OBJECT TO

School Maintenanee Cost Considered Too High By Aldermen

J. McPhee to Retire from Superintendency of Electric Light Department-Fire Chief's Action Upheld

(From Tuesday's Daily)
The city council at its regular meeting last evening expressed grave anxiety as to the growing expenditure for school maintenance, as called for by the estimates of the board of trustees. The estimates were referred to the finance committee with a suggestion for a conference with the board. Am offer finally extracted from Andrew Carnegle by Mrs. Laing Stocks of a grant for a free public library was presented by J. Laing Stocks and referred to the finance committee.

nance committee.

Only two matters caused divisions; two clauses of the report of the fire, water and light committee, one recommending that chief Sargent's report on the dismissal or assistant chief Morrison be taken as final, the other that superintendent McPhee of

were adopted.
The council got through an unusual amount of business by sitting for nearly three hours.
The council came to order at 8 o'clock The council came to order at 8 o'clock promptly with every member present. J. Laing Stocks, who was in attendance was invited to address the council on a matter on which he had asked to be heard.

Mr. Stocks, appearing for the Women's Council, announced that Andrew Carnegie had promised a grant for a free public library, the only condition attached being that the city should guarantes annually 10 per cent of the grant. The amount applied for was \$7000. Any amount up to \$20,000 might be obtained on the same condition. Mr. Stocks informed the council that the Hall block could be obtained for \$7000, which he thought an excellent investment for the city.

An informal discussion round the table brought out the fact that the present expense of the library is about \$80 a month, part of which is made up by a grant from the council applied for annually.

Ald. Rose did not think the Hall block suitable on account of its poor light, but favored the scheme's being supported by the council.

for maintenance.

Mr. Stocks explained that revenue from parts of the building not required for the library would probably meet a considerable share of the expense.

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adopted.

The estimates of the board of school trustees were then read by the city eferk, as previously published, amounting to \$17,-125, with the government grant estimated at \$6000. the chairman of the committee, T. G. Procter.

T. Morley then moved, seconded by J. Hyslop, that the C.P.R. special prize be given for district collections of fruit, and that those eligible be judged a second time, with the vegetable displays, for the John stone cup. The motion was adopted. It was decided that the prize lists and rules of entries and competitions should be published as soon as possible, and suggestions of amendments or additions be invited. They will receive their final form at the March meeting of the director and be then printed for general distribution.

Ald. Selous proceeded to criticize the esti-Aid. Selous proceeded to criticize the estimates. He was armed with the school reports for January and pointed to the fact that the per capita cost of public school pupils was \$25, of high school pupils, \$3. He thought it a misfortune that the trustees had large powers of spending money and no responsibility for raising it. He disclaimed any hostility to education but objected to extravarance. cation, but objected to extravagance.
The mayor and alderman Annable defended the school board's estimates. A general discussion followed. Alderman

general discussion followed. Alderman Scholus pointed out that the amount asked for represented far more than the two mills authorized specially for school purposes.
Alderman Selous opposed a reference to the finance committee, saying that the matter was important enough to engage the whole council. The reference, however, was

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ter was income the reference, however, was resolved upon.

A report from chief Sargent, set forth his estimate of expenditure required for the year, totalling \$663, for maintenance and new equipment. The amount required last year was \$5314. The report was referred to the fire, water and light compilies.

as follows:

Best lady skater in costume—Mrs Turner.

Best costume—Miss I. Hanson, 1st; Miss Thomas, 2nd.

Best girl's costume—Miss B. Fennell, 1st; Miss I. Walmsley, 2nd.

Best girl's comic costume—Miss Edna Graves.

Mens' Prizes—D. McAlman, 1st; May Ball, 2nd; comic, B. Gurney.

Boy's prizes—J. Laughton, 1st; James Grant, 2nd; comic, J. Patterson.

The judges were Mrs. Goepel and Mrs. Sharp. mittee.

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The mile championship race was won by Archie Bishop after an exciting race. It. Bell, who led for several laps, fell and had to be carried off the lice.

The hockey match between the east and west ward teams was won by the former, after a close game, bp 6-5.

est, was pronounced satisfactory by the city engineer, and was accepted, the work to be done according to specifications of the city angless.

the city engineer.

