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CANADA LIFE

Showing at the Annual
areholders' Meeting.

MANAGED COMPANY.

Ramsay's Interesting Retro-
pect of the Business.

ual general meeting of the share-
the Canada Life Assurance Com-
held at the Company's offices, cor-
es and King streets, Toronto, on the
rust. last.
ntay took the chair and called upon
t to read the notices calling the meet-
nutes of the previous annual meet-
he annual report and financial state-
affairs of the company for the past
r.
otes were on motion confirmed. The
rt and financial statement were taken
ing in printed form before the mem-
y are as follows:
T BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
ements and accounts of the Com-
year again indicate that success and
which the Directors have for so
he satisfaction to report.
assurances applied for during the
2,475 for $5,081,683. Of these were
7 for $4,023,083—165 were declined for
ed the balance of 153 for $227,350 were
t out.
oses of the year on the 30th April
al assurances in force were 21,069 for
75, upon 16,229 lives.
me receipts of the past year were
0, and after payment of all claims
Company, including $642,015 paid in
licy holders, the sum of $768,687 39
to the assets, which, at the 30th
ounted to $8,190,465.19.
h claims during the year amounted
70 upon 147 lives, under 183 policies,
tly under the amount for which pro-
made.
al dividend was paid to the proprie-
the year.
ectors having lately carefully con-
e question of making the policies of
any free from all conditions re- ssign-
to residence, travel or occupation,
ved that for the future all ordinary
ter being in force for two years with-
gement of their conditions, and age
all be absolutely free and untram-
bject only to the due payment of
ective premiums. This further evi-
e Company's desire to afford assurers
ful advantage and facility which
and the Company's safety and stabili-
t, cannot fail to add to that public
n and confidence, which the Canadian
dy so largely enjoys.

**Abstract of the Assets and Lia-
of the Canada Life Assurance
ny, as at April 30th, 1887.**

ASSETS.

and $297.07 and in banks		$ 13,196 79
on real estate—valued		2,214,383 05
ns—value in account (par		
	$569,463 45	
	137,573 34	
ship	383,179 50	
	642,538 94	
	553,944 30	
e of Montreal	50,000 00	
io Government		
dy	2,711 23	
dian Pacific land		
at bonds	375,000 00	
Companies	20,000 00	
ester Bridge		
pany	6,000 00	
ay bonds	7,942 41	
Railway		
ds	108,000 00	
		2,886,253 57
ks		263,210 15
dian companies		25,555 50
Telegraph Co.		
		5,723 50
anies stock		16,565 15
policies		631,439 77
stocks, etc.		1,075,284 26
ates—Head office		
anches		312,894 63
n half credit		
in force		154,143 22
rents (present		
		8,831 39
		6,391 31
niture		$7,614,562 79

OTHER ASSETS.

Agents' and		
hands, includ-		
ceipts held by		
premiums		
have since		
ccounted for	$321,226 69	
rly and Quar-		
Premiums se-		
on Policies, and		
within nine		
	151,597 09	
		$472,823 69
10 per cent. on		
collection	47,282 36	
		425,541 33
Interest on De-		
es, etc		150,361 07
		$8,190,465 19

PAYMENTS.

nse account	$	212,143 77
surance premiums		3,569 36
ense account—payment		241 14
ns by		
eath	$358,679 15	
re-as-		
ance	4,712 72	
ns by matured	$353,966 43	
lowments	15,000 00	
		363,966 43
elled (purchased) policies		41,878 10
s of mutual branch—		
onus	$ 52,513 09	
cash	47,479 40	
diminution of pre-		
miums	130,777 98	
		230,770 47
lends on stock		25,800 00
ities		400 00
	$	882,989 27
nce of assets as per general		
ntract of assets and liabili-		
		7,614,562 79
		$ 8,497,532 06

(Signed) A. G. RAMSAY, President.
R. HILLS, Secretary.
anada Life Assurance Company,
Hamilton, 17th August, 1887.
ed and approved.
(Signed)
JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

**nt of Receipts and Payments of the
a Life Assurance Company for the
ear, ending 30th April, 1887.**

RECEIPTS.

nce at 30th April, 1886		$ 6,868,964 48
miums received		
new policies &		
newals	$1,159,926 30	
e risks	1,071 56	
	355 73	
rest earned on		
vestments, rents and		
ofits on sales of		
bentures, etc.,		
e reduction of		
bentures to par	477,214 01	
		1,638,567 60
		$ 8,497,532 06

