservoir which ran in the speaker's opinion, due to Mr.

to know what authority they had for paying Mr. Adams before it had been shown that he had done his work satshown that he had done his work satisfactorily. He was not in favor of allowing Mr. Kempke, the old engineer, to have anything more to do with the job. He would say let Mr. Adams drop.
Ald. Fullerton said he would second Ald. Mable's resolution. Mr. Adams did not say that it was the cement work which was faulty. It might be something not so serious, and therefore it would be advisable to have him come up and make a full report. As come up and make a full report. As to Mr. Kempke, it could be decided af-

Ald. Humber-At his own expense. to come to Victoria without expense to the corporation and report on the consolid come here and look after his

carry water full to the top.

very interesting and lively one. Mayor Hall—That is not so. It will. Hall took occasion to pay his respects It has been twice full to the top. It motion to ask Mr. Adams to Ald. Raymond—Then it was leaking then carried unanimously. knocking the city and holding the members of the board up as a lot of fools. Ald. Humber created something Mayor Hall—No, there was 24 feet in

Ald. Raymond-Well, I have been son had told him that the reservoir told that the float had to be lowered was leaking at a tremendous rate and so that the water would rise higher that it would cost \$35,000 to effect rethan a certain point.

it was not intended to re-engage Mr. To a question from Ald. Bishop, the mayor said that Mr. Bryson said it

might be necessary to line the bottom of the reservoir with bricks dipped in hot asphaltum.

Ald. Humber-Smith's Hill reservoir must be leaking to-night sure enough. I will support the motion that Adams be allowed to come, but we don't want Kempke. Mr. Bryson told me that the reservoir was leaking at the rate of 160,000 gallons every twenty-four hours. Mr. Bryson had inspected the bottom of the reservoir two weeks ago and found it all right. Now that reservoir is a failure and every practical man in the city knows that it is. How could it be expected it would hold water when it was laid with a mixture of contrete and broken rock? There are men right in the city who are competent to remedy this matter. Mr. Bryson told me a few days ago that t would cost \$35,000 to repair it Ald. Turner thought it was clear that

Adams should be asked to come and make his full report. Ald. Stewart deprecated what Ald. Because of this fact; because of my Humber had said regarding what Mr. Col. Eggleston and son who have bought up a number of river leases on my professional and special interest as your engineer for some years past in art) had also had private conservation on Bridge River, left for the States last stage. Col. Eggleston intends to bring an expert in with him early next conservation with the Esquimalt Water conservation with him early next conservation with Mr. Bryson. He regarded what its dealings with the Esquimalt Water conservation with Mr. Bryson. He regarded what its dealings with the Esquimalt Water conservation with Mr. Bryson. He regarded what its dealings with the Esquimalt Water conservation with Mr. Bryson had told him. He (Ald. Stew-pour past in seven and special interest as your engineer for some years past in with Mr. Bryson. He regarded what its dealings with the Esquimalt Water conservation with Mr. Bryson. He regarded what its dealings with the Esquimalt water he had told him as confidential and would not repeat it. He had no hesi-past in the property warrants it. Spring and if the property warrants it, he will at once proceed to open up on the Smith Hill reservoir has been thus believe that Mr. Bryson had ever said

unqualified success. And I may say off-anybody could find that out. There that under private ownership, where was, he had been told, a spring up your handicap of influenced or misinformed clamor has little power to reach voir, and much of the water that came construction policies and methods, the through the drain did not leak through making tight of a leak in a reservoir the reservoir. The reservoir was not would be attended to in regular course in nearly so serious a condition as the public believed it to be. It was not

Kempke, who did most of the con- Ald. Humber declared he would crete work, and that such remedies as stand by every word he had said in

> belonged, and it was inconceivable that Mr. Bryson had taken upon himself to criticize the work of a brother professional man. To do so would mean that he would be read out of the so-

Ald. Stewart, continuing, said, he ap proved of sending for Adams, but he declaring he did not know who else did not want anything more to do with Mr. Kempke. He would even go so far

Ald. Henderson thought it would be pointed his own superintendent and just as well to give Mr. Adams

he be asked to come to Victoria immediately.

Ald. Ross was of the opinion that if the city asked Mr. Adams to come they would have to pay him. He wanted to know what authority they had for

mayor) had said respecting the reservoir had been done on Mr. Adams' advice. He believed that the board had defined as to whether that man should be hired again. He thought it the only advised the city respecting the various fair way to all concerned was to give

The papers were knocking the city. enough to go in out or the rain." Now first questions that will be forced the aldermen of the city—and perhaps upon him will be applications for the

COWICHAN FARMERS TO HAVE TWO SHOWS

would vote for the motion, providing Agricultural Association's New E. cutive Gets to Work.

> Duncan, Dec. 13.-At a meeting of he Cowichan Agricultural Association onsisting of Honorary President, W H. Hayward; President, H. D. Evans;
> 1st. Vice-President, R. E. Barkley; 2nd
> 1st. Vicetary-Treasurer, Kenneth Duncan, and committee, A. C. Aitken, H. W. Bevan, W. H. Elkington, D. Evans, John Paterson, F. H. Maitland-Dougall, A. A. Mutter, W. R. Robertson, A. Peterson and L. Solly, the date of the annual dance was set for January 27th. It was resolved to hold two shows during the coming year, a summer Monday afternoon in the city hall, show for dogs, poultry and flowers and

the usual annual fall show.

