FINAL SESSION OF PRESENT COUNCIL

A PROTEST AGAINST THE RAILWAY COMPANY

Board Object to References Made by Manager Wood—Other Business of Session.

It being their last sitting of the municipal year, the council at the conclusion of the business Monday partook very much of a mutual admiration gathering. Compliments were paid without restraint, and just before parting members seemed to unite in a little love feast. The Victoria Terminal Railway Company's attitude towards the city in regard to carrying out its agreement with the citizens came in for much comment. A resolution was passed protesting against re action of the company in purchasing the steamer Victorian and making other plans for a ferry service, which, in the estimation of the Mayor, was not in keeping with the original agreement.

J. E. Jones, secretary of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, wrote conveying thanks to the council and city officials for the steps taken in the matter of sanitation and hoping that next year's council will insist on the examination of plumbers. Received and filed.

J. Van Sant, general manager of the Victoria Railway Company, asked for a little delay in the matter of repairing the streets in the Work Estate in order to permit of the city engineer to make a report. Received and request granted.

W. G. H. Ellison called attention to the fact that a plank sidewalk has been laid on that part of Craigdower road under dispute.

Ald. Grahame asked the city barrister for a little light on the subject. The Mayor also thought that the city solicitor might explain the case.

In reply Mr. Bradburn stated that an injunction had been issued preventing the council taking any action at present. He was quite prepared to hurry on the case in court as soon as a judge can be found to proceed with it

Ald. Yates said the letter explained itself. It was a case of some one, not the city, putting a plank walk on some other's property.

The letter was finally referred to the city solicitor for reply.

C. A. Brewery drew attention to the bad condition of lower Charles street.

On motion of Ald. McCandless the letter was referred to the city engineer.

A. Malpas, who contemplates moving to David street, wished to draw attention to the condition of that thoroughfare.

On motion of Ald. Yates, seconded by Ald. Kinsman, the communication was referred to the city engineer to carry out the work.

R. Drake asked for a sewer connection at 45 Quadra street. Referred to the city engineer for report.

A. J. Hobbs complained of the dangerous condition of the rails on Point Ellice street, which was the cause of an accident last week resulting in the breaking of a buggy and the throwing of its occupants into the mud.

Ald. Williams said complaint should be referred to the city engineer for report, as other vehicles had come to grief at the same place.

Ald. Yates thought that Ald. Williams ought to have drawn the attention of the city engineer to the grievance before. Referred to the city engineer for report.

James L. Raymur, auditor, reported giving a statement for the Home for Aged and Infirm, showing the cost per day of each inmate to be 47.91 in 1902, as against 45.91 in 1901. The report shows the total cost last year to be $433 less than the year previous. Received and referred to the new council to be printed.

City Clerk Dowler reported receiving the annual reports from the different heads of the city departments. Received and will be included in the annual reports.

His Worship asked that the city health officer's report be referred to the board of health. For this purpose he requested that all the council remain after the meeting adjourned.

The finance committee reported accounts aggregating $508.25. Adopted.

Mayor Hayward's motion respecting the failure of the Victoria Railway Company to comply with the terms of its original agreement with the city was next considered, and, after much discussion, the resolution was passed with an amendment from Ald. Barnard taking exception to the statements attributed to Vice-Manager Wood in the Times in regard to the council humbugging the company. Objection to the statements was first taken by Ald. Vincent.

In speaking to his motion, Mayor Hayward said that if the council did now object to the action of the company in purchasing the Victorian it might be thought that the board was condoning their course. He pointed out that from different clauses of the city's agreement with the company a vessel should be built and equipped in Victoria, and that the work should be done according to tender. Besides, the company have been guilty of great negligence, first in the matter of repairing the streets, and secondly in failing to compensate the property owners for damages done by the building of the road into the market. Furthermore, the impeding of traffic on public streets and the failure to provide gates for Douglas street were matters also to be protested against.

Ald. Yates, while agreeing with the motion, considered that the company had still some time left in which to fill their agreement with the city in respect to the ferry. The resolution ought to specify in what the company have failed to comply with their contract.