LIABILITIES.

stock paid up		$ 195,000 00
tors' Account		21,262 46
ce Funds		5,795,112 43
ORE.—From this falls to be		
ucted $79,697.54, as it is		
d for death claims not fully		
, or for which claimants		
not presented valid dis-		
ounted at 30th April, 1887,		
ly all since paid		
ce and Annuity Funds		113 06
Funds		5,437 30
unds, being declared Profits		
Mutual Assurance		1,513,456 67
ORE.—From this falls to be		
ucted $20,588.70, as it is		
d for vested Profits on the		
ve unpaid Death Claims,		
"Cash" and "Diminution"		
fits unpaid at 30th April,		
Profit on Mutual Policies		81,687 52
e Account—balance of items		
ing arrangement		2,193 30
		$7,614,562 79

nada Life Assurance Company,
Hamilton, 17th August, 1887.
(Signed,) A. G. RAMSAY, President.
R. HILLS, Secretary.
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ned,) JAS. SYDNEY CROCKER, Auditor.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

following directors were elected for a
of four years: John Sinnat, Esq., Ham-
onnis Moore, Esq., Hamilton; William
e, Esq., Hamilton; the Hon. George A.
rick, M. P., Kingston; A. G. Ramsay,
amilton.
meeting of shareholders then adjourned.
subsequent meeting of the directors Mr.
Ramsay was re-elected President and
W. Gates, Vice-President of the com-
the ensuing year.
A. W. Jones is the local agent for the
Life Assurance Co.

AM CAKE.—One half-cup butter or
p sweet cream, one and a half cups
four eggs (one beaten separately),
lf-cup sweet milk, two teaspoonfuls
of tartar and one teaspoonful of
Bake in a long pan. When done,
en and spread between one pint of
d cream and one cup of sugar. Fla-
th lemon.

AD GRIDDLE CAKES.—Soak a small
bread over night in milk. In the
g mix half a cupful of flour, into
is put one and a half teaspoonfuls
ing-powder, with one quart of milk,
well-beaten eggs and a little salt.
p the bread with this batter until it
light and fry a delicate brown,
atter should be thick.

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From the Daily Colonist, September 17, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coal Lands.

Attention is called to Mr. M. Bate's advertisement in another column of valuable lands in Cedar district, Nanaimo, which he is offering for sale.

Pleased Seattleites.

On the news of Henry Villard's election to the N. P. directorate, Seattle, which claims him for its friend, held an open air meeting of rejoicing. Bonfires blazed, bands played and representative men addressed the assemblage. The Seattleites "whooped her up" in great style.

Imported Stock.

Mr. M. Steves, of Lulu Island, who recently went east, will return with two carloads of Holstein-Friesian cattle. It is the intention of Mr. Steves and his sons, who are farmers on the Fraser river, to introduce the best blooded stock into the market.

The Elder's Passengers.

The following passengers for Victoria are on the steamer Geo. W. Elder, which left San Francisco yesterday morning: E. P. Nathan and wife, W. P. Sayward, J. A. Sayward and wife, Benj. Hart, Miss A. Marhy, Wm. Cox, M.D., W. J. McMillan.

The Murder Case.

The case of Quamlet, charged with the murder of Dring and Miller, was brought before the provincial court yesterday afternoon. Supt. Roycraft informed the court that Mr. Pollard was absent and as he (the superintendent) was not ready to proceed he requested a remand for one week.

Police Court.

Capt. White, of the Lottie Fairfield, again appeared yesterday and was ordered to pay Drysdale, his cook, $157 balance of wages, viz: wages due, $171; set off for goods supplied $14. The judgment did not include costs.

The C. P. N. Co., on remand, agreed to pay Roderick Morrison $8.33 wages and $2 costs.

The Whaling Fleet.

The imports of sperm and whale oil and whalebone for the week ending September 5th are reported from San Francisco. They are as follows: Sperm oil, 900 barrels; whale oil, 85 barrels; whalebone, 66,000 pounds. Sales were made during the week of 1,500 pounds Arctic whalebone at $3.37½, and 1,500 pounds at $3.35 per pound.

A Prisoner Released.

During the sitting of the provincial court yesterday Mr. E. S. Bodwell applied for the release on bail of Tom, an Indian, who was sentenced by Mr. E. Johnson, S.M., to three months' imprisonment for vagrancy. The decision of the magistrate is being appealed from, and bonds for Tom's appearance when wanted were given by Capt. Pamphlet and Henry Simpson in the amount of $150 each.