Alderman Annable asked about the armatures. The mayor replied that everything possible was being done, but so far without result. The city cierk read a mass of correspondence by letter and wire. The final word was that a new armature would be shipped on Feb. 6th, the old ones recound, on Feb. 7, by freight. It was resolved to instruct the company to forward the new armature by express.

Alderman Ross raised the question of the Ward street sewer. The city engineer recommended that its channel of egress be cleaned out at once. It was resolved that it be cleaned in sections, under the supervision of the mayor and city engineer. Alderman Irving and alderman Annable recommended street improvements on Hall street between Victoria and Silica and at the opera house corner.

A recommendation of alderman Annable for I. Luscombe, were referred to the finance committee.

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Alderman Hume asked what was intended about a city park. The mayor and aldermen Selous, Hume and Rose favored the old park. The matter was laid over.

The mayor recommended that the annual road tax bylaw be introduced at an early date. Alderman Rose accordingly gave notice.

The city engineer reported that the bulk-head vall for the power plant was com-pletted, at an average cost of \$7.50 per yard, 75 per cent of the contractors estimate. He said that the work generally was pro-ceeding satisfactorily and he anticipated He said that the work generally was proceeding satisfactorily and he anticipated no difficulties. Wheel pit excavation was costing \$3 per yard.

F. W. Pettit, addressing the council by permission, referred to the proposed scheme of advertising the city. He explained at length that Nelson was being invited to join Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo On alderman Rose's suggestion the matter was left to the next meeting of the council.

Alderman Annable gave notice of motion for the expenditure of \$250 for shade trees on the city streets.

The council then adjourned to Feb. 19 at 8 o'clock.

generally amended with a view to simplicity and greater strictness in qualifications. In many departments classes that have never been filled have been dropped.

The directors wish to have the revised lists before the public long enough to induce helpful criticism asd süggestions before they are finally adopted.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 o'clock with J. J. Malone, president, an the chair, D. C. McMorris, secretary, H. C. Selous, F. A. Starkey, W. S. Pearcy, J. A. Kirkpatrick, J. A. irving, C. G. Broadwood, J. W. Holmes, J. Hyslop, T. Morley, A. B. Shannon, G. C. Hodge, S. M. Brydges and M. S. Parry. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

T. Morley and C. G. Broadwood, members of a special committee, reported that

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL

Triple Event at Nelson Skatisg Rink Last

Night
The carnival at the Nelson skating rink last evening was a very brilliant and enjoyable affair. The attendance was good the ice was splendid and the costumes picturesque and pretty. The prizes were won as follows:

REVISING PRIZE LISTS PHOENIX HOSPITAL MEETING FAIR DIRECTORS WANT DEFINITE

A Good Record For the Past Year-Directors Elected. RULES FOR JUDGING (Special to The Daily News) OUTSIDE FIRMS CONTRIBUTING GEN-EROUSLY IN SUPPORT

Phoenix, Feb. 3.—The annual general neeting of the Phoenix General Hospi tal was held at the office of the secretary Thursday evening, when report were submitted for the past year and directors elected for the ensuing year. President C. P. Hunter was in the hair, with J. L. Martin as secretary there being the best attendance ever held at a meeting of this kind in the history of the institution. The audi-tors report showed that everything was n a good shape, while the report secretary Martin gave evidence of the excellent work done in the hospital for the last twelve months, special credit the last tweive months, special creative being given to the capable nursing staff under Miss Howe, the matron. The receipts of the year were \$8943, with a small balance on hand.

The following were chosen directors.

considering the question of better freight rates in the Boundary and a de-

cision would be reached shortly. Ald. Spraggett spoke emphatically
against existing freight rates and urg-

ed the meeting to pass a strong reso

lution asking the railway commission to enquire into the matter. It was fin-

ally decided not to take any action for

the present until both railways an-nounced their final decision.

Duncan Ross, M.P., will leave for Ot-

tawa in a few days. During his absence his editorial chair on the Green-

wood Times will be taken by H. O amb, formerly of the Winnipeg Trib-

H. W. Worthington, superintende

for Toronto shortly to report condition

to his company.

