SILVER-LEAD INDUSTRY. Resolution Adopted by Mine Owners of

the Christmas Season.

East and West Kootenay.

At a meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon, B.C., at which fiftythree mining properties were repre-sented, the following resolution was presented by J. L. Parker of the North Star mine, and seconded by A. G. paid. It was decided to purchase a ma-Garde of the Payne Mining company, chine for cutting bread for the instituand carried unanimously :

Sind carried unanimously : Whereas the siter-real industry of Brit-ishr-ocanization in the provide and the unrashal reaches of the ore, the provide continuity of the vents and the favoragle natural con-ditions of inding in the provide, is, and for some time has been, in a decaming con-ution, Mrs. Toller and Mrs. Going were appointed visitors for the month of Jan-iary. The donors of goods and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken for \$100 from the charity concert were cordially thanked. The list of donations for December was as follows: Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, per charity

Vancement of both Eastern and Western Canada; Aud whereus our domestic market for vey, candy; Mrs. Harvey); Mrs. Har-

company is a large one, it embraces
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SUCCESSFUL TEST.

Voting Machine Owned by Victorians Used in Ontario on Monday. The feasibility of voting by machine othy McTavish, one dozen handker, chiefs; Mr. Hargraves, cash \$1; Mrs.

was completely demonstrated Monday Booth, bon-hons; Mrs. Goodacre, um-when the town council Orangeville, in brellas, work basket, games, paints and when the town could or angevine, in oremas, work obset, games, paints and the province of Ontario, was elected by books: Mrs. Morley, clothing; Mrs. Oli-the modern method. Four machines were employed, and instead of a tire-some wait of hours for the results to be able to give out the results of the day's two books; Miss L. A. Russell, candy tendance for December—The Returns. The school attendance for December exceeded 90 per cent., which is the letely established.

> company belongs the honor of first ex- ridge, work box and handkerchiefs; Lady ploiting this new field in Canada. The Joly de Lotbiniere, three pairs of chil Imperial Automatic Voting Machine dren's mittens; Miss Marjorie Sayward, Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Company, with headquarters and officers in this city, and with the majority of its shareholders residing here, also have for several years been perfecting a for several years been perfecting a model voting machine at great expense. A preliminary test was made at an election in Oshawa, Ont., two or three years ago, but since that time the device has been greatly improved the inventor having been working steadily with a corps of assistants in a Toronto workshop since that time. The machine used Monday is the result of these years of work, and is identical with th row on view in this city, and which the city council here highly recommended

few weeks ago. The company holds its annual meet-ing here in a month or so, when arrangements will be completed to start ada to the United States, Australia, Great Britain and several continental countries. It is claimed that the Cana-lian machine is a great improvement on the models now being made on the Am-erican side of the line, and Chicago parties are negotiating for the acquiremen

Philadelphia Jan 7 .--- When the strike coal region last year, resumed the preof Ashley, near Wilkesbarre, was the first witness. He testified that strikers

STREET CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED

THE COUNCIL DEFER ACTION UNTIL TO-DAY

Report - States That Good Quality Is Supplied.

Hayward from Captain Bernier, the Arctic explorer, was read at Mouday evenings' meeting of the city council ac- they have not been may be due to the knowledging the city's offer of assistance fact that the city officials have not infor the polar expedition. A lengthy dis- sisted on the work being done. He cussion took place over the condition cf wanted to see the streets placed in good the streets in the northern end of the condition at once. city adjoining the Terminal railway, and now out of repair, and among the other was only fair to the property holders features of last night's meeting was the that the streets be repain effort made by His Worship to bring Alds. Kinsman and Worthington forward the proposed by-law to amend agreed with the motion.

from Captain Bernier was first read. was not room for a wagon to pass there. This was as follows:

Quebec, Dec. 26th, 1902.

To this Worship are indyward, suryor, vieway Company were. Of whom he ask-toria, B. C.: Dear Sir:-in confirmation of my tele-gram, I beg leave to thank you very much for the subscription of \$5,000 which has been offered by you as a contribution to the expenses of my contemplated explora-tion of the North rele. I know for a fact that my scheme end plans are morally and substantially supported in money and ef-fects in all the other provinces of the Do-minion.

minion. In your case, were I going to build my ship at Victoria, I have to state that, all things being considered, I would rather see your subscription raised up from \$5,000 to \$15,000, adding to that, all facilities and privileges which could be obtained from

privileges which could be obtained from your locality. The fact is that the enterprise being a non-political and non-sectional, but a sim-ply geographical and scientific, and more-over a national one, I will select as a spot where I will build the ship and where I will start from, the place in the Dominion where I will ind the largest possible measure of encouragement, both in money and effects, and where also I will be given the best facilities in any directien, which facilities and will be of serious consideration in the estimation of the sum which may the estimation of the sum which may out first having a report from the city e required to foot up the total expenditure or gineer as to the extent of the work

of the expedition. Hoping that my suggestions will be con-sidered worthy of reconsideration by all the authorities, both government and municipal, I have the honor, sir, with the compliments of the season, to subscribe myself your obedient servant, with the loeg that 1903 will see my endeavors and the good will of my fellow countrymen re-garding the exploration of the North Pole the good the exploration of the garding the exploration of the garding the exploration of the CAPT. J. E. BDRNIER. CAPT. J. E. BDRNIER.