The Yukon Exploring Parties.

The department of the interior are in receipt of advices from the Yukon river exploring party in charge of D. L. S. Ogilvie. All the members of the party are in good health and would remain in the country another year. The Dawson party will be met at the close of the season at Fort Selkirk at the junction of the two great branches of the Yukon.

He Assigned.

Winnipeg *Call*: J. C. Hayes, described as a trader and rancher, of Golden City, B. C., appears to have been of a sometwhat sanguine temperament. He was at one time a bank clerk at Oshawa, Ont., but inherited a little money, with which he started to British Columbia as a trader. He owned a ranche, and also ran a small tug boat to ply upon the lake. His capital was not sufficient for all these enterprises, and his assignment is announced.

Oregon Pioneers.

There arrived on the North Pacific yesterday afternoon about seventy passengers, part of the O. P. R. excursionists. Amongst them were twenty-five Oregon pioneers, whose names are as follows: Mr. and Miss Nichols, St. Louis; Capt. Gilman and wife, Boston; S. Burch and wife, Toronto; Mr. Boyd and wife, Montreal; Mr. Stirling, New York; Mrs. McKinney, Boston; Mrs. Spaulding, Boston; Mrs. Foot and Miss Williams, New York; Mrs. Walke., New York; Mrs. Williams, Chicago; Miss M. T. Collins, New York; Mrs. Macklen, St. Louis. The balance are from points on the Sound and Washington Territory, who are going to the eastern provinces and states.

Graving Dock Tariff.

The use of the Graving dock at Esquimalt will be subject to the following tariff, viz:

Gross tonnage of vessel.	For the first day of docking.	For each following day, including the undock'g day
For all vessels up to 1,000 tons	$400.00.	10 cts. per ton.
For all vessels from 1,000 to 2,000 tons	$500.00.	8 cts. per ton.
For all vessels from 2,000 to 3,000 tons	$600.00.	6 cts. per ton.
For all vessels from 3,000 to 6,000 tons	$700.00.	5 cts per ton.

All fractional parts of 50 tons to be counted and paid for as 50 tons. Cargoes to be charged at the same rates as tonnage and no charge for ballast. Each day to be counted from noon to noon, and each fractional part of a day to be charged as one day.

No reduction will be allowed for Sundays and holidays.

Digby Local Election.

The Digby, N. S., conservatives are again to the front. At their convention held recently Edward Doucett was nominated as their standard bearer in the coming contest for the seat in the local legislature.

Post Offices.

The Canadian *Gazette* contains notice of the following post offices being established in British Columbia on the 1st of August: Illecillewaet, W. J. Atherton, postmaster; Keremeos, Thos. Daly, and South Saanich, J. W. Bryant. Harvey Creek post office has been closed.

The Douglas Returns.

The Dominion steamer Sir James Douglas came into the harbor yesterday morning from a six weeks' cruise between this port and points on the east coast. Considerable work was done during the time. The Fraser river sand-heads buoys were repaintied and, in some cases, replaced in the new channel. The lighthouse was renovated and in the North Arm, Fraser river, the buoys were also replaced and painted. The East Point lighthouse was visited and everything found to be so satisfactory that it was taken out of the contractor's hands and a keeper appointed. As soon as the lighting apparatus arrives it will be placed in position. The light will be a revolving one. The steamer goes to Race Rocks lighthouse this morning with supplies.

An Exciting Race.

An exciting race, says the Vancouver *News-Advertiser*, took place yesterday morning from Plumper's Pass to this city. The Yosemite was proceeding at her usual speed through the pass when the Mexico came up with her and crossed her bows, thus rashly challenging her to a race. Captain Rudlin, although extremeld careful of the safety of the Yosemite and the lives of those entrusted to his care, was not thus to be bearded in his pilot-house and so he rang for full speed ahead, and despite the frantic efforts of the Mexico, whose engineer and assistant are reported to have sat on the safety-valve, forged rapidly ahead and by the time the gulf was reached and the first narrows entered the adventurous Franciscan was considerably in the rear. Guess the Mexico won't want to try conclusions with the Yosemite again in a hurry.

Fertility of Resource.