Ald. Barnard thought that it was not likely that the large hearted company was likely to buy another steamer for a while. The company having paid, it was alleged, $5,000 for the Victorian, it was not likely to build another steamer for the car service. He did not think it any too soon to express disapproval.

Ald. Yates, in this connection, said that he had a talk with Mr. Spratt on Saturday night, having met him by accident, and had been informed by that gentleman that the Victoria Machinery Company had the contract for overhauling the Victorian. The firm were also preparing plans for a new boat. He would be better prepared to support the resolution preceding he had all the plans of the railway company before him.

His Worship remarked that the company, according to the terms of its contract with the city, were to build an efficient seaworthy boat and submit plans for competition.

Ald. Grahame contended that it was impossible to remodel the Victorian to make her suitable for the ferry service.

Ald. Vincent, after calling attention to the statements of Mr. Wood in the Times, said that if the steamer was remodelled she would be a model ferry—the only model of her kind in the world. At this juncture Ald. McCandless wished to be excused. He had a meeting to attend, and before withdrawing wished to thank His Worship and aldermen for the courteous treatment extended to him in council work during the past year. (Applause.)

Continuing, Ald. Vincent said that the ship carpenters had settled Mr. Wood.

Speaking again to the motion, Ald. Barnard said, as Mr. Wood has seen fit to make public certain statements reflecting on the council, the public ought to know that Messrs. Guthrie and Hendry promised that they would take care of the whole interest which the city was called on to pay. They would not stand by Mr. Wood, and that official was called down. The council were in a position to show that there had been some humbugging done on the company's side. In conclusion, he wished to have added to the Mayor's motion: "That, in view of the alleged statements attributed to Mr. Wood, vice-president of the company, in the Times, this council is of the opinion that the company has failed to carry out its promises in reference to the extension of time."

His Worship thought that after all it would be better to leave out the clause and repudiate the statements in the Times. Mr. Wood was not the whole company.

The clause objecting to the statements in the newspaper was then substituted and the motion in its entirety passed.

The city engineer's report, which had been overlooked, was then read as follows:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Communication from Otto Weiler, asking for temporary permission to drain overflow water on his property until the sewer is extended in that locality. I may say I can see no objection in granting the request asked for, providing the work be carried out under the direction of the plumbing inspector.

Communication from W. A. Sprinkling, asking that the pipe drain be extended on Putnam street from Cameron street westerly. After examination of the locality in question, I would respectfully recommend the pipe in question be extended a distance of 150 feet. Estimated cost, $70.

Communication from Helsterman & Co., re defective box drain opposite No. 22 Princess avenue. On looking into the above complaint, I find we have no records of a city drain in this locality. I therefore cannot see that anything can be done in the matter.

Communication from Robert Mowat re flooding of cellar on Cadboro Bay road. I may say this matter has received attention. The trouble was caused by rubbish being washed over the intake grating in the High school grounds during heavy rains at the time of the complaint.

Communication from James Flett, complaining of the drain being blocked opposite No. 58 Michigan street. I may say the street superintendent reports that the matter has received attention some days ago.

Communication from Mrs. S. S. Burt, calling attention to damage from surface water from the adjoining property. Upon looking into the complaint I find it is entirely of a private nature. I therefore cannot see that the city can do anything in the matter.

In accordance with resolution of council of December 29th, 1902, I have the honor to report upon the best method of filling in a strip of at least 100 feet wide across James Bay, adjoining the retaining wall. I have carefully considered the various methods by which this end could be accomplished and find the cheapest process would be by the use of a hydraulic dredge for at least the greater part of the filling. In conclusion I may say labor could be employed for cutting brush and constructing bulkheads, etc., to confine the material to the roadway only.

Clause one and that relating to the flooding of Mr. Mowat's cellar were referred to the city engineer for report.

Ald. Grahame's motion regarding the repair of the railway streets in the Work estate was laid over for a week, although Ald. Kinsman and other aldermen failed to see why the railway company wanted the report of the city engineer.

Just before adjourning each of the aldermen took occasion to congratulate His Worship on the able manner in which he presided over all the meetings which had been held during the year. All considered that the meetings had been pleasant and that their treatment was courteous.