The city solicitor's salary has be

reduced from \$75 to \$50 a month.

mith, Jr., J. A. Crawford, L. Y. le and W. A. Pickard, with one to b appointed by the provincial governme

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCI

INTRODUCED.

LABOR PARTY IS INSPIRED BY SUCCESS IN GREAT BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News)
Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The dominion government will introduce a Sunday Obse vance bill during the next session. The bill will be on the lines of the draf measure presented to the government by the executive of the Lord's Day Alliance. It is admittedly a difficulty problem to deal with as the views and customs of the dofferent provinces are s disimilar. Hon. C. Fitzpatrick, ministe of justice, has charge of the matter.

The report that the dominion government and the United States are arrang-

ing to mark out where the boundary between Alaska and Canada runs along the 141st parallel is not correst.

Yukon statistics show a decrease in the last fiscal year but the balance of trade is largely in favor of Canadian

goods.

The secretary of the Dominion Trade and Labor Congress says that the scheme for placing labor candidates in the field at the next dominion election in all the cities of the dominion has been informally discussed but nothing has as yet been officially decided upon Labor men in Canada are inspired by the recent success of labor candidates i Britain.

GRAND FORKS PERSONALS.

(Special to The Daily News)
Grand Forks, Feb. 5.—D. E. McKe zie, grand master of the I.O.O.F. fo C., paid an official visit to Gatew lodge on Saturday and was suitable en tertained. He paid a high complimen to the local members on the prosper ous condition of the lodge.

Dave Woodhead, the recently appoint ed pound keeper, has run in a doze horses, belonging to prominent people, which were straying about the streets. Hansen White has gone into the sta ionery business at Phoenix.

Adam Wonder has been appointed

manager of the Moyie brewery.

Contractor Martin has finished mammoth ice building for P. Burns

A large addition is being built to Joseph Simpson's residence.

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(Special to The Daily News)

Ymir, Feb. 5—Glipin Brown of San Francisco, consulting engineer of the Ymir
Gold Mines, Limited, came in on tonight's
train and left for the mine. The visit of
this eminent engineer is to consult with
manager Hand regarding the new developmnt work that the company intends to go
ahead with.

G. H. Barnhart, mining engineer for the
Second Relief Mines, has tendered his resignation to manager Cooper, to take effect Feb. Z. Mr. Barnhart finds that his
many interests will not allow him to continue with the company. Under the supervision of Mr. Barnhart the property
has been developed in a systematic manner
and big returns have been made, and it
it is with regret the management is compelled to accept the resignation.

Dr. F. E. Morrison of Nelson, was a visitor here today.

thern cut the figures down his road would do the same. Mr. Burnham stat-ed that the officials of his road were

tetters should reach this ofnce not later than Friday morning to obtain a reply in the following Sunday's issue. In connection with this department The Daily News is publishing every Sunday a series of articles on the "Rarer Metals," four of these have appeared— on Tungsten, Nickel, Cobalt Ores, and Mercury. Appended is the fifth of the series, on Platinum.

PLATINUM

Platinum was first discovered early in the eighteenth century in South America being imported into Europe by a Spaniard named Ullos, in 1735. It derives its name from "platins" or "plata," the Spanish word for silver it is found in nearly every mining country in the world, but usually in very small quantities. Very little is known about the conditions of its existence, as it is almost entirely found in alluvial or placer formation. The only known source in the world from which platinum is obtained in any appreciable quantity in lode mining, is in the Sudbury mines; Ontario, where it occurs in combination with nickel in the pyrhotite of that district. Specimen pieces having been found to run as high as 35 per cent in platinum though usually it is considerably lower grade. There are several properties in British Columbia and the states in which platinum is found in combination with gold but no returns agre available to quote anything definite about them.

As stated before, most of the platinum is obtained from placer mines, which are invariably in the clase proximity to serpentine. In fact the gravel beds in which it is found are more often than not, mainly composed of serpentine. Another curious feature about this metal is that whenever it is found in placer glong, chromite or chrome iron is always found. This mineral has an iron black color with a metallic lustre, and a brown streak. It is very brittle and slightly magnetic. Whenever it is found in placer ground it can safely be said that there is platinum in the neighborhood.