jumped at conclusions. The captain had over because of the decision then arhad written "if the council subscribed \$5,000." The letter was received and other cities seeking information as to L. F. Ottofy, who represents a new in-

machine to this city. It had, he claimed, such a time as there would be a full 15 advantages over any other device of meeting of the board. He understood the kind.

Edward North had complained that and the meeting adjourned after a short the residents on Victoria Crescent had session. not been treated fairly by the council. Work which had been recommended done writer will be informed that steps have before them. already been taken to have the improve-

ment made. P. C. MacGregor & Co. gave notice which they are responsible would soon Capt. Bernier's Offer to the Board of usually makes a poor showing. lapse, and asked for renewal of the same. Granted.

Thomas Shaw applied for the position of bridge inspector. Referred to the

City Clerk Dowler reported as 101 lows: Gentlemen:-I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received and referred to the city en-gineer for report, namely: City Clerk Dowler reported as 101 in Vancouver and sail from here to the \$10,000 and other advantages. At the Vancouver land office of the C.P.R. information was obtained that Girls Central North Ward you that the foll-

Received and filed.

aggregating \$75.70. Two annual reports, one from Dr.

former was read as appended: Gentlemen:-I beg to submit a report of inspection made by me since my appoint-ment to the position of milk inspector on There were 80 milk vendors supplying the city, and the milk derived from about 1,200 cows. I have gathered the samples of milk for testing from the milkmen in all parts of the dity. One hundred and fifty-six samples tested by the Babcock machine averaged over 3.5 per cent. butter fat, which is an excellent showing when we take into consideration that the standard for milk generally, adopted on this continnilk generally adopted on this contin-

P. A. McDermid, a visitor to Vancourent is 3 per cent.
I am making regular inspections of the dairy premises, giving particular attention to the sanitary surroundings, cleanliness in mtiking and handling of the product, care of utensils, the health of the cattle, water supply and nature of food. I have found the dairymen as a rule ready and willing to make any improvements suggested, and some of the dairies will compare very favor analy with those to be seen anywhere.
I would respectfully suggest that some mik standard should be adopted by the city. The three per cent. standard is the one in general use, and I think would be satisfactory to all concerned.
The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,923.50. Received and
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P. A. McDermid, a visitor to Vancoure, etc. attention of the catter inspection of the dairy surrounding to \$1,923.50. Received and the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,923.50.

the Oaklands station be returned. Car-Ald. Grahame's motion, which had been seconded by Ald. McCandless, was then introduced. It provided that the city should go ahead with the improve-ment of the streets left in bad condition by the Terminal Railway Company after six days' notice, and that the cost of the same should be charged to the company. The motion provoked considerable dis-

ission, but was finally deferred until o-day. The mover explained that he had aken the step not out of any prejudice City Milk Inspector Presents Annual the property holders who suffered. In A Splendid Presentation at the Victoria one place he mentioned where vehicles sank to the axle. In another part near Mr. Justice Walkem's residence street was in a bad shape. He pointed out the clauses compelling the company to keep their road beds in good repair Another letter addressed to Mayor a letter from the track, and referred to a letter from Mr. Bodwell promising

Ald. McCandless said the motion, if

the by-law requiring bicycles to carry lights, and the presentation of the milk inspector's report. Ald. Yates wanted to know if any space had been left between the market entrance on Fisguard street and the In the order of communications that railway track. He understood that there Before adopting any motion Ald. Vin-cent thought it might be well to find out who the officials of the Terminal Rail-To His Worship Mr. Hayward, Mayor, Vic- way Company were. Of whom he ask-

> the company be notified to forthwith keep their cars on Fisguard street so as not to impede the easterly ingress This amendment was added to the n.o

engineer as to the extent of the work

His Worship then drew notice to the crowned with success. CAPT. J. E. BERNIER. During the reading of the letter the Mayor remarked that the writer had by-law respecting the carrying of lights on bicycles, which had been introduced by Ald. Barnard in June last, and stood not yet got the money. His Worship rived at by the council to await replies what was done in those places in regard to the carrying of lights on whe vention which sprinkles and cleans streets by means of compressed air, wrote from Montana recommending the defer consideration of the by-law until he kind. On motion of Ald. Williams the letter about the object for which the by-law was received and referred to the city engineer for report. was intended. On motion the by-law was accordingly laid over until to-day,

The Mayor announced that he wished to have a full meeting of the streets, on the street had never been carried out. The letter was received and filed, o'clock this afternoon, as there was he on motion of Ald. Cameron the thought some very important business

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Trade.