The following took place in one of the junior departments of our public schools. The teacher was hearing a class of little fellows recite a lesson, and detected one of them doing something wrong. He stopped and asked what he would do with the boy. There was silence for a while, which was broken by a little fellow, Jimmy, C., who said, "Lay him over the desk." Shortly after, the teacher detected Jimmy in the same offence, and he remarked, "I'll lay you over the desk after school." Some time afterwards there was a great deal of laughing amongst the youngsters, and the teacher asked what it was all about. For some time there was no answer, but at last a little fellow said, "I'll tell you what we are laughing at; Jimmy has put two copybooks on the place where he is going to get the licking."

THE PREMIER.

A Beautiful New Steamer.

A San Francisco dispatch of Wednesday last says: The new steamer named the Premier, built for the Canadian Pacific Navigation company by the Union Iron works of this city, is now completed, and her trial trip will take place early next week. The Premier is designed for a speed of fifteen knots. Her hull is of steel, and her engines are triple expansion. Her boilers, of which she has three, are each eighteen feet long by six feet in diameter, with two furnaces. In fitting and furnishing no expense has been spared. Her cabins are beautifully adorned, being filled with oil paintings of western scenery. The glass is stained and the carpets and furniture rich and attractive. She has accommodations for 150 cabin passengers and fifty in the steerage. State rooms are fitted with stationary conveniences, and are well lighted. The vessel will be lighted with electricity.

PERSONAL.

S. C. Burris will go to Wellington this morning, returning to-morrow.

J. W. McFarland, of Vancouver, arrived on the Yosemite last evening.

Dan Ross will leave for San Francisco to-day. He will not return this year.

Rev. Hugh Johnston has gone on a pleasure trip to Georgia. He is enjoying life.

Wm. Alexander and daughter, of Santa Barbara, Cal., arrived from the Sound yesterday.

W. P. Sayward and J. A. Sayward and wife are on the steamer Geo. W. Elder for this port.

D. M. Eberts has gone to Donald to conduct the cases for the Crown in the coming assizes.

S. Leiser, H. G. Walker, Joshua Davies and J. B. Lovell, returned from Vancouver yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Graham of Winnipeg, and Miss Drinkwater, of Montreal, are at the Driard.

Senator Stanford, Col. Chas. Crocker and A. F. Towne, of the Central Pacific Railway Co., are at Portland.

Monk, M.P.P., conservative whip, was married at St. Luke's, Toronto, to Miss Mulock, sister of Mulock, M.P.

Capt. Rose, R. N., and Midshipman Baird, of H. M. S. Triumph, leave to-day for a two weeks hunt at Comox.

M. W. T. Drake, Q. C., who went to Sitka to represent the Dominion government at the trial of the sealers, returned on the Ancon, reaching Victoria by the Island railway.

Henry Strange, late of New Brunswick, formerly of Victoria, returned from New Brunswick yesterday bringing with him eight young men who contemplate making their home in the glorious west.

W. Gordon, who, with his wife and daughter, left on Monday night last for Montreal, telegraphed his safe arrival at Winnipeg, adding that the scenery was superb, the management of the line incomparable, the train on time to the minute.

W. D. Hughes, traveling passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, arrived from the Sound yesterday with the Oregon pioneers and will send them east by his line. He went to Vancouver this morning.

The paragraph in yesterday's issue was not intended to convey the impression that Dr. McSwain had permanently left Victoria. He will likely return with the swallows in the spring, like them loving our climate too much to remain south.

Mrs. H. Fry, Jr., is lying seriously ill in St. Joseph's hospital. Her mother, Mrs. E. H. Ward, is in constant attendance upon her. Her husband is absent with J. Gray, C. E., upon an exploratory survey for the government and cannot be communicated with before the first week in October.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That Daniel E. Bandman, the alleged tragedian, is running a cattle ranch at Missoula, Mont. A hog ranch would suit him better.

That Princess Clementine, mother of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is offering prayers at Lourdes and several Austrian shrines on behalf of her son.

That a Bar Harbor girl, who was told by an old boatman to be sure and have her boat well-trimmed, went to work and sewed two silk flounces around the gunwale.

SEALERS RELEASED.

Arrival of Capt. Warren and Others of the Seized Vessels.

They Are Given Their Liberty After Six Weeks Detention—The Schooner Ada and Allie I. Alger Seized.

Terrible Tale From the Arctic—One Survivor Only From the Whaling Schooner Napoleon—News From the Yukon—Col. Ball Dies on the Passage Down From Sitka.