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Some few years back a considerable quantity of platinum was found in the Similkameen and Lillooet districts of British Columbia. This was found in placer diggings where gold only was expected.

Some difficulty is encountered in saving its values as it will not amalgamate with mercury in its native state, but

sand.

Locally it has been found in Hall creek, Pend d'Orielle river, and Rover creek, as well as in the Wild Horse district, East Kootenay, but not in any paying quantity.

Platinum which is a brilliant silvery

white metal with a slight tinge of blue, is never found pure. It is always associated with iron, osmoridium and other very rare metals. To obtain it pure or even partially pure is an ex-tremely difficult thing to do. Practi-cally only one firm in the world do this class of business and that is Messrs. Johnson, Matthey & Co., of London, who practically control the platinum business of the world. Their process of refining crude platinum is somewhat complicated. Briefly it may be outlined as follows: The crude metal is treated with an equal weight of galena in a reverberatory furnace. The iron pres-ent reduces the lead which forms an alloy with the platinum. Ground glass and borax are then added to remove other impurities, as well as litharge to further oxidize any sulphur remaining The allay is then run into ingots, which are afterwards cupelled, leaving the platinum with oridium and rhodium. In this condition the metal is suitable for ordinary commercial purposes, such as electric lamps, photographic work, etc., but for chemical work it has to be

further purified which is an extremely slow and tedious process, Platinum is the heaviest metal known that is continually used, only two very rare metals being heavier, but even though it is so heavy it has been drawn out into wire so fine that it would take a mile of it to weigh one grain. It is largely used in chemical laboratories owing to its not fluxing except at very high temperatures. When heated it expands so very little that it is possible to fuse it into glass, without the

latter cracking upon cooling. By this means our electric lamps are made possible.

THE WEATHER Meteorological Conditions Prevailing in Nelson During Month of January Nelson During Month of January
The weather prevailing during the month
of January last was somewhat unusual,
both that the snowfall was greater and
that the temperature was higher taken all
through, than the average conditions during the past three years. The highest
temperature recorded was 42 on January
24, and the lowest 6 degrees, occurring on
Jan. 8. This is four degrees lower than the
record for the month. The greatest range
of temperature was thus 37 degrees but
the average range was 9.2, or .5 degrees
more than usual. The average maximum

The Daily News, as already announced has instituted a mining department in connection with its Sunday issues.

Correspondence from miners and all interested in the industry is specially solicited. Advice will be given upon samples of ore submitted under conditions already published. Samples and letters should reach this office nod later than Friday morning to obtain a reply in the following Sunday's issue.

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In connection with this department The Daily News is publishing every the more than the average. The total precipitation, however, was 3.85 inches, or .73 inch more than usual. On 18 days during the month rain or snow fell, and on only 16 days was the sun visible, being 3 days more and 3 days less than average respectively.

The most prolonged frost of the month only lasted three days, there being only eight days in the month when the mercury did not rise above freezing point, and on the contrary there were eight nights when the mercury did not fall below that register.

AGAIN BREAKS RECORD

WEEK'S ORE SHIPMENTS HIGHEST

IMPORTANT RECENT MINING DE-VELOPMENTS

Total SLOCAN AND KOOTENAY

GRANBY RECEIPTS

Total B. C. COPPER SMELTER . 3,050 12,539 Total . DOMINION COPPER Zotal 3,756

TRAIL SMELTER

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Roi No. 2 722 145

Roi No. 2 742 305

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118 33 33,304 Total ... HALL MINES SMELTER

Emma ... 137 St. Eugene ... 204 Arlington, Erie ... 41 MARYSVILLE SMELTER

101 tons. COMMISSIONERS GAZETTED

Nelson Appointments are Rose, Annable, Lamont and Irvine Lamont and Irvine
In the last number of the provincal Gazette appears the appointments of alderman W. O. Rose and Peter Lamont as
license commissioners, and of aldermen J.
E. Annable and William Irvine as police
commissioners for this city. Mayor Gillett is ex-officio a member of both boards.
Other license commissioners gazetted are
as follows:

ADVERTISING THE CITY Late Scheme not Meeting With Gen.eral

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The committee, consisting of J. M. Lay,
F. M. Black and J. A. Turner, who were
appointed by the joint meeting of the board
of trade and the tourist association, neid
last week for the purpose of considering
the best methods of advertising the city,
and which was to interview the city councial meeting of the board of trade to be
held last evening, came to the conclusion
that the scheme as outlined by the joint
meeting, had no chance of acceptance at
the hands of the general public and consequently have not procedd with it.

