At the time of writing it is not clear whether direct responsibility rests upon anyone for the addition of the latest chapter to the melancholy marine history of the Northwest.

The Clallam is wrecked; many homes are in mourning under circumstances which must intensify grief almost beyond the point of human endurance. Whether the responsibility can be conveniently placed upon the shoulders of Providence must be demonstrated by inquiry.

Last night was not an exceptionally rough one. There was apparently a combination between the elements and unsuspected weaknesses in the structural formation of the ship, the result being a terrible disaster.

There is little satisfaction in the she would have been able to withstand any wind and to successfully encounter fy. Business is the one consideration the marble with seeming life, to deliver which governs in such matters. It is orations, to preach sermons, to admonish ideal craft for such a run, was mainof religion, these are the mere pastimes kind which tempts to suicide and all ably without loss to the owners.

In the midst of our grief at the

thought of the untimely and terrible end of so large a number of people, there is of his predecessor, Mars. comfort in the thought that there was hood and thought first of saving their own lives, leaving the weaker portion of the company to look after their personal safety. Captain Roberts and those under him upheld the honorable traditions of Britons and Americans. There was no panic on the ship. When it was realized that the vessel was doomed the Loats were launched and the women and children were given the first, and apparently the only, chance of saving their lives. The result was disastrous, but the act was kindly and the intentions were good. Those saved were all taken from the helpless ship.

It undoubtedly seems extraordinary that when the doomed vessel was in sight of Victoria, but too evidently in dire distress, that from this city of almost multitudinous craft of all descriptions, no hand could be effectually stretched forth to save. The nature of the extremity surely could not have been realized, or something might have been accomplished.

Conventional expressions of sympathy for the bereaved must seem but poor attempts at comfort at this time of sorrow. Victoria mourns for the afflicted, and her people will do all in their power to lighten the burden of sorrow.

West's expectations run high. The various municipal candidates are ready to promise all things and the ratepayers of the suburb with legitimate grievances hope for all things. As far as the memory of the average citizen runneth back, new schools, an improved water service, more bridges, the settlement of the great Craigflower road controversy. the removal of the Songhees Indians and the division of the ward have been solemnly promised. We shall be listening to the old story again next year, with the sewerage problem and the fumes from the chemical works added to give piquancy to the whole,

And yet the various grievances are sus ceptible of settlement if they were but assailed with spirit and determination.

Opposition, 4: Labor, 10. House of the paths of peace, and they will not be road dispute and the sulphur fumes

Representatives, Ministerialists, 30: Op-content with less when they encounter are somewhat too subtle in their nature to grapple with and overthrow, but a Lower House, although only electing half hold that Russia will exhaust her anschool building might be erected if the representatives of the district were to manifest sufficient earnestness of purpose, and sewers are bound to be laid matic system of providing the funds has been put in operation. The septic tank system was viewed with some scepticism to prove that under constitutional forms when it was first proposed. But it has of government third parties have a seribeen put to the proof in places where greater demands have been made upon it. Deacon remains in power we suspect it the census of 1892. Japan's revenue for than is likely to be possible in any part | will be at the will of the Labor party, of Victoria for many years. The city and upon the wisdom and moderation of of Toronto is so situated as to permit the members of that party the Australof an apparently natural diversion of ians must rely for a time. But it will sewerage into Lake Ontario. A few years ago her city engineer would not less, and that is something which was listen to any proposal involving a departure from established customs in parture from established customs in prevent mischief such as is being inflict-sanitary matters. He has been coned upon British Columbia at the present verted by concrete examples of the efficacy of the new system. A large part thornthwaite conspiracy, it may be a year and travelling expenses from the of Toronto will soon be drained into artificial receptacles. The experience of system of re-ballots in order to secure Commissioner of Lands and Works, he Vancouver has not been such as to warrant the condemnation of septic tanks. So there is hope for Victoria West and others sections of the city which have been cut off by nature from our costly less men to conspire to defeat the popular is not an ordinary Minister of the Crown. senarate sewerage system.