To the kind expressions of all the board His Worship replied feelingly. He had striven at all times to do his duty, and the many pleasing references to himself were all the more gratifying as the Times had declared him physically unfit to longer occupy the position of Mayor. Members of the board were in a better position to judge of his fitness than the Times. He failed to understand what the paper meant.

On reassembling, the council considered Dr. Robertson's report, which placed the death rate at 10.91 per thousand during the past year. The report, according to custom, will be printed in the city's annual statement.

COMBINED INSTALLATION.

Ceremony in Connection With Four A. O. U. W. Lodges Held Monday Evening.

One of the largest and most interesting meetings ever held in the interest of the A. O. U. W. order took place in the hall of Banner lodge Monday night, when the grand master, F. W. Welsh, of Vancouver, assisted by other grand lodge officers, installed the officers of Victoria lodge, No. 1, Vancouver lodge, No. 5, Banner lodge, No. 6, and Western Star lodge, No. 7. After the installation all repaired to the dining room. After doing ample justice to a sumptuous repast prepared by the joint committee from the four lodges, the members reassembled in the lodge room, when an interesting programme was presented, the grand master presiding. The feature was the grand master's speech. Short addresses were also given by Grand Foreman Edwards, Grand Recorder McIlmoyl, Past Grand Masters Church and Stewart, and last, but not least, was a humorous recitation by Past Grand Master E. J. Salmon. A Semple gave one of his usual well rendered recitations. The musical part of the programme was of a high order, Bro. Rivers presiding at the piano. Songs were rendered in fine style by Brothers G. Tribe, F. Sehl, H. L. Salmon, E. White and others. Following is the list of officers installed:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.—P. M. W., C. W. Wriglesworth; M. W., J. Mallett; F., M. Winne; O., H. Karl; recorder, R. Dunn; Fin., F. Dacres; receiver, R. T. Williams; O. W., D. Bamfield.

Vancouver, No. 5.—P. M. W., W. Scowcroft; M. W., M. M. Myers; F., D. Fulton; O., B. W. Brown; recorder, H. C. Edwards; Fin., W. Jackson; receiver, A. Stewart; G., W. West; I. W., P. O'Connor; O. W., T. J. Silver.

Banner, No. 6.—P. M. W., S. L. Redgrave; M. W., A. E. Allan; F., W. A. Jameson; O., J. C. Darling; recorder, W. C. Morrison; F., W. J. Wight; receiver, F. B. Rivers; G., H. W. Murray; I. W., E. C. Knight; O. W., W. Gibson.

Western Star.—P. M. W., H. Stadthagen; M. W., A. W. Mesher; F., J. P. Hancock; O., F. Cochenen; recorder, F. N. E. Shakespeare; F., A. Clark; receiver, A. Semple; I. W., P. Blunk; O. W., E. Colley.

MAN AND WIFE IN DISTRESS.—Rev. Dr. Bochror, of Buffalo, says: "My wife and I were both troubled with distressing Catarrh, but we have enjoyed freedom from this aggravating malady since the day we first used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Its action was instantaneous, giving the most grateful relief within ten minutes after first application." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—153.

Many savage tribes constantly use, without harm, the flesh of animals killed with poisoned weapons: and in recent investigations with animals killed by various poisons such as strychnine, tartarized antimony, and oscine, the flesh was found to be of unimpaired flavor, and to produce no ill effects.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR THIS CITY

INSTANTLY KILLED BY GUN DISCHARGING

Milton Edgson, From Duncans, Met His Death Last Evening on Shopland's Farm.

Milton Edgson, of Duncans, who has been spending his holidays with Ian St. Clair and other friends, accidentally shot himself on Monday, the wound resulting fatally. The circumstances surrounding the sad event are only a matter of conjecture as no one was present with him at the time.

There is sufficient, however, in connection with the finding of the body to indicate very clearly the surrounding circumstances.

Monday the victim of the accident borrowed a gun from the home of John Shopland, and had gone out shooting. About half-past five o'clock it is believed he must have reached the point where his lifeless body was found this morning.

He did not return to the home of Ian St. Clair last evening, and fear was aroused by his host. Finally, inquiries were made at the home of Mr. Shopland, and when it was found that he had not gone back to that place a search was instituted.

