FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1894

THE LATE SESSION.

The session of the British Parliament which closed on Saturday was an eventful one. During its continuance the parliathe friends of the Government. During its be attached to its deliberations, are residents of this city. progress the beginning of what promises to They unhesitatingly pronounced its

disgusted with the lukewarmness and faintheartedness of their English and Scotch allies. They say, with truth, that during Ireland, and that at its close the cause of Home Rule is apparently further from success than when it opened. There are many Irish members who do not hesiquires no unusual power of discernment to als are Home Rulers from conviction. The union between them and the Irish Home Rulers was one of convenience on both sides, and now that Mr. Gladstone is no longer an active politician, it is doubtful if they will ever be brought together again.

The Home Rulers from conviction are has not made that body unpopular. They expected that when the Lords rejected the Home Rule bill there would be, on the part of the Liberals at any rate, a strong expression of popular indignation. But there was bill was looked upon as a matter of course the agony was over. The rejection of the Evicted Tenants bill by the Lords was also no one consequently was disappointed.

Lords," raised by a few enthusiasts, met America. with no response. Moderate men believe until it can be done quietly and comfortably.

It does not seem at this moment that the abolition of she House of Lords will, as was not long ago considently predicted, beginned to the peace to Braill. President Petroto does not supper disposed to step down and ontain a second the next general election in Great Britain.

By the way, very little has been said of late about a general election of late about a general election party. Neither Conservatives nor Liberals seem to long for an appeal to the peace of the country. The indication.

Consideratives nor Liberals seem to long for an appeal to the peace of the session of Parliament, and it is said that he is preparing to act in contrast, the said that he is preparing to act in contrast, the said that the Conservatives in the session of Parliament, and the sizue will be returned by a sweeping major ity. Home Rule is not in these days a grow law of the seeds, and it is not easy to see how interest in gases. In fact is has of late appeared to have lost ground considerably in opposite that the Conservatives will be returned by a sweeping major lay. Home Rule is not in these days a grow law of the seeds of t is impossible to foresee what may occur in twelve months in the political world of Great Britain, but if something extraordinary does not happen within that time, an election on the Home Rule issue can hardly fail to diminish the supporters of Home Rule in the British House of Commons very considerably.

A TIME TO SPEAK OUT.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser affects to be shocked at what it designates our "depths of ruffianism." It has no doubt been disturbed by our plain-speaking. It would like to be permitted to go on misrepresenting the financial state of the Goverument unchecked. It does not suit its purposes that the public should be reminded that as long as it is under its present management, it has forfeited its right to advise the people on any subject in which the financial standing of any government, any corporation or any, individual is involved. When a paper under such management persistently endeavors by untruthful statements, by mean insinuations and by unproved and unprovable assertions to decry the credit of the Province, it is only right that the public should be reminded who it is that is attempting in the most unprincipled way to injure the whole community. And, let us add, those who for the sake of the notoriety they may gain, or to attain what they may consider a quiring a stimulant with nourishing and color-political advantage, aid the News Adverting food, Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Retiser in its bad work, place themselves morally on a level with its editor. There is a time to call men and things by their right names, a time when suphemisms are out of place and when reticence is an indication of the control o weakness. When men who are in a worse

racter of the province to let the world now who and what they are.

FAVORABLE MENTION.

be an incurable division in the Liberal party decisions with respect to intercolconial

It is, however, seen by the Speech the session nothing has been really done for that Her Majesty the Queen and her Ministers are of a very different opinion. Immediately after the allusion to "tariffs and communication" the Speech proceeds :- "I the Phoenix. tate to express their conviction that the ings of the Conference were of a character have learned with pleasure that the proceed great bulk of the English Liberals were calculated to strengthen the union of the never really in favor of Home Rule for Ire-colonies concerned, both among themselves land. This distrust of English Liberals is and with the Mother Country," This bears deep and general, and is not likely soon to disappear. The fact that it is well grounded pised and contemned advocates of imperial is likely to make it permanent, for it re- Federation in Canada and elsewhere said about the work of the Conference, and we convince the impartial observer that very are very glad to see that it is highly apprefew indeed of the English and Scotch Liber- ciated by those who are so well qualified to form an intelligent opinion of its nature and its tendencies.