division of the city assail her grievances gain, it is surmised, was made previous him, he would probably find his energies singly and with determination, directing to the British Columbia general elections. taxed in the administration of his detheir assault upon one wrong at a time, Its culmination was probably not fore- partment. It would be interesting to and before the advent of another muni- seen by the Premier, who is not a man know how many hours the bustling min cinal contest the list of subjects for dis- of preternatural prescience. We cannot ister and deep politician has spent in his cussion by prospective mayors and alder- say whether Conservatives who regard office since he commenced to draw that men should be considerably reduced, with some degree of concern the future salary of \$5,118.50 a year, with travel-How would it do to tackle the reserve of the province are agreeable to the ling expenses amounting to a hand of the great maelstrom. But we shall question first. It has been contended sentiments of the government when it some sum by way of extra honorarium. that it is in the power of the provin- announces through its Socialist masters

THE WRECK OF THE CLIALLAM, cial government to settle that contro- that with his household effects and managing the job of selecting a can great London dailies. The Associated way of the removal of the tribe?

WHAT WILL WILLIAM DO?

The world should be filled to day with of British Comming. And, even if it knotenays.

And, even if it knotenays.

It is possible that the Premier of British considering that the shadow of the described course of voice culture and will be a scribed course of voice culture and will be a strongly and the preparations. And, even if it knotenays.

It is possible that the Premier of British comming that the preparations for the butchery did not vice tendered him by the Times. If the were amenable to reason, we should endeavor to convince him that the people of the province are not pleased with gle between Russia and Japan.

We have always stood uncovered in wonder and admiration when this lm- simply an excuse for a bargain entered thought that if the craft had been larger | perial Majesty broke forth in a new rhapsody, displaying talent of an unsus- prove profitable to those interested. pected character. But the various dis every sea that runs in the straits. It must plays were mere decorative effects in his be assumed that the vessel was as large many-sided disposition. To write poetry, and as powerful as the amount of busi- to compose music, to lead orchestras, to ness carried on between the ports of correct the mistakes of professional the Sound and Victoria would justi- musicians, to paint pictures, to endow true the City of Kingston, seemingly the those inclined to heterodoxy in matters tained in the service for years, presum- of one ordained to bear the crown of the United Fatherland. His serious business

a somewhat more restricted sphere, one event, by the interposition of Providence, the the best of terms with his beloved cousin, commanders have no doubt taken notes of the revolution that has been wrought VICTORIA WEST'S GRIEVANCES. enemy of the Teutons. Verily, the situ-by the Japanese. It is just a question Liberal constituency, and will decline, in whether the Ensians are temperamental-a very pronounced voice, to assist in the This is the season when Victoria the great powers girding up their loins that campaign. good while since the British fleet acted

> very liable to become hysterical as he listens to "war's dread alarums."

under such significant orders.

REFORM MAY BE DEMANDED.

In the absence of information to the contrary, we suppose it is safe to assume the government of the Austrian Commonwealth has not been changed, although it is in a minority as compared with the two parties which opposed it in the general elections. The final detailed results are: Senate, Ministerialists, 5; duetrial. position, 26; Labor, 18. As the minisfor people of ordinary mental penetration terial body is still the largest one in the as many members to the Senate as the tagonist and drive her within her own Labor party, we suppose it has been permitted to retain power, but whether with the connivance of the straight Opposition in course of time, now that an autorevealed.

The result in the Commonwealth seems ously disturbing effect. If Premier be government by a miniority neverthed army—the largest charges on her revenue not contemplated under our system. To time by reason of the McBride-Haw- F. Green, of Kaslo, is drawing \$5,118.50 necessary to adopt the German or French the return of members who are really should give the maximum of attention Let the representatives of the western The McBride-Hawthornthwaite bar- the post of Chief Commissioner before

The world should be filled to-day with of British Columbia. And, even if it Kootenays. they put forward such a plea. It is

JAPAN AND HER NEIGHBORS.

be considered unfortunate—that there is pending, or in process of enactment to sorts of reckless escapades. -