The search party came upon his body on Tuesday lying alongside a fence on the farm of Mr. Shopland near Rithet's ranch. A bullet wound in the breast revealed the fact that in getting over the fence he had thrust the gun ahead of him. There was a thick growth of bramble bushes at the place, and the trigger of the gun must have encountered some obstacle. The contents had been discharged directly at his heart, and death must have been instantaneous.

The coroner was notied on Tuesday, and visited the place. It has been decided to hold an inquest into the circumstances.

The young man was about twenty-five years of age, and resided at Duncans, being a son of Milton Edgson, of that place.

Awaiting the arrival of his friends the arrangements have not been made for his funeral. The deceased was well known in various parts of Vancouver Island, and was very popular.

LEGAL NEWS.

The Full court is still engaged with the appeal in McCleary vs. Howland. Argument will probably be finished before the court rises this afternoon.

The next appeals in order are: Symons vs. Bonthrone, Oppenheimer vs. Sperling, and Ah Tam vs. Robertson.

Chambers.

The following applications were disposed of in Chambers on Tuesday by Mr. Justice Martin:

Peck & Co. vs. Manson. H. B. Robertson for plaintiffs obtained a garnishee order nisi.

Re Catherine Medana estate. An order for sale of this estate was made. C. A. Holland was appointed valuator. No lots to be sold for less than the valuation made by him. Money realized is to be paid into court. Costs of proceedings to come out of estate. J. H. Lawson, jr., for applicant; S. P. Mills, K. C., and F. Higgins, contra.

Re estate of George M. Leishman, deceased. F. B. Gregory obtained an order for letters of administration in favor of deceased's widow.

LECTURE ON ORIENT.

Interesting Address Given Last Evening by Rev. Mr. Ewing.

The usual weekly meeting of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held Monday night in the lecture room. The meeting was in charge of the literary committee, who had prepared an excellent programme, the principal feature of which was a lecture by Rev. Mr. Ewing on the Orient, during which particular reference was made to the peculiar customs and mode of life of the people of China, Mongolia and Japan. As the speaker has lived in the two former countries and has made extensive travels through the latter his address was full of interest and was much appreciated by the large number present.

The lecturer introduced his remarks by describing the natural features of China, its mountains and rivers, and proceeded to illustrate life in large cities of that country by numerous lantern views. Particular reference was made to Shanghai and Pekin, after which the speaker talked of the people of Mongolia. These were a people who, although once great, were rapidly declining. They reached the zenith of their greatness when they captured China, and from the time they were driven to their own country by the Chinese have been on the downward path. Many of the quaint customs of the Mongols were illustrated. Views of the prayer wheels of these people were shown and described. The wheels were put on the top of tents or at the doorway and turned either by the wind or by hand, the idea being that at every turn a prayer ascended to Buddha. Here the speaker interjected that something similar was done at home. Some people seemed to think when they dropped a coin into the church plate they secured so many prayers from the minister for their good.

For a European life in a Mongolia tent was impossible, the dirt and general filth making it exceedingly disagreeable. The natives seldom changed their clothing, and when they did it was only to turn their sheep skins inside out.

The religions of the Oriental countries were outlined. Among those dealt with were Confucianism and Buddhism of China, Lamaism of Mongolia, and Shintoism of Japan.

The interior of the homes in Japan were described. The absence of ornaments or furniture in the parlors indicated the simplicity of much of the Japanese home life. In wedding ceremonies and home functions the participants sit on the floor tailor fashion, so that the necessity for chairs and other conveniences is eliminated. For beds a quilt and piece of matting is laid upon the floor, and in the morning rolled up and put out of sight for the day. A bedroom for those who require such a luxury is made by partitioning off a corner of the room with a Japanese screen.

Rev. Mr. Ewing illustrated his remarks with in all about 100 views of Oriental countries, and kept the large audience deeply interested. He showed pictures of the Emperor of China and the Emperor and Empress of Japan. At the close Mr. Thompson expressed the pleasure with which he had listened to the address and moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, which was passed unanimously.

DAWSON ELECTIONS.

The Result of the Municipal Contest on the Fifth Instant.