Capt. Warren arrived down on the Ancon which reached Nanaimo yesterday and came on to Victoria by the Island railway. He was called upon last evening by a representative of THE COLONIST. The captain stated that since arriving in Sitka on the 31st of July he had been living on the steam schooner Dolphin, together with his mate, John Reilly. During their detention they were well used in every respect. After the arrival of the Ancon, Gov. Swineford came into Marshal Atkins' office while Capt. Warren was there, and stated that papers had been received from Washington, ordering the release of the masters, mates and all the crews of the seized schooners, British and American. There are altogether eleven schooners in Sitka, the British sealers Dolphin, Anna Beck, Grace, W. P. Sayward, and Ada, the latter having been seized on the 6th of Aug at and arrived in Sitka the day before the Ancon arrived from the south. She had 1,876 skins on board at the time. The American sealers are the Lillie L. Annie, Alpha, Kate and Annie, Challenge and the Allie I. Alger, the latter having arrived on Friday of last week. She had on board 1,600 skins. The Ellen had not yet reached Sitka. The Ellen Blum was incorrectly reported seized. The news of their release was not taken with good grace by some of the seized captains, who would have preferred to have been given a fair trial in court, instead of being dismissed without a word of explanation after six weeks' detention. Capt. Warren's steam schooner Grace has been chartered by the American government to go to Ounalaska and bring all the seized seal skins to Sitka. The schooner Challenge was the only one which had a trial, and the captain was acquitted, as there was no proof that she had sealed in Behring's sea. The Challenge was not taken in Behring's sea but on the way in. When he was acquitted, the captain demanded his skins, and this led to the chartering of the Grace. Altogether there have been fifteen schooners seized. Besides those mentioned above there is the Alfred Adams now in port, the San Jose now in San Francisco, and the Angel Dolly now on the beach at Ounalaska. Capt. Gaudin of the Ada, and Andrew Laing also arrived on the train. Capt. Olsen and Mate Keefe of the Anna Beck are on the Ancon. The Captain says it was during the foggy weather that his schooners were taken; when the fog cleared they found the cutter near them and fell an easy capture. When the captain was seized on the Dolphin, he asked the commander of the Rush to allow him to take the Anna Beck, which was stripped at Ounalaska, to Sitka. This request was acquiesced in, and a crew was put aboard. The captain then stated that he would not take the schooners to Sitka until a representative of the American government was placed on each vessel. This was done and the schooners proceeded to Sitka. The captain does not think that the other Victoria schooners—Favorite, Kate and Triumph—have been seized.

By the cutter Rush there arrived a sailor in Sitka, who is the only survivor of the whaling schooner Napoleon, which was wrecked in the Arctic two years ago. He tells a terrible tale of suffering. The vessel got crushed in the ice and the crew had to take to the boats, and the man who arrived in Sitka was one of eighteen who were on the ice for thirty days. During this time his seventeen companions died from starvation and exposure. He was picked up by the Esquimaux, and the sailor lived among them until the trip of the Bear into the Arctic, when he was found among his protectors. The cutter brought him down and connected with the Rush in Behring's Sea, and the latter brought him to Sitka.

A number of men from Forty-Mile creek, in the Yukon region, are on the steamer and report a good season on that stream. Reports are also fair from the other gold bearing streams.

The Bear brought down the murderer of Archbishop Seghers to where it connected with the Rush, which latter steamer took him to Sitka. He will be tried on the second Monday in November.

The Rush has been deputed to bring down the Indian hunters and white crews of the seized schooners to Victoria. It is expected that she will arrive down in about a week's time.

Col. Ball, district attorney of Alaska, who has been ill for some time in Sitka, died on the Ancon on Tuesday last. He was pleading in court two days before the steamer sailed, and had to be carried on board. He was suffering from lung trouble.

Capt. Warren states that during their whole term of detention the officers of the cutter Rush treated masters and crews of the seized schooners with every consideration, as did also the Sitka officials. When they arrived at Sitka everything was taken from them, even their marine glasses, but these and all other personal effects were delivered up to them when they released from custody.

MARINE.

Bark Coldstream is being painted and when the work is completed she will look well.

German bark Wärra from San Francisco for London carries among her cargo 6029 cases of salmon, value $36,174.

Bark Southern Chief, now at Port Townsend, will load lumber on the Sound for San Diego, being chartered by Pope & Talbot.

Steamer Sardonyx, Capt. Meyer, left for the north yesterday afternoon. She will return with 9,000 cases of Windsor canned salmon and 15,000 cases from Cunningham's.

Steamship Belgic's cargo from San Francisco for China is valued at $126,811; that destined for Japan at $20,143, and to Vladivostock at $1056.