In this year of grace 1904 we shall in life as the head of the greatest of have no race for the American Cup, but, military powers is to ride in the chariet by way of compensation, Japan and Russia are squaring up to each other, and We are quite sure William would have the prospects are bright or gloomy, ac Nelson Wednesday nominated Mr. Chas. Armies made up of such material are no ground for the first suspicion that been overtaken by a fit of some kind if cording to the point of view, for a fight McIntosh, presently of Rossland or the male passengers and crew of the he had been refused permission to pose to a finish. From a merely spectacular Vancouver, recently of Regina, and at this critical time in the world's his-tory. Therefore we rejoice at the infor-person who is so unfortunately consti-the party in Kootenay for election to mation that all disabilities have been re- tuten that he cannot behold in such a the House of Commons. The Liberals mation that all disabilities have been removed; that voice and pen are once more conflict the misery, sufferings and injushave not chosen their standard bearer, the dualifications necessary to run for at the service of the world. We hope they tice witch must fall upon unoffending but it is pretty safe to assume that they will be used more discreetly than on the people from the peaks of selfishness and will again endorse the candidature of in this year's running. It might do for occasion of the dispatch of a celebrated | self-interest the war between Japan and Mr. W. H. Galliher, M.P. telegram to another would-be dictator in , Russia will appear a most interesting

by the interposition of Providence, the the great test, the avianty with which attitude of Emperor William, who is they profit by the experience of the British Columbia constituency. But once more upon a war footing, may be neighbors whose movements they closely these, with the added virtue of a genial in the formation of armies and the come more complex. No one can foresee | ly capable of profiting to the same ex- attempted resuscitation of even so inter-

Then the fighting value of m ships of war has yet to be demonstrated. at least to the great masses of the people, who are excluded from the con-A very great deal depends upon the tower, the bridge the turret and the discretion of Emperor William, who is engine room when experiments are under way. Navigation is a comparatively new science to the Japanese also, and whether they have acquired in the course of a generation of so the proficiency which is to some extent bred in the bone of men whose ancestors have ploughed the main for generations yet remains to be demonthat in everything to which they have set their hands the Japs have applied themselves with an enthusiasm which has not only deserved, but has won suc

cess. They have adopted the methods of their more advanced neighbors in everything spolitical, commercial and in-dustrial. They have achieved success in their enemies in battle. The men who are ready to venture an opinion upon all strongholds. The war may end sooner than is expected. The smaller nation should in the beginning have many advantages, not the least of which will be immediate proximity to her supply base and she might contrive to make Russia's emoteness somewhat embarrassin The population of Japan, with full fighting strength practically on the scene, was in 1899, 44,260,604, an increase of 1902-3 was 282,432,964 yen; expenditure, 281,753,195 yen. The yen is equal to about 50 cents in gold. Of Japan's exaditure in the last year 21,349,054 yen was for the navy, and 38,432,317 for the

except that for national debt THE ORGANIZER'S WORK

The Nelson Tribune says: "As Robe province of British Columbia as Chief representative of the will of the elec- to the duties of his office and the minitorate. As it is at present, it is possible mum to politics—especially Dominion for greedy, unscrupulous and conscience- politics." But Hon. Robert F. Green will before as well as after the elections. If he were as the men who have filed

versy in short order. The Dominion gov. wage or salary exempt, and his direct didate to represent the Conservative Press must make some concessions to ernment has reached a conclusion satis- tax limited to \$3 poll tax, the new As- party in the coming Federal fight in that the prejudices of its chief patrons, the factory to the Indians. All that is sessment Act contains nothing of conse- district. The Chief Commissioner was Americans. wanted is compliance with those terms | quence to the workingman. It resolves | anxious to secure the nomination of one by the province. What is the nature of itself into a squabble between different McAnn, who had rendered him good the obstruction that now stands in the factions of property owners." The Nelservice in the late provincial election. son Tribune points out that the majority Both the Commissioner and his nominee of workingmen in Kootenay are property were turned down, with the natural reowners. The same is true of the work: sult that John Houston is not the only rengmen of Victoria, and every other part bellious subject of King Green in the