Dawson advices state that in a keen municipal contest on the 5th inst., R. P. McLennan, of Vancouver, and formerly of Nova Scotia, was elected mayor by four of a majority over D. W. Davis, ex-M.P., second in the race; Thos. Adair was third and J. H. Davison fourth. The total mayoralty votes cast were 649.

For aldermen: Frank Johnson, formerly of Ottawa, led; James F. McDonald, Nova Scotia; George Murphy, of Brockville; Michael Ryan, of Winnipeg; Abraham Lalonde, of Gananoque, Ont., following in the winning; Dr. A. F. Edwards, of Ottawa, tied with R. H. Cresswell, of Hamilton. Edwards was elected by the vote of Returning Officer Geo. Calvert.

There proves to be no truth in the reported murder of Purser Ayers. All the money he had has been accounted for. Ayres died of exposure on the Stewart river.

ORGANIZATION WILL EMBRACE PROVINCE

All Those Interested in Anyway in the Mining Industry Will Be Included.

In the city at present there is gathered representatives of the mining interests of Atlin and Cariboo. This morning a meeting was held in the Maple committee rooms of the parliament buildings. At the meeting there were gathered among others the following from Atlin: J. H. Brownlee, Mr. Hirchfeld, C. Christopher, L. H. Griffiths, R. D. Fetherstonhaugh, J. T. Deeks, R. B. Skinner, J. M. Ruffner, H. W. Canavan, Superintendent Loveridge, M. Banning and Jas. Stables, M. P. P. Cariboo was represented by Messrs. Hobson and Stephenson. There were also present Fred. Peters, K. C., and A. L. Belyea. The meeting was only a preliminary one intended to perfect plans for the general gathering which will be held to-morrow in the rooms of the board of trade at 2 o'clock.

This morning Mr. Hobson presided over the gathering, with Jas. Stables, M. P. P., as secretary. The scope of to-morrow's meeting was fully discussed. The feeling of those present was that the convention should not be one for Atlin or for Cariboo men alone. These might organize as districts, and properly do so, but there was need for a much larger organization, that which would embrace the miners, the mine owners and everyone else who was in any way interested in the mining industry in the province. Such an association will include merchants and every class whose business depends in any way upon the mines. All such are therefore invited to be present at to-morrow's meeting in the board of trade building. This is not to be understood as a meeting for Atlin men alone, but for the whole province.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Hobson, of Cariboo, Griffiths, Christopher, Skinner and Fetherstonhaugh was appointed to report at the meeting to-morrow upon the plan for the organization of a permanent miners' association for British Columbia.

It was pointed out that the association should embrace quartz miners as well as hydraulic miners.

The chairman, Mr. Hobson, outlined the work accomplished by such an organization in California. He had assisted in the organization of that association. It had resulted in the greatest benefit to all concerned. Before that time the miners did not pull together and were powerless to obtain legislation looking to their benefit. The individual miners were at the mercy of the large corporations. That association worked wonderful good, and the mining industry had been given assistance which worked the greatest benefit to the country as a whole. It would do the same here. He paid a very high tribute to the mineral wealth of British Columbia, which was sufficient to support an immense population.

Others present also paid a glowing tribute to the mineral wealth of the province and the need of the mining laws being amended in the way of working to the benefit of all classes connected with it, and thus to the general good and development of the whole of British Columbia.

VETERANS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Annual Meetings of the Association Held Tuesday Evening in Pioneer Hall.

The Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island met on Tuesday in Pioneer hall. The attendance was good. In the absence of Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, V. D., Capt. Richardson presided over the meeting. The report of the lieutenant-colonel commanding was received and Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden thanked for his services during the year. Capt. Fletcher was also thanked for his services as secretary-treasurer of the association.

Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden declined nomination as commanding officer for the year and Capt. Richardson, major, also refused to accept this position. The following officers were elected:

Lt.-Col. Commanding, Major Wilson.
Major, Capt. J. R. Michell.
Adjutant, Dr. Potts.
Senior Captain, Capt. Fletcher.
Junior Captain, E. C. B. Bagshawe.
Lieutenants, F. I. Clarke, L. J. Seymour, A. J. Dallain, Mr. McKay.
Executive Committee, Col. Wolfenden and Messrs. Cullin and Redding.