Capt. Bernier has written to the Vancouver Board of Trade that he will treets, sewers and bridges committee. City Clerk Dowler reported as fol-in Vancouver and sail from here to the a good second with 94.59 per cent.:

been received and retrieved. Mrs. S. S. Burt, calling attention to the condition of a drain in front of her proparts, Vancouver street. James Flett, complaining of the condition of a drain on Michigan street. has been during the year good sales of suburban and business lots. The de-City Engineer Topp wrote stating mand for lots on Granville street has that he had taken steps to have a box drain at the corner of Government and high-priced West End homestead lots. Herald streets, which had overflowed, repaired. Received and filed. The aggregate amount of sales exceeded the sales of 1901 by 40 per cent., and The city market superintendent report-ed receipts for the month of December have been well sustained both in resi-

dential and business properties. Mr. Buntzen, general manager of the Tolmie, milk inspector, and the other from the park committee, were next ly for the Old Country, accompanied by submitted, and will be printed. The Mrs. Buntzen. Mr. Buntzen says his former was read as appended: trip is cne of pleasure only.

P. A. McDermid, a visitor to Vancou-ver, died at the residence of friends on

amounting to \$1,923.50. Received and filed. The fire wardens reported recommend-ing that the old fire engine taken from ing that the old fire engine taken from

WITH ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

BOSTONIANS IN THE · FAVORITE OLD OPERA

Theatre on Monday-"Maid Marian" This Evening.

The "Robin Hood" of De Koven & Smith has been seen here on several oc-casions, but never has there been such a pleasing presentation of this jolly opera as that given by the Bostonians in the Victoria theatte last night. The comment is of large end in the automatic transformation of the several of the nome market; and whereas the silver-left mining indus-try has been to a protective tarint conserv-ing the nome market; and whereas the silver-left mining indus-try has been to a boot some years of national importance, and unkereas allowed to decide with special strain to a much greater de-gree of importance, peneiting by its in-creased expenditures the trade and ad-vancement or both Eastern and Western Canada; company is a large one, it embraces some capital vocalists, especially in the prominent roles; the scenery is in com-interval products of lead is chiefly supplied from the products of ores mined in mexico and Europe, where labor

Howard Chambers, whose "Old Cross Bow" and "Armorer's Song" were musi-cal treats.

In Geo. Forthingham the Bostonians have an inimitable Friar Tuck, whose drollery' was omnipresent. W. C. Weeden as Robin Hood had some heavy ocal work, in which his fine tenor wa isplayed to good advantage, while H. MacDonald was a capable Little

The company gives "Maid Marian" tonight. A RECORD MONTH.

Splendid Showing in the School Attendance for December-The

highest on record for a month which vantages over the old ballot system, was papers; the Y's, sewing; Emanuel Bap-Following are the numbers attending during the month in the various schools. the daily average and the percentage reached. The Spring Ridge school again leads with the extraordinary record of 9511 per cent., with Rock Bay

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90.93 The division in the respective schools which reached the 95 per cent. mark of attendance were:

High School-Div. 1, 99.33 per cent. Boys' School-Div. 2, teacher, Mr. Salla-way, 95.82 per cent. Boys' School-Div. 5, teacher, Mr. Wal-Boys' School-Div. 5, teacher, Mrs. Tay-lace, 96.88 per cent. Boys' School-Div. 7, teacher, Mrs. Tay-lor, 96.98 per cent. Girls' School-Div. 1, .teacher, Miss Wilams, 97.69 per cent. South Park-Div. 1, teacher, Miss Camron, 96.10 per cent. South Park-Div. 8, teacher, Miss Wrigsworth, 96.66 per cent. North Ward-Div. 1, teacher, Mr. Tait, 95.93 per cent. North Ward-Div. 5, teacher, Miss Mur-ton, 35.96 per cent. North Ward-Div. 7, teacher, Miss Ting-ley, 85.55 per cent. , 95.55 per cent. pring Ridge-Div. 1, teacher, Miss Rus-1, 96.56 per cent. spring Ridge-Div. 2, teacher, Miss Black-Spring Ridge-Div. 2, teacher, Miss Black-ourne, 95.16 per cent. Hillside-Div. 1, teacher, Miss Blackwell, .03 per cent. Kingston Street—Div. 1, teacher Miss Jesse, 97.37 per cent.