scribed course of voice culture and will heaviest portion of the great burden of ple of the province are not pleased with be able with tongue and pen to express taxation that will be imposed under the his Assessment Act and that their wrath new Assessment Act. We doubt whether is not likely to be mollified by the specthe Socialists deceive themselves when tacle of this light-weight, small-calibre aural witness to share in his grim heeler flaunting himself through the constituencies at their expense upon business which will be prejudicial rather into, and which, we have no doubt, will than beneficial to provincial interests. If the Finance Minister is sincere in his desire to curtail expenditures he should insist upon Mr. Green placing that pow- of a peaceful settlement of the disagree-It is perhaps fortunate for the world under a bushel for a season, and thus question arises of the probable effect of the point of view of some it may save the province a large bill for travelof the conflict upon this neighborhood. generally some great, momentous event text of discharging a few public servants scene of activity is a together via the pending, or in process of enactment, to and appointing others in their stead. other route through the Mediterranean. keep at a distance the dreadful, depressing spirit of ennui, that enemy of man-kind which tempts to suicide and all as a people are bound to maintain him to the capacity of Hongkong and neighfor a time, the job will cost less here than it would anywhere else.

A M'INTOSH RESURRECTION.

The Conservative convention held at

Conservatives of Kootenay selected Mr. and to think of possible governors (save Kruger. Even emperors who did not The interest felt by the world in the McIntosh. He does not claim to be a Kruger. Even emperors who did not use their great powers with discretion pending struggle might as well be can-fully-fledged resident of the province, and make even the Muses weep and reduces have been known to fall and drop into didly admitted. It knows fairly well excepting that he was a candidate for the cause of education to South Africa. One seldom hears of changed circumstances, with rapid fire tive party. He has not worked in the right, even as school trustee, if a man's head is all right, and he has a good opinion seem to have discovered flaws in his contending armies. In some respects the est degree. Other than as a company of himself, to say nothing of contending armies. character since the date when it dawned individual will count for less than he did upon our neighbors that the goodwill of upo Great Britain was worthy of cultivation.

Now that war between Japan and Russia can, apparently, only be averted

25 years ago; in others more will depend upon individuality. While the Japanese have never been submitted to rather clever stumper, but these, we subthe great test, the avidity with which mit, are not the only qualifications hear him, fancled himself grossly insulted. of importance to the world. He is on watch cannot be denied. Their military disposition, are the only qualifications commanders have no doubt taken notes that Mr. Charles McIntosh, professional politician, possesses for the position of member for the electoral district of dained head of a magnificent despotism, has an offensive and defensive treaty despotism to the perfection to which arms for Kootenay. What they might accomplish occurres by the perfection to which arms for Kootenay or for British Columbia with republican France, the traditional enemy of the Teutons. Verily, the situthe end of the pending struggle, with all tent from the lessons to be drawn from esting a person as Mr. Charles McIntosh known to have been before he died politically and was buried.

An Eastern paper says the North Ren frew election is to be protested. It is stated the Tories spent \$25,000 in the fight. Bob Birmingham will have an opportunity of telling the court what he was doing on the side lines for six months prior to the election. Birmingham is one of the organizers who struck because his salary had fallen into arrears. We believe the party keeps three gentlemen of this class in steady jobs. or men who deprecate machinery, the Tories keen their machine in fairly good working order.

In reply to the assertion of the News-Advertiser-Colonist that the McBride government's policy meet's with the approval of the entire press of the proof twenty-two papers published in the Kootenays but one supports the present administration wholeheartedly. That one is the Nelson Economist, a weekly. On the coast the syndicate has the field almost entirely to itself. The sentiments of the people are undoubtedly correctly portrayed in the newspapers.

We had quite forgotten this was leap year until reminded of the fact by the following in the Hamilton Times: "Bachelors, beware! For eight years, as is your privilege at the century's end three times out of four, you have been protected. But the close season expires on Thursday at midnight, and on Friday morning you become fair game for the comes once more. Again, beware!"

Dr. Wade, formerly of Victoria, who has been conducting the Kamloops Sentinel for some time in a very able manner, has acquired the paper. The doctor will see to it that the Sentine maintains its commanding position in the journalistic ranks.

The result of the Kootenay Conservative convention seems to prove that the Nelson Tribune was not far astray when it said: "Robert F. Green of Kaslo is not a big man mentally; and he is no bigger politically than he is mentally."