It was resolved to request the authorities to exchange the Martini-Henry rifles in possession of the association for Lee-Metfords.

The membership fee was reduced from two dollars to one dollar per annum, payable during the year.

THOUSANDS PLAYED EUCHRE.

Successful Tournament in Brooklyn—A Dozen Bands Supplied Music.

New York, Jan. 14.—What is believed to have been the largest crowd of euchre players ever assembled at one sitting, gathered last night in the Fourteenth Regiment armory, Brooklyn, where 7,500 persons played the game. The tables were arranged in sections so that there were forty players in each section. A band was assigned to every twenty sections. The dozen bands played in unison under direction of one leader. The party was given by the students of St. Francis College, of Brooklyn. A large sum was realized.

LINER LATE.

New York, Jan. 13.—The American line steamer St. Louis, from Southampton and Cherbourg, had not been sighted at noon to-day. She is nearly two days late, but as severe weather is reported by all incoming ships there is no alarm felt for her safety.

A Logansport (Ind.) man recently made a 1,000 mile journey in a gasoline automobile at a cost of $8.85 for oils and $10 for repairs.

ENJOYABLE BANQUET HELD BY ODD FELLOWS

A Large Number of Members of City Lodges Entertained Last Evening.

A more successful function than the banquet held by the combined local I.O.O.F. lodges on Monday evening has never been given by the order in Victoria. The chairman of the joint committee, Bro. T. M. Brayshaw, presided, while on his right was seated Grand Master A. Graham, and on his left Bro. A. Smith, United States consul. At least 100 members of the order were present. During the evening musical selections were given by Bro. W. Jackson, who presided at the piano, and Bro. L. Foster, who accompanied on the violin.

After all had done justice to the good things set before them the toast list was taken up. The chairman set the ball rolling by proposing the health of "The King." Bro. Brayshaw also proposed "The President of the United States." This was responded to by Consul Smith in a few well chosen words.

Bro. Frank Taylor proposed "Sovereign Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. J. E. Phillips, P. G. Bro. Rev. E. G. Miller sang "Midshipmite" and answering to an encore gave "A Warrior Bold."

Bro. James Pottinger gave a reading, "The Wife," which was much appreciated. Bro. A. Henderson, P. G. M., proposed the "Grand Encampment," which was responded to by Bro. A. Sheret, P. G. P. Bro. T. Bamford gave a pleasing vocal selection. Bro. Dr. Ernest Hall, spoke of the beneficial influence of the I. O. O. F. upon a community, and before closing told a humorous story that provoked much merriment.

"The Grand Lodge of British Columbia" was proposed by Bro. E. Bragg and responded to by Grand Master A. Graham, who, after touching on his trip throughout the jurisdiction, gave some interesting facts regarding the strength of the order. In all there were 40 lodges in the province with about 3,500 members, and 500 Rebekahs. A few remarks were made by Bro. F. Davey, grand secretary. "Noreen Moreen" was given by Bro. W. H. Huxtable. The chairman then called on Mayor Hayward, who had entered after the commencement of the proceedings, for a few remarks. After making a few complimentary references to the order, he expressed regret at having lately been unable to attend lodge regularly.

"The Newly Installed Officers," proposed by Bro. Huxtable, was received enthusiastically by the guests and responded to in excellent manner by Bro. Walter Millington, noble grand, and Bro. H. Cannell, vice-grand, of Victoria lodge. Bro. Sam Reid, noble grand; Bro. F. Taylor, vice-grand, of Columbia lodge; Bro. J. Dresser, noble grand, and Bro. R. Douglas, vice-grand, of Dominion lodge, all of whom made a few remarks dealing with the necessity of members attending the meetings of the lodge regularly, thus encouraging the officers in the performance of their duties. Bro. H. Sam gave a musical selection, followed by a recitation by Bro. W. H. Pennock.

The health of "The Rebekahs" was proposed by Bro. P. W. Dempster, and responded to by Bro. H. Siddall. "Guy Fox" was given by Bro. T. Mitchell; "Queen of the Earth," by Bro. J. Dresser; "The Irish Jubilee" and "A Hot Time at Finnigan's To-Night," by Bro. R. Livingstone.