The month's record for punctuality was also excellent. Following are the divisions reporting not a single case of tardiness:

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angements will be completed to state very live questions. Everyone secured manufacturing on a large scale, and to to be interested in these schemes and f the rights for the whole Union.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION.

mmission began its work to-day the of stock at the various meetings of the attorneys for the non-union miners, who Farmers' Institute held in the province. the union miners were responsible for to be accomplished. the alleged lawlessness in the anthracite sentation of testimony. E. C. Tiffany,

To accomplish this in some measure arrangements have been made for hav ing practical lessons given in the judging

have been calling witnesses to show that In this way a great advantage is hoped REPRESENTATIVE ILL.

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Paris, Jan. 7 .- United States Consul-

tist church, cake; Miss Perrin, bread The result was awaited with a great deal of interest in Victoria, for to a local of apples (from Saanich); Mrs. Ber-Sargison, stockings.

JUDGING OF STOCK. J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of griculture, who has returned from the East says that he found many false im-

pressions existing concerning this province. Residents in the older provinces entertain very vague notions respecting the climatic conditions of British Colum bia, and the products of the province. There is however considerable interest being taken in the West, and he found the transcontinental railway projects very live questions. Everyone seemed

were anxious to talk of them. The deputy minister visited the Far Stock shows at Guelph, Ont., and Amherst, Nova Scotia. He is much impressed with the educational value of these shows and would like to see some thing done towards affording farmers in British Columbia an opportunity of deriving similar help to that afforded by



VOL. 33. THE DECISION OF VENEZI ACCEPIS THE TERMS PROPOSED BY AL The Cabinet Ministers Declare Are Obliged to Yield to Force. Caracas, Jan. 8 .-- After two s meetings of the cabinet, all the tions set forth in the replies of the ers to President Castro's last pr in the matter of settling the Vene dispute through arbitration nave accepted by the Venezuelan gover The government considers these tions to be unjust, but declares i liged to yield to force. The answ lelivered at the United States 1

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ANY ADDRESS

here at noon to-day. The cond the powers cover cash payments allies and guarantees for the r of the balance of their claims. It can be said on good author the question of raising the existing ade will not be considered. Prospects Brighter.

Washington. Jan. 8 .- United Minister Brown transmitted t state department another reply President Castro touching the tion proposals. As heretofore, dent Castro expresses willingn submit the matter to arbitratio in addition to his former commun he is now willing to recognize the priety of submitting the claims ref to in the British and German n

The Hague, something that he has up to this point been willing to do. Some details remain to be arra before the next step, the appoint commissioners, can be taken; and it i yet known how President Castro wi ceive the demand still insisted upon the allies for a money payment, and he will view the rejection of his³ demand for the immediate withdraws the blockade as conditions precedent It now appears there is a reas prospect that the trouble can be without invoking the machinery of Hague tribunal. When the com meets here, it is stated, they will instructions from the principals to deavor to adjust the dispute of hand at Washington.

If not, the commissioners will pro according to the original plan to d up the protocol prescribing the condit upon which the issues between the ties shall be submitted to arbitrat. The Hague tribunal. It is improin the judgment of the officials here, the blockade will be raised unti commissioners do one of these things: Either reach a complete s ment, or sign a protocol providing arbitration. In the latter case, though a technical and final adju cannot be realized until The Hague bunal has announced its decision, blockade will not be continued du the pendency of the proceedings th for the protocol will be regarded as ficient to bind President Castro, pronal has unced its ing the conditions precedent requite allies are complied with.

New York, Jan. 9.-France probe will join the European powers in blockade of the Venezuelan coast, the World's Port of Spain corresp for the reason that Venezuela has fa to make the first payment of \$200 due on the French claim on Decem 31st. Venezuela also owes the Fre Cable Company \$20,000, and the pany refuses to extend credit to government.

President Castro is deeply incen and his attempt to borrow money the Bank of Venezuela has failed. government already owes that insition \$2,600,000. President Castro's step will be to force a loan from merchants. The better element Venezuela is urging him to give up office. His resignation has been put ly demanded in a speech delivered in plaza. It is impossible for him to power beyond February. Troops are sleeping in the plazas of

capital in expectation of an attack The foreign bankers are waiting for change in the government before n tiating any loan. General Matos, leader of the revolution, in a public ter guarantees a satisfactory settler with the allies within 24 hours afte s inaugurated President of Venezu He asserts that Castro delays the set ment in the hope of uniting the peo There is hunger now and there wi tarvation later. Seven hundred id at La Guayra have gone to join revolutionists. There is a rumor on Friday the allies will cut the o d then land forces and seize the

om houses. Another Warship For Scene.

The Hague, Jan. 9 .- In view of cents in Venezuela the Dutch cruit colland has been ordered to remain West Indian waters, and the battles Deruyter is proceeding to Curacoa.

Received in London London, Jan. 9.-President Castro reply to the powers, accepting the ar