Ship Lota, yesterday discharged 1,500 sacks of English walnuts consigned to Hall, Goepel & Co., and is now awaiting a charter to load lumber for the west coast, Australia or China.

Tug Pilot is having a new pilot house built which will be in every particular an improvement over the old one. Other necessary repairs are being made also.

British bark Iron Crag, which has been engaged for some time in the Honolulu trade, has been chartered to load wheat at Portland for Cork at 21 11s 3d. This is the highest rate of freight obtained by a wheat-carrier for many months.

In order to facilitate the speedy loading of the numerous fine sailing ships now in Seattle harbor, the Oregon Improvement Company has arranged to temporarily transfer the steamships Willamette and Alki to the route between Departure Bay and San Francisco.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The band of H. M. S. Triumph will play at the Hill this afternoon.

The sheriff sold a boom of logs of 220,000 feet at $4.05 per thousand feet.

That the residence of Cardinal Gibbons was robbed of two valuable rings, one of which was a present from Pope Leo.

AN EXCELLENT JOKE.

A U. S. Customs Officer is Badly Fooled—Queer Proceedings.

About three weeks ago three customs officers, Messrs. Terry, Gardner and Price were informed, each separately, unknown to the others, that two trunks of opium would be shipped over from Victoria. Each, eager to secure the prize, was on the look out for the contraband drug. Terry was on the steamer which brought the drug over from Victoria, and had "spotted" the trunks. In the meantime Price and Gardner had been informed that the opium was *en route* up the Sound. Gardner meets Terry and converses about general topics, but nothing is said relating to the opium, and in order that suspicion might be averted Terry leaves the car (as the trunks had been transferred from the steamer at Tacoma to the Portland train), for a few minutes. The train officials thought that something of importance was in the air, as it is something unusual to see three inspectors on one train. Terry concluded that it had gone far enough, and accordingly at Tenino the trunks were seized and brought back to this city. Neither Gardner or Price paid any attention to the seizure. Their interest suddenly became dampened, and they had no further business in that quarter. Terry came into the collector's office in this city, and after carefully noting that no eave-droppers were in close proximity, told his chief of his big seizure. The head officials were summoned and the trunks taken into the private department. All of the officials were on the *qui vive*, and envied Terry his good fortune. When the trunks were opened, however, the proud man Terry had of having accomplished something extraordinary gave place to astonishment at first, then to an utter look of disgust. The opium had been taken from the trunks and sawdust, saturated with oil, had been substituted. With one look of contempt from the collector and a smile of satisfaction from the other officials, all of them left the room in possession of Terry and his contraband sawdust. It is not yet clear how the opium was removed and the sawdust substituted.—Seattle *P. I.*

THE WATER SUPPLY.

To THE EDITOR:—I read with some interest the report of Mr. Summerfield, water commissioner, submitting another scheme for giving Victoria an increased water supply. With many others, I am inclined to the belief that there is a good deal of practical knowledge in the report. It would appear, however, that it does not meet with the approval of the mayor, and though I think a majority of the council are in favor of its proper consideration, there seems to be such an antagonism among its members that a business like view of the case is not likely to result. The contradictory contentions that have characterized many of the discussions of the council on the water question, and the large number of reports on water supply from *local* men, each one of which has been different from the other, has placed myself and many other ratepayers in a quandary. I do not know what scheme to hinge my faith upon, am anxious to see the city secure an increased and a purer supply of water, but not being a professional engineer, I cannot come to a fair conclusion as to what is really the best means to bring this desirable state of affairs about. Many times beside myself are of the opinion that we will have to have one more report—but it must be from a qualified authority, who has no prejudice in the matter. If Hydraulic engineers of reputation were engaged to make an examination of the source of supply, and the obstacles which have to be overcome in order to increase the present volume of water carried to the city and then give his professional opinion as to the best scheme to be followed, there is little doubt that the great majority of ratepayers would be willing to accede to its being followed. If this be not done, and the present unsatisfactory phase of the question continued, I don't think that any scheme submitted to a vote would receive the countenance of the people. I trust that some such course as that referred to above will be undertaken by the council, and this water question settled before it runs into another year.

RATEPAYER.

Victoria, September 16, 1887.

HENRY VILLARD

Elected a Director of the Northern Pacific Railroad—Back to Prosperity Again.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company met this afternoon and voted for a new Board of Directors for the ensuing year. The meeting adjourned after the vote till to-morrow pending the official count.