The world has been a good deal amused by the importance that has been attached in the Associated Press dispatches to the landing of a handful of American marines in Korea. That score of men will (on paper) be the very vortex also receive news from other quarters, Mr. Green is at present in Kootenay principally taken from the reports of the

That Minneapolis man who called a friend to the telephone to listen to the dying shrieks of a woman he was murdering and to the sound of the shots which ended his own life was possessed of the dramatic instinct. The poor woman who was locked in the death chamtake matters so coolly as Desdemona. ly delighted in the agony of his victim or he would not have called upon an country, and in life and death her people are fond of variety.

Now that there appears to be no hope erful intellect and political light of his ment between Japan and Russia the ling expenses. That would look better in the public eye than the miserable preto the capacity of Hongkong and neighborhood.

> The Japanese are afraid of nothing under heaven. The spirit of the little Ghourkas of India is within them. hard to beat: Remember that when you disparage the Japanese.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

To the Editor:-If gall and a "gift of the alderman, but when the position and de-It is difficult to understand why the liberations of school trustees are considered, the mark?) of the Victoria College among have been known to fall and drop into an analyse and the glory of the man who aspired to the dignity of presiding over a united Dutch conditions which are of the past. It does not know how thew will act under changed circumstances with rapid fire. was called by God to preach, but when told he was more cut out for a farm hand as of restoring waste of tissue and impover-God must have forgotten to call anyone to ishment of the blood and nervous force

Victoria: B. C., 7th Jan., 1904. VANCOUVER NEWS.

Jap Gets Five Years for Stabbing Countryman-Health of Terminal City.

ack on Takahama by Yamachi was a the food as are required for the h

The annual meeting of the Women's coms, The following resolution carried:
"That it is the conviction of the Women's Auxiliary that there should be three lady members on the hospital board, and that we respectfully ask the board to consider the advisability of having their by-laws amended so as to enable them to be appointed." Mrs. W. H. Griffin, president of the L. O. T. M., is the new president. Mrs. B. T. Rogers and Mrs. C. Gardiner Johnson were chosen first and second vice-presidents respectively. Mrs. Hart (nee Miss Clendenning) was chosen ecretary-treasurer for the coming year As Mrs. las, boils, pimples, and other eruptions that mar and scar the skin. Pure blood Hart is at present out of the city, the position will, of course, be subject to her run down, debilitated condition which so

position will, of course, be subject to her acceptance on her return.

A considerable reduction in the number of cases of infectious diseases in the city dust year, as compared with 1902, is shown in the annual report of Mr. R. Marrion, health inspector, which has been prepared.

During 1903 there were 155 cases of infections. tious disease, as against 479 in the previous year. Deaths during the year from infectious diseases amounted to eight only, seven from diphtheria and one from scarlet fever. Inspector Marrion adds that scarlet fever and diphtheria were most prevalent during the last four months of the year. The majority of the cases were of a mild type, often misleading the parents, and naking it difficult to diagnose the disease until after it had been transmitted to others. A constant supervision was maintained over Chinatown, which was kept

DIED FROM WOUNDS.

husband-hunting misses. Leap year Conductor Injured by Masked Highwaymen

Salt Lake, Utah. Jan. 8 .- Conductor Thomas Brighton, of the Consolidated Street railway, who was yesterday shot by a masked highwayman, is dead. The police have arrested John Shockleigh in conne tion with the hold-up and murder. The street car men of the city, infurlated by the deed, made an ineffectual attempt to storm the city jail and lynch him.

BIG BLAZE AT DETROIT. Man Seriously Injured-Property

Estimated at \$60,000. Detroit. Mich., Jan. 8.-Charles Dezra an employee of the Bailey Company, manufacturers of models and art statuary, was

seriously, and perhaps fatally, burned in a \$60,000 fire in a manufacturing building at Porter and 21st streets to-day. The Bailey Company's loss is \$30,000. FAMOUS SINGER ILL.

London, Jan. 8.-Antoinette Sterling (Mrs. J. Mackinlay), the ballad singer, and ously ill at her London residence.