Enquiring among the business men and
the ratepayers of the city generally by
the committee, disclosed a strong hostility
to the raising of a special fund of \$3000 by
a money bylaw. It was pointed out that
although the money was supposed to be
in the hands of trade for expenditure yef
it hardly could be considered by the city
council. For that body, as guardians of the
public purse, must exercise some kind of
a direction over the expenditure of public
money. On the other hand businessmen an
autopayers declared that the scheme was
not sufficiently well thought out and that
\$3000 was a large sum of money to be given
for purposes which might not, after all,
serve the end to which they were devoted.

Public opinion was so emphatic that this
scheme has died almost still born. But the
board of trade has by no means come to
the limit of its endeavors. The importance
of advertising the city is fully recognized
and at the next meeting of the board
which will occur tomorrow evening, the

VEIN OF HIGH GRADE GALENA IS FOUND IN LARDEAU MINE

PROSPECTORS AND CLAIM OWNERS

Those who have been in the camps of the Lardeau district recently say that the promise of reviving activity in that region is greater now than it has been at any time during the last three years. Mining development there has been retarded by a combination of causes. The properties are nearly all held by men who have little or no capital of their own. Outside investors have had their interest in Lardeau diminished by seeing some of the best properties tied up by protracted litigation, and also by the fact that several organizations that have begun work apparently with ample capital have mismanaged their assets not accomplished nothing in the way of real development.

During the last

During the last two years, however, the prospectors and claim owners have been working on their own account, slowly and with inadequate equipment, but efficiently enough to demonstrate that the mineral is there in quantity and quality sufficient to warrant thorough exploitation.

One of the most recently developed properties is the Sunshine, close to the well known Silver Cup. W. Davis, who was at the Sunshine a few days ago and is now in Nelson, says that a great deal has already been accomplished in drifting and crosscutting at low levels, and that a vein of high grade galena, 14 inches wide, has already been traced for more than 50 feet.

some nice and very laudatory things were said of many of the faithful workers and the conductor of the society. R. M. Macdonald was presented with a particularly handsome and luxurious library, chair in token of appreciation of the work which has brought the society so well to the front during its short career. It was unanimously determined that as the musical work of the society had proved of so much benefit to its members that the remainder of the winter be devoted to a furtherance of the musical objects of the society and the committee has been called upon to decide what shall be the nature of the new work to be entered upon. It is probable that it will take a lighter turn than the Creation, recently presented. There is, however, no immediate idea of any performance. Such may take place or, on the other hand, the work done this season, be perfected at a later date during the fall. After the business of the evening was over the members indulged in some singing and a pleasant hour or so, was spent in various social enjoyments.

HOSPITAL AID REPORT HOSPITAL AID REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid society was held yesterday afternoon in the hall of St. Paul's church at 3 o'clock. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Dewar, for 1905, which was not completed in time for the January meeting, was presented. The expenditures were as follows:

H. L. Dawes 5.00

Hospital supplies 55.70

Making nightshirts 9.30

Stationery 1.45

Vases 3.76

Milk 1.50

Fruit 15.00

Fruit 50.00

Donation hospital board 50.00

GRAFTING IN COAL. Commissioners for this city. Mayor Gillett is ex-officio a member of both boards. Other license commissioners gazetted are as follows:
Grand tForks—Alderman Robert Cj.w.
David Whiteside.
Fernie—John: Lorne and E. L. Wrigteworth.
Trail—Alderman A. Donaldson and F. E. Dockerill.
Phoenix—Alderman M. H. Kane and W. X. Macdonald.
Kaslo—H. Giegerich and L. Hanna.
Rossland—Alderman L. A. Campbell and New York, Feb. 7.-Mayor McClel-