The following was the only ticket offered and it is undoubtedly elected: August Belmont, F. Billings, J. V. Brookman, Benjamin P. Cheney, Robert Harris, Brayton Ives, Thomas F. Oakes, Charles B. Wright, Henry Villard, Edward H. Abbott, Charles L. Colby, Colgate Hoyt and John B. Trevor.

Many heavy stockholders were present, prominent among them being Henry Villard who voted 38,000 shares of stock. The vote cast is believed to be the largest in the history of the company. The reports of President Harris' early retirement are confirmed, but it is said that he will retain the position until the Cascade Division through the Stampede Pass tunnel is completed and he will then be succeeded by Vice President Oakes.

THE VOTE CAST.

The entire vote cast was 725,000 shares. The Villard party secured so many revocations of proxies already given that it became necessary to adjourn the meeting until to-morrow to enable the inspectors to count the votes and make up reports.

What the policy of the new board will be if the Villard idea is carried out is indicated in a letter of his made public tonight. He declares that the best plan to secure harmony between the Northern and Union Pacific railroads lies in a joint lease of the Oregon Railway & Navigation by the two Pacifics—the Northern and Union. It is said that this will be one of the first acts of the new board. It is thought that the present officers will all be re-elected, but the retention of the presidency by Robert Harris will only be for a little while, as it has been promised to Vice-President Oakes.

Hudson Bay Factors.

T. R. Smith, Assistant Commissioner of the H. B. Co., arrived on Thursday evening from Winnipeg, accompanied by the following: A. McDonald and wife, Fort Qu'Appelle; J. L. Cotter, Moose Factory; J. M. L. Alexander, Quesnelle; Wm. McKay, Peace River; A. Matheson, Lac la Pluie; W. J. McLean and Miss McLean, Winnipeg. Yesterday afternoon in company with Mr. Smith the party made a visit to Esquimalt and took in the points of interest there. They leave by Sunday morning's steamer for their respective homes.

A dear little Chicago boy was watching the fireworks in the early evening of the Fourth, when his attention was attracted to the full moon which had just come into sight over the tops of the houses, but which was obscured a little later by the smoke of some whizzing rockets. When it came in sight again he exclaimed: "I shouldn't think God would like to have his nice sky spoiled by all this smoke!" His elders said amen!

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

Some Points About the Present Session of Parliament.

To Change the Complexion of the Irish National League—Morley's Precipitate Flight—Ballooning "Looking Up."

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

LONDON, Aug. 26.

The present session bids fair to stand out in contrast with any which have preceded it, for more reasons than its barrenness. There have already been 140 sittings, and assuming that the prorogation takes place on the 17th of September, the total sittings of the session will number 163. Not only has there been an unprecedented number of meetings, but the aggregate time members have been at work is without parallel. Only on two occasions has the house been counted out, and late sittings have been the rule since the commencement. There have already been 410 divisions registered, only one short of the complete session of 1881, when the number was far in excess of any previous year. And, to make it still more disturbing, there have also been more bills introduced in parliament and fewer passed. The official list of public measures contains no fewer than 334, of which only twenty-nine have received the royal assent. With the exception of the Coercion bill and the Crofters' holdings bills, most of the measures carried are merely local, technical and departmental bills which regularly pass each year in a routine manner, though there are five or four of public importance waiting to receive the royal assent.

The latest item of gossip connected with the suppression of the national league is

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that Mr. Gladstone intends to join its ranks. The notion is to turn the national league into an English as well as an Irish political body, and to re-christen it the national home rule league. Mr. Gladstone could then, if he chose, be one of its prominent members, and the calculation that the government would hesitate to suppress it under the altered circumstances is probably not very wide of the mark. It is also thought by the wire-pullers of Mr. Gladstone's party that such an organization would be very useful to the party at elections, as the utility of Irish members on platforms has recently been very great. The national home rule league would not boycott openly, and that important duty would be delegated to smaller bodies which would carry on the work of intimidation and which would have no connection whatever—at least, no admitted connection—with that body which numbered Mr. Gladstone among its members.

The disappearance of Mr. John Morley from the house of commons has evoked renewed attention in consequence of the announcement that the right honorable gentleman has paired for the season with a conservative, Sir Albert Rollit. The air is

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which profess to account for Mr. Morley's precipitated prorogation upon various sentimental basis. It is said, for one thing, that he is angry about his position on the front bench; for another, that he is figured at having been replaced as opposition leader in Mr. Gladstone's absence by Sir William Harcourt; for another, that he has a scheme of his own for settling Ireland, and that he cannot assimilate his previsions to those of his leader.