Department of Agriculture, the secretary was appointed a delegate to attend the Agricultural Association Convention on January 31st.

WANT THE CHINESE CEMETERY REMOVED

a very large scale, Col Eggleston has far built; because of my acting in a some very rich men behind him, who are willing to push things. From all tion, and because of what I believe to hours.

| Delieve that Mr. Byson had very scale and infirm, Mrs. Another than the reservoir leaked at the rate of 160,000 gallons per twenty-four hours.

| New Westminster Wish Action | Indicate the rate of 160,000 gallons per twenty-four hours. | Taken to Close Up the Ground.

> tion is being circulated around the city Mrs. Gould; supervised playgrounds, praying that the piece of ground known deferred. The reporting for the local as the Chinese cemetery be no longer press was placed in the hands of Miss used as a cemetery and that the present Lawson and Mrs. Walker. burying ground there be moved to some Mrs. Spofford asked whether the work burying ground there be moved to some other place. The petitioners claim that left over from one year to another the land is too valuable to be used for without being campleted should be such a purpose, and that its use as a cemetery spoils the value of the adjoining property. The men circulating It was decided that no work was to be the petition state that it is being large-ly signed by men in all parts of the city.
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> dropped till the end was attained or found impossible.
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> Mrs. Williscroft moved and Mrs. Per-

of several acres between Sixth and Eighth streets and Eighth and Tenth work given them, till formally disavenues. Many years ago it was charged, and this carried. granted to the city by the colonial government for use as a cemetery, an it has been used as such ever since.
It is thought by those in authority that even if the city wished to move the cemetery from there they would not be able to do so under the terms

Worcester Inventor Says He Attained Speed of 120 Miles an Hour.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 14.-A remark-

nent of Wallace E. Tillinghast, vicepresident of a Worcester manufacturing company, who claims to have se-cretly invented, built and tested an the banks of the reservoir which ran cretly invented, built and tested an sented to Mrs. Dunsmuir in the form off in the drains and should not be at-

## REFUSE OFFICE

CABINET POSITION

Premier McBride Will Have Strong Appeals Made to Him.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Premier McBride has returned from the Kamloops convention and will at Why people would imagine that the once apply himself to the affairs of members of the board had "not sense state requiring attention. Among the

was neglecting the interests of the city It is safe to say that the non-applicants are as few as the government's The motion to ask Mr. Adams to opposition. W. H. Hayward, of Cowcome to Victoria at his own expense ichan, has shown a disposition to for-W. Shatford would also sacrifice his private business to serve his country, and H. G. Parsons, the member for Columbia, is in the city as a preliminary step to assuming office if desired. With W. R. Ross, of Fernie; Harry Watson, of Vancouver; Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, of Richmond, and other lesser lights, the premier will have an anxious time deciding upon who shall be taken into the cabinet.

> COUNCIL OF WOMEN APPOINT COMMITTEES

Will Be Carried on to Completion.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Local Council of Women, held

the usual annual fall show.

In view of the resignation of the secretary-treasurer the executive decided to ask for tenders for the posi-

In response to a request from the school for girls, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. Wm. Grant and Mrs. Reid. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Grant were appointed to draw up a protest against bookmaking on the fai Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. McMicking and lution against the high steps on the

The national standing committees were appointed as follows: Protection of women and children, deferred; ectionable printed matter, Mrs. Anpress committee, Mrs. Hasell; agriculture, Mrs. Watt; citizenship, Mrs. Gordon Grant; white slave traffic, Mrs. Mitchell; peace and arbitration, Miss Hay; public health, Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan; New Westminster, Dec. 13.-A peti- education, Mrs. Jenkins; feeble minded,

The property in question consists rin seconded that all committees should hold themselves responsible for the

The resolutions relating to the speed of motors, that on the local status of women and the one asking that an in spector be appointed to carry out the sanitary regulations of factories and shops were left in the hands of the Mrs. Day, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Jenkins of the grant, If any action at all is possible it will have to be undertaken

on the part of the provincial govern- of the adoption of the report of Mrs. Mrs. Jenkins brought up the matter Day on the session of the National Council which had under consideration the duties of the provincial vice-FLOWN 300 MILES president, left over from last meeting.
After some discussion it was decided to discuss the report at a special meeting to be held early in January. It was resolved on motion of Mrs

Spofford, seconded by Mrs. Perrin, that life membership certificates should be obtained for Mrs. Day, Miss Crease, Mrs. Gordon Grant and any others who had recently received the honor, and that these should be presented on some appropriate occasion.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 14.—A remarkable assertion of the practicability of aviation is embodied in the announcer and the practicability of aviation is embodied in the announcer passed at the last meeting conveying the practical process of Wellage E. Pillipphase vices. the thanks of the council for hospitality and expressing regert at her departure from Government House should be pre-sented to Mrs. Dunsmuir in the form

balance of \$103.13, and a number of hills, chiefly for expenses incurred at the annual meeting, were ordered

It was decided to obtain a proper ballot box for use at annual meetings, to prevent the possibility of any irregularities.

Lawson and Miss Crease thanking the council for honors done them. Crab pots, fish boxes, oars, nets and other fishing tackle were used to decorate the church at Port Isaac, Cornwall, for a rice of thanksgiving for the harvest of