An Imitation of Nature's Method of restoring waste of tissue and impoveris used when you take an alterative extract of herbs and roots, without the use of alcohol, like Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This vegetable medicine facture a pint of rich, arterial blood, that coaxes the digestive functions and helps is pure, stimulating to the brain, and in the assimilation of food, or rather that can rebuild the fissues that were takes from the food just the nutriment destroyed in yesterday's work.

the blood requires. Along with its use one should take ex- tion for some thirty years, at times, Yamachi, who ran amuck in a boarding ercise in the outdoor air, get all one can writes Mr. S. W. Mullenax, of Circleuse and wounded Takahama, and whose of God's sunlight and air; a mild breath- ville, W. Va., "and have used medicine trial was adjourned from December 30th ing exercise practiced each day. This from several of our best physicians, last, was found gullty by the police magis "Medical Discovery" gives no false which gave me only a little temporary trate on Wednesday and sentenced to hive stimulation, because it does not contain years in the penitentiary. The severity of alcohol or a narcotic. It helps digestion Last winter I was stricken with the the sentence is due to the fact that the and the assimilation of such elements in worst spell that I ever had. I suffered very vicious one, and nearly resulted in the Instead of a cod liver oil, against which the already sensitive stomach will de-Auxiliary of the Vancouver general hos- pacifying action upon the sensitive stomclare open rebellion, this tonic has a ach and gives to the blood the food elements the tissues require. It maintains one's nutrition by enabling him to eat, retain digest and assimilate nutritious food It overcomes gastric irritability and symptoms of indigestion, and, in this way, fever, night-sweats, headaches, etc. are done away with.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies the blood and entirely eradicates that mar and scar the skin. Pure blood

tion-Troops Must Withdraw From Panama

New York, Jan. 8.-A fleet of warships s assembling at Colon, presumably with the purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Colombia, says a Herald dispatch from Panama.

Atrato river. Naval officers feel certain that it is the intention to compel Colombia either to withdraw her troops or fight. All the warships are due at Colon before Tuesday, prepared to start immedi-

ately for Cartegena.

It is believed in Colon that the Colombians are ready to fight. ENGLISH BYE-ELECTION.

Liberal Again Returned For the Ashburn Division of Devonshire.

London, Jan. 8 .- The bye-election is the Ashburn, or model division of Dev-onshire, yesterday, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of the Hon. Seale-Hayne, (Lib eral), resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate. H. T. Eve, by a majority of 1.476 over the Unionist candidate, General Sir Richard Harrison. This was partially due to Mr. Eve's local popularity. Otherwise it was attributed to opposition to Joseph Chamberlain's tariff proposals.

SELLS MEMBERSHIP

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Sir Thomas Linton has sold his membership on the board of trade at \$3,000. His packing plant was dispose of several months ago.

increases the activity of the blood-making glands, and it enriches the body with an abundant supply of pure, rich blood.

"I have been a sufferer from indige od with such severe pains in the pit of my stomach that I could neither work nor sleen and my weight went down from one hundred and sixty pounds in about two months' time. I then concluded that I would try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. By the time the first bottle was gone, I felt some relief from my severe suffering so continued until I had used four bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of Pellets. I am truly thankful for the great benefit which I have received from our medicine, and can cordially recom-

mend it to others." Know Thyself. Read all about yourself, your system, the physiology of life, anatomy, hygiene, simple home cures, etc., in The Common Sense Medical Adviser, a book of 1,000 pages. For cloth-bound copy send 31 cents in one-cent stamps, or overed 21 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

Tried to Cut His Throat and Afterwards Threw Himself in Front of Train.

Nanaimo, Jan. 8 .- A man named Donald Ferguson, engaged in getting out ties near Ladysmith for the E. & N. railway, made a deliberate attempt at suicide this morning. He did his best to cut his The authorities will insist upon the throat with a razor, but was prevented withdrawal of the Colombian army now by friends. Failing in this he lined up across the border this side of himself in front of an incoming coal train. The cowcatcher of the engine struck him on the back of the head, inflicting a nasty wound, but throwing him clear of the track. He is now in the hospital at Chemainus. He will be prose-

LORD DUNDONALD.