The defeat of the Norwich election has both political and sporting striking. The aristocratic ones are plunged in the depths of apathetic despair, while liberals are full of confidence and hope for the future.

The next fight will be in Huntingdonshire, and though it is regarded in the Liberal camp as too much to hope to carry this tory stronghold, it is determined to make a shout tight, and it is expected that the Conservative majority will be materially reduced. Meanwhile, every one is agreed that the government cannot any longer carry on as it is at present constructed. There are pitiful cries for Lord Hartington to go to its assistance, and confident statements are put forth pointing to a reconstruction of the ministry, which is to take place in November, and will amount practically to extinction of tory supremacy, with a composite party, which, after all, is much more largely composed of Conservatives that of dissentient Liberals. In assuming the speculation to be true, I think that certain important considerations are entirely lost sight of. The Conservatives may truly desire to have the assistance of Lord Hartington in their councils, but what they want still more is votes, and what is the use of surrendering a considerable proportion of the loads and fishes to Lord Hartington, Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Henry James, if they cannot bring over to them an appreciable contribution of supporters among the electors?

It might sound like a feeble attempt at a joke to say that ballooning is once more "looking up;" but, as a literal fact, the science of aerostation, as its devotees love to call it, is just now attracting more general attention than it has done for some time. England having for years done almost more than her share in prompting experiments, has now given way to France, which, because of the brothers Montgolfier and their original balloon bears traditional claim upon the subject. The object aimed at is to get as high as possible, and although the result will be to teach us some fresh lessons concerning air currents and the formation of clouds, nothing of a distinctly practical nature can be expected to be gleaned from a trial of strength. Mr. Coxwell and Mr. Glaisher, the most distinguished aeronauts England has seen, ascended to what is believed to have been a height of seven miles at Wolverhampton a quarter of a century ago, but the next result was that they were nearly suffocated, and that science was not appreciably advanced. What ordinary folk would like to see is a balloon which can be steered; what they hardly expect to see is one that can sail against the wind. But until balloons are steerable, and until they are to a large degree independent of air currents, they will be toys rather than objects of use.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Here Most and the Chicago anarchist societies are fiercely indignant because of the decision of the Illinois supreme court, which condemns the imprisoned anarchists to die on Nov. 11th.

Feather river, California, has been flumed at an expense of $1,000,000. Rich deposits of gold are supposed to lie in the bed.

Ship Lingdale, which sails from San Francisco for Liverpool to-day, carries a cargo valued at $500,000.

It is rumored that the Canadian government will stop the Manitoban subsidy and so bankrupt the province.

At a military banquet at Toulouse the generals said that France was now ready to wreak her revenge and intimated that Germany should "mind her eye."

Chamberlain's visit to Lundonderry will be made the occasion of a great unionist demonstration.

The governor-general has ordered two brothers, naturalized American citizens to leave the country.

While returning from the cemetery the Mitchelstown mourners wrecked the premises of several obnoxious tenants and put the police to flight. Casey and another of the wounded has died.

The U. S. government declines to ask for McGarigle's extradition.

Sir Adolph Caron has been offered the lieut.-governorship of Quebec, but has not yet decided to accept.

It is not yet decided whether the Volunteer or Mayflower shall race the Thistle.

At San Francisco the weather is hot and malarial sickness is prevalent.

The funeral of Gov. Bartlett was one of the largest and most imposing ever held on the Pacific coast.

The hustle of a lady tourist who arrived at New York by one of the recent steamers was examined by a customs officer and found to contain 5 pieces of lace and lace trimmings, 5 lace collars, 2 packages of hooks and eyes, 1 watch, 5 brooches, 2 pairs bracelets in cases, 24 pairs worsted binding, 3 pieces cotton braid, 36 pieces silk braid, 12 pieces silk ribbon, 2 pieces black lace, 3 pieces lace trimmings, 8½ yds velvet and 27 yds silk.

The forfeiture of lands by the Northern Pacific amounts to 9,000,000 acres.

Nunguay has returned to Winnipeg. He failed to raise a loan for the construction of the R. R. railway.

Inspector Roughan, of the Kilkenny police, has resigned, his office as a protest against the action of the police in shooting down the people at Mitchellstown on last Friday.

A young girl named Ruby Dugan and a male escort were returning from a boating party at San