PARLIAMENT SUMMONED

The Dominion House Will Open at Ottawa on March 8th

Extensive Extensions and Improvements are Planned by Grand Trunk Pacific Railway-Maisonneuve Election

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, Feb. 3.-Notice is given in the Dominion Gazette today summoning parliament to assemble on Thursday. March 8th.

next session of parliament by the Pacific Northern & Omineca railway to construct and operate a railway from the junction of the Skeena and Copper riv-

asking for incorporation for the purpose of building lines to connect with the transcontinental line. The railway dir-ectors of the new company will be prac-tically the Grand Trunk Pacific direc-

tically the Grand Trunk Pacific directorate.

It is provised to build branch lines to Halifax, St. John, Montreal and Ottawa, in eastern Canada. A greater number of branches, however, will be built in the west. Among these will be branches to Calgary, Battleford, Brandon, Regina and Hudson's Bay. It is also the intention to have a branch to Vancouver, as well as another along Vancouver island, making direct connection with Victoria. The intention is to build 23 branches in all.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will also ap-

to build 23 branches in all.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will also apply next session for power to guarantee the bonds of any company incorporated for the construction of branch lines or for the acquisition of its rolling stock, and to make necessary working agreements with such companies, whose bonds are so guaranteed.

The Grand Trunk Pacific also asks for tenders for construction from Touch-

tenders for construction from Touch-wood Hills to within 25 miles of Edwood Hills to within 25 miles of Edmonton.

Among the branches which the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch company applies for leave to construct is one from Dawson to the transcontinental branch; on Vancouver island from the north shore along the western side of the island to Victoria, and another is from Vancouver to the junction with the Northern & Omineca railway.

The Maisonneuve bye-election takes place on February 23.

Mr. Justice Oulmet, of the King's bench of Quebec, has resigned, and Mr. justice Lavergne, of Montreal, judge of the Superior court, has been promoted in his place.

Mr. justice Oulmet was formerly do-

his place.

Mr. justice Ouimet was formerly dominion minister of public works, in the last conservative government.

It is reported that D.-D. Mackenzie, M.P., Cape Breton, is to be appointed to the bench. It is said that he is to get the position held by the late judge Dodds.

WILL MEET-IN NELSON

ERS' ASSOCIATION FOR 1907 JAMES JOHNSTONE'S INVITATION AC-

The mission of James Johnstone to the coast has been successful, and the next annual meeting of the British Columbia

annual meeting of the British Columbia Bruit Growers' association will be held in Nelson.

Twice the provincial association has held its quarterly meetings in Nelson, but the annual general meeting of the association has never yet been held away from the capital. The importance of the two interior fruit growing districts, Kootenay and the Okanagan, has been repeatedly recognized officially by the provincial authorities, and at last it has been decided to hold the annual meeting for 1907 in the Kootenay capital.

James Johnstone, president of the Kootenay association was sent as delegate to the provincial meeting with instructions to extend an invitation to the association to hold its next meeting in Nelson. The invitation was given and accepted yesterday at the opening session. The news was telegraphed to The Daily News by James Johnstone last night.

He also states that the Banksian medal, the highest award of the Royal Horticultural society for district exhibits of fruit at the society's annual show, which was won last November by the Kootenay district has arrived from London, accompanied by a special message of congratulations from the executive of the society. The news of both facts will be acceptable to those who have gratuitously devoted their time and energies to convince theworld that the fruit growing capabilities of Kootenay are not second to those of any other district in Canada.

THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Past and Present Correspondence on the Subject The details of the aplication to Andrew Carnegie for a free public library in Nelson and the conditions on which it will be granted are contained in letters that passed between Mrs. J. Laing Slocks and Mrs. F. T. Frost, of Smith's Falls, treasurer of the National Council of Women of Canada, who has been a successful applicant.

The following extracts contain the terms: He gives whatever sum you ask for, requiring from the town a bond for ten per cent of the amount to be given annually for maintenance. The town of Smith's Falls received \$11,000. The town grants \$500 annually and the balance of the requirement, \$600 is guaranteed by private subscription.