Bro. T. Booz proposed the health of "The Ladies," which was responded to by Bro. John Bell. Bro. S. Reid sang "Wait For the Turn of the Tide," and Bro. R. Marwick gave a recitation "Address to a Mummy." Bro. W. H. Cullin contributed to the evening's entertainment by a humorous story.

The health of the caterers, Messrs. Dickson and Hendricks, was proposed by Bro. A. Henderson, P. G. M.

During the evening Bro. Jos. York, an old member of Victoria lodge, was presented by the chairman, on behalf of that lodge, with a beautiful gold-headed cane inscribed as follows: "Presented to Bro. Jos. York by Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Jan. 12th, 1903." The recipient thanked the members for the honor done him in a few well chosen words.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

APPLICATION FOR MANDAMUS.

Adjourned Until Friday at Request of the Deputy Attorney-General.

The application for a mandamus to compel the deputy provincial secretary to deliver the writ for West Yale has been adjourned until Friday morning. When it came up before Mr. Justice Martin in Chambers on Wednesday, the deputy attorney-general stated that he had been unable to find any precedent or authority for the course adopted by the applicants, and would be glad of any assistance from Mr. McPhillips on the point to enable him to prepare to meet it; but as the matter was so serious a one, he must ask for an adjournment until Friday. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., who, with L. P. Duff, K. C., represents the applicant, S. Moore, of Agassiz, objected to any adjournment being granted. The writ as published in the Gazette must be returned to the deputy provincial secretary not later than January 31st. Under the act, the returning officer must advertise for nominations, and at least eight days must elapse between posting of his notices and nomination day. Then the election must take place, and the return of the writ made. So that, even in a city, it would be almost impossible to carry this out within the three weeks now remaining, while in a riding like West Yales it would be out of the question, unless the order is made at once. His Lordship pointed out that under ordinary circumstances the Crown would be entitled to have until Friday to appear on the application, and he must therefore grant the adjournment as asked.

The other matters dealt with in Chambers were as follows:

Foster vs. Gabriel—J. H. Lawson, jr., for plaintiff, moved for amendment of a foreclosure decree absolute, which was granted.

Leiser vs. Harrap—A. J. Kitto, for defendant, applied to set aside a default judgment, which was granted, with leave to defend, and costs to defendant in the cause.

Re C. D. Ralson, deceased—F. B. Gregory obtained order for letters of administration in favor of deceased's widow.

Re. David B. Reid, deceased—F. B. Gregory obtained order for probate of will.

Re Eliza Steel, deceased—W. C. Moresby obtained order for letters of administration in favor of deceased's widower.

Re Eastwood—On certiorari proceedings the conviction against Fred. Eastwood, of Otter Point, for making false declaration as to his right to vote at election, was quashed, without costs. W. C. Moresby for Eastwood, deptuy attorney-general, contra.

Full Court.

Argument in McClary vs. Howland was finished yesterday, judgment being reserved. Symons vs. Bonthrone was commenced this morning, and will probably last for considerable time. The action was brought by some brokers in London, against Bonthrone manager of the Rose Marie Mines, on Kennedy lake, near Clayoquot, to set aside a sale of shares and for return of the $3,000 paid for same. Mr. Justice Irving decided in plaintiff's favor, and against this the defendant appeals. E. P. Davis, K. C., and Geo. Cowan, for defendant, A. D. Taylor and J. M. Bradburn, contra.

On Monday morning the Full court will deliver judgments in the following appeals: Hutchins vs. Cooper, Beaton vs. Sjolander, McKenzie vs. Knabb Hill, Kirkpatrick vs. Davis, Fowler vs. Henry, Robilaille vs. Mason, Trowbridge vs. McMillan, Brenchley vs. New Westminster and Jones vs. Galbraith.

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MINERAL ACT.
(Form F.)
CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.
NOTICE.

"General Warren" and "Tax" Mineral Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District. Where located, Bugaboo Creek, Gordon River.

Take notice that I, H. E. Newton, F. M. C. B72436, and as agent for R. A. Newton, F. M. C. B72438, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 27th day of November, A. D., 1902.

PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE—The Cottshell press, on which the Daily Times was printed for several years. The bed is 32x47 inches, and in every respect the press is in first-class condition. Very suitable for small daily or weekly offices. It cost $1,200; will be sold for $600 cash.

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ESTATE OF CHARLES TODD, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claim against the estate of Charles Todd, deceased, late of Metlakahtla, British Columbia, Indian agent, are required to send particulars of such claim to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of January, 1903, after which date the executrix will proceed to distribute the assets amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1902.
CREASE & CREASE,
Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executrix, Isabella Maria Ingram Todd.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 640 acres, situated on the West Arm of Quatsino Sound, described as follows:

Commencing at a post placed on the north shore of the West Arm, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains—to point of commencement.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., December 2nd, 1902.

H. E. NEWTON.

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FINAL RETURNS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSU

Meeting of Granby Consolidated Min Company—Two New Furnaces to Be Installed.

London, Jan. 15.—Walter Herb who once pleaded guilty to the mur of Joseph Sifton, is now free. He w granted a new trial at the assizes t morning, a jury being empanelled fr among the spectators in the court ro He changed his plea to "not guilt The Crown stated that it had no e dence to offer, and Judge Meredith dered the jury to bring in a verdict "acquittal," and Herbert was allow to leave the court room.

Sir W. MacDonald's Gift.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Sir Wm. MacD ald, Montreal, has made an additio gift of $45,500 to complete the new M Donald school at Guelph Agricultu College.

The Referendum.

The referendum vote in Ontario w taken December 4th, but the final a complete returns were not received to-day. The vote for the act is 199,6 against it 103,482; majority for, 96,2

Foster Law.

The new poster law has been in fo two weeks and seems to be working w Besides prohibiting representations scantily attired women, sensational p tures of bloody deeds and persons in throes of death will be banished.

Reviewed Cadets.

Sir Frederick Borden, minister of m itia, reviewed the High and Pub school cadets this afternoon at the A morica. He addressed the boys, com mented them on their appearance, said it was necessary for lovers of pea rational or individual, to be able to tect themselves. To-night the mini was dined at the Rossin House by Anglo-Saxon Association.

Ten Years.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—In special sess to-day, S. Cooper pleaded guilty to bl ing open two safes and was sentenc to ten years' imprisonment in St. V cent de Paul penitentiary. Cooper w arrested in Portland, Me.

Iron and Steel Company.

At a meeting of the directorate of Dominion Iron & Steel Company d a statement was presented showing surplus on operating account for seven months ending November 30 coal lease, bond and preferred stock terest provided for of $317,753.

Granby Consolidated.

A meeting of shareholders of Granby Consolidated Mining Compa was held to-day, when five new direct were appointed and President Miner nounced that through the sale of 125, shares of treasury stock at $4 per sh the company had been practically fr from debt and that unless something of the ordinary occurs a dividend wo be paid during the present year. Miner stated that two new furna would be established by August n and the full equipment would be c pleted by March or April following. week before last the four furnaces treated 10,115 tons of ore at a cost, cluding freight and commission, of $2 figures which he believed in the future would be reduced to $2.50. new directors elected are: John St ton, copper statistician; Wm. Nicholls, president of the Nicholls Ch ical Company, Jacob Langeloth, pr dent of the American Metal Compa George M. Luther, general manager the Nicholls Chemical Company of N York, and Clement S. Houghton, fin cial agent.

SIX SUFFOCATED.

Lost Their Lives in Mad Rush Fro Concert Hall.

Missoula, Mont., Jan. 14.—During performance in the Exchange Con hall at an early hour this morning, w the large hall was crowded, a sc shifter crossed the circuits of two e tric light wires. Flames shot over e wire in the place, and a panic ens There is but a single exit to the pla and through which the occupants of bo and seats rushed, crowding the wea beneath.

Six persons were suffocated, Harry Walker, a bartender, sustai injuries that included internal hurts a fractured leg.

The trouble with the wires was c rected by turning off the circuit, but until the walls and celing of the thea had been charred and scorched in m places.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The offic figures show that 4,714 persons lost t lives and that 35,112 houses were d troyed as a result of the recent ear quakes at Andijan, Russian Turkest