Report That He Will Be Appointed Inspector-General of Auxiliary Forces.

London, Jan. 8-It is reported that Major-General Dundonald, commanding the Canadian militia, will shortly leave Canada and succeed Major-General Sir Alfred Turner, as inspector-general of the auxiliary forces.

LIVERY DRIVERS' STRIKE.

Truce Ends To-Morrow and Fight in Chicago Will Be Renewed.

Chicago, Jan. 8 -A renewal of the strike of the livery drivers, which so interfered with funerals and pleasure parties before the Iroquois theatre fire, has been decided on by the union. The truce with the owners ends to-morrow.

Seven hundred and seventy-three millions of tons of coal are produced in the world

CANDIDATES SPEAK

MEETING IN SOUTH PARK FRIDAY E

icants to Aldermanic an Boards Presented Their Vi - Small Attendance.

At the meeting in Semple's ha day Wm. Maple presided. To ing was addressed by both the I ndidates and also by many idermanic and school trustee ca C. E. Redfern gave consider ention to the James Bay recoverk. Over \$140,000 had been ving about \$50,000 to con Of this about \$14,000 ded to provide for steps, The completion of this of the greatest importance to The C. P. R. had shown its fai future of Victoria in arrangin erection of an botel such as t ned. The city must complete in the arrangement so that the w

The question of streets and was always a difficult one to where there was such a mil streets and sidewalks to keep were 82 miles of streets and miles of sidewalks. Last year available only about 50 cents a would, if elected, see that the ture was as fairly distributed as over the city, keeping in view terests of it as a whole. He the introduction of a system tanks for Victoria West sewe would do what he could to con portion of the city with the vaterworks system, and thus waterworks system, and traces rexed question regarding rates. Referring to the fact that the reserve seemed nearing settle pointed out the advantages to 1 from public wharves. He sing every effort to induce the ion government to deepen the h was opposed to increasing the The license tax might be more justed he thought. As it now steres paid the same license fe Loans should at once be new schools-one in Victoria one in the central part of the Ald. G. H. Barnard, in ope plained his position with respondence sewering of the city. H the efforts he had made in tion. Living in an outlying d could sympathize with Victoria this respect. When he began in the city council only a part was sewered yet, all the city ing interest on the \$400,000 bor sewerage. He had worked to increased revenue. Two hund

spent and 71/3 miles of sewe which was nearly half of th length when he entered the of the had learned that the government declined to agree Dominion government as to a ander to excertain the ow land of the Indian reserve. then, as Vancouver had done of Stanley Park, secure the toria had been subjected to veniences arising from the r was entitled to the land. I sult in affording wharfage fa a site for a park. The mor on that part of the city woul benefit to Victoria West. W tlement of the reserve questi Victoria West would be ob bridge at Johnston street, o

sand had been borrowed and

tax part on, increasing the re \$11,000. Last year \$83,000

the present railway bridge.

The James Bay flats must once in order that no obstac placed in the way of the ere C. P. R. hotel. If the dred available for the purpose, the must complete the work.

He had become a candidat he learned that Mayor McC not seeking re-election, or the in the council were not wan believed in the principle aldermen who showed capa position to the mayoralty.

In reply to questions fro to Mr. Redfern as to bar Craigflower road, the old again thoroughly gone into.

Ald. Graham thought the Craigflower roadway should be n way. He suggested the exte street to Work street by away with Rock Bay brid work to keep up. The Tra pany would then bring the way. He dealt with many ters, showing the care which had taken with respect to tures. He favored a new toria West, and thought board might have got it if for that alone. He also ap eight-hour day for workmen he had done in this direct

Ald. Dinsdale protested withholding of money from The money given to the To ation would be better exp direction. The North War had not received as fair tree South Ward in the exper thought it would require strengthen the James Bay and advised waiting for the the filling next June, rath ity undertaking it alone.

J. L. Beckwith pointed of impossible to equally distr penditure in the three ward

seek, if elected, to have the put to work in Victor streets needed attention Ward. He also advocate tank system in Victoria W

J. F. Fullerton took th having been the first to sug ment of trade licenses. had been neglected. In tions referred to by