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Ex-mayor Fletcher stated yesterday that during the first year of his mayor alty, 1991, he applied to Andrew Carnegle, and received a reply containing practically the same offer as the one now being considered. He dropped the scheme after a little discussion because he found it to be the general opinion that the city could not afford to guarantee an annual grant of an amount sufficient to maintain a library,

BY NARROW MAJORITY

Second Reading of Bill Reducing Candidates' Deposit

Measures for Higher Education in British Columbia Approved of Unanimously--The Details

(Special to The Daily News) Press Gallery, Legislative Assembly Victoria, Feb. 5.—The feature of this afternoon's session of the legislature was the adoption of the second reading of Hawthornthwaite's bill to amend the Provincial Elections' Act, by reducing the deposit of candidates from \$200 to

The debate was adjourned on Friday last, on a point of order raised by Henderson (Yale) to the effect that as the bill affected revenue it therefore could not be introduced by a private member, the speaker reserving his decision.

This afternoon the speaker ruled the point of order not well taken. The de-bate was then resumed by Henderson, who was followed by J. A. Macdonald,

who was followed by J. A. Macdonald, and Cameron (Victoria), who all opposed the bill. A vote being taken resulted as follows:

For—Tanner, Davidson, Hall, Hawthornthwaite, Williams, McBride, Bowser, Garden, Taylor, Wright, Young, Cifford, MacGowan, A. McDonald, Wilson, Manson—16.

Against—King, Brown, Murphy, Jones, Oliver, J. A. Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Paterson, Cameron, Tatlow, Cotton, Ellison, Fulton, Grant—15.

The only other business of any interest was the second reading of bills 23, and 24, dealing with the incorporation of the Royal Institute of Learning, and authorizing the establishment by McGill university of a college in this province.

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In moving the second reading of bill
23, Fulton, minister of education, pointed out that this bill must be considered
with bill 24. He said the object of the
measure was to secure for British Columbia advantages of university training without incurring the enormous expense which would be entailed by establishing a provincial university, an
expense altogether beyond the present
means of the province. McGill university for the past 12 years had been assisting in higher education in British
Columbia through affiliated colleges at
Vancouver and Victoria. As a result of
the growth of this work, McGill sent a
delegation to the province to see if it
were possible to enlarge and extend
their influence in the interest of British
Columbia students. The outcome of this
enquiry was the present bills, to enable
McGill to co-operate in the establishment of a university college in this province. The adoption of these bills
meant that McGill college would become
domiciled in British Columbia. A college would be immediately established
for the higher education of both men
and women, and such portions of the
university course given as is feasible
without duplicating the more expensive
equipment.

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3. Courses in chemistry and biology, the foundation subjects for the study of These courses will carry students to the point where specialization begins seriously, and where students begin to make use of the expensive equipment of the parent witcomes.

of the parent university. Students will then be able to complete their courses in two years.

(a) In arts, in all departments. (b) In engineering; (1) architectural; (2) chemical; (3) civil engineering and surveying; (4) mining engineering; (5) metallurgy; (6) transportationallurgy; (7) electrical engineering; (7) electrical engineering; (8)

(c) Arts and medicine, combined, in four years.

At once the university proposes to grant special certificates to all students completing a two years' course in arts.

A staff of from eight to ten men will be employed as soon as the work is well under way. The location of the college is left entirely with McGill uni-

The minister drew special attention to section 8 of bill 23, which provides for McGill taking charge of higher education in public schools, subject to approval of school boards of trustees. The minister further remarked that sir Wm. Macdonald has promised a grant in aid of this work of \$5000 for a period of three or five verse and hed promise. three or five years, and had promisfurther financial assistance if called

ipon Bills 23 and 24 then passed their Several bills were advanced a stage. Fraser (Grand Forks) presented a etition from residents of Yale district, king that the West Kootenay Power Light Comany be allowed to extend elr lines to supply power in the

undary district. (Specia: to The Daily News)
Press Gallery, Legislative Assembly, ictoria, Feb. 6.—Beyond the consideration of the McGill university bills in ommittee, there was nothing doing of the post it today, assistant to the consideration of the control of iterest in today's session of the legis-

With regard to the bills affecting the stablishment in this province of a col-ege of McGill university, several speak-rs, notably the leader of the opposi-

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