A REVOLUTIONARY REGION.

South America is again in an unsettled condition. The people of its different regreatly disappointed that the rejection of publics have much to learn in the difficult the Irish measures by the House of Lords art of self-government. Political agitation in them tends, not to compromise as it does in Anglo-Saxon countries, but to revolution. In South America a political party when it cannot get its own way does not settle down patiently to wait until a more favorable nothing of the kind. The rejection of the opportunity for carrying its measures presents itself. The leaders of the defeated by the whole nation, and the people of all party do not quietly accept the situation. After the defeat in the Legislature they, if their following is strong enough and there is about in a wheel chair, and on Saturday "Gentlemen:—At the last recolor meditation is water supply, as made to the city council:—

He was in the habit of propelling himself their following is strong enough and there is about in a wheel chair, and on Saturday "Gentlemen:—At the last recolor meditation is supply, as made to the city council:—

His Worship the Mayor and Fire Wardens: parties appeared to be greatly relieved when After the defeat in the Legislature they, if their following is strong enough and there is the remotest chance of success, endeavor to hurl their opponents from power by physical force. They sometimes succeed, but more frequently after a struggle more or less disastrous to the country, they are defeated. But this readiness of the politicians to resort to arms to accomplish their designs makes

about in a wheel chair, and on Saturday he managed in some way to run off the back verandah and down a flight of steps. The shock and injuries proved too much for his waskened system, and death gave the little sufferer welcome relief. The funeral will be held this afternoon at half-past two o'clock from the residence of his father, Mr. P. MoPhadden, No. 33 Elizabeth street.

"GENTLEMEN:—At the last regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen reference was made to the supply of water for the suppression of fires. Pure water for drinking purposes, is desirable; but the successful fire fighting of the future depends upon a plentiful supply of water at a moment's notice. The fact must be recognized that as the city grows the number of fires will augment, and generally expected. No one believed for a hurl their opponents from power by physical moment that they would do otherwise, and force. They sometimes succeed, but more The course pursued by the House astrous to the country, they are defeated. of Lords during the late session But this readiness of the politicians to resort has not, as far as can be seen, to arms to accomplish their designs makes lowered that body in the esteem what the British consider "constitutional of the people. The cry "Down with the government," almost impossible in South

Brazil since it became a republic car that the House of Lords ought to be, at no hardly be said to have had a day's peace. very distant day, reformed. But even they The rebellion in the South continued to do not look upon the reform as urgent, smoulder for some time and then the revolt They appear quite contented to wait for it of the navy placed the Government in a very difficult position. It seems now that the It does not seem at this moment that the suppression of the rebellion has not brought

interest in it in Great Britain. Of course it press anarchy with the support of Congress, and will display severity Raymond Clarke, the well known auctioneer towards the refractory rebels and clemency towards those who will lay down their arms bed, his medical attendants having no hope and submit themselves to the constitutional of his nitimate recovery; yesterday the end authorities.

"As soon as the republic is thoroughly at peace I will promote the reform of the con-stitution in harmony with public sentiment, Douglas, with which he was connected for a modern progress, and in such a manner as number of years. He next embarked in the

There is no revolutionary movement in Chili just now, but it has a fierce dispute with Argentina on a boundary question, which at any time may become acute. The dispute was by consent referred to Presi. dent Cleveland for settlement. He decided from the St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral. in favor of Chili, but Argentina refused to abide by the award, so matters are in a abide by the award, so matters are in a worse condition than they were before the reference was made. Chill insists upon the decision of the President of the United States being respected, and if Argentina does not give in it threatens to fight. A does not give in it threatens to fight. A

If the hair is falling out or turning gray, re-

From THE DAILY COLONIST, August 28. THE CHTY

Some of the wiseacres of the Dominion of Canada must have read the paragraph in the Queen's Prorogation Speech in which the Octawa Conference is favorably noticed, with unbounded astonishment. They had

early. The mattress of excelsior and over-mattress of feathers made a thick black smoke in which it was very difficult to

started in with the charitable intention of deaning out the Victoria hotel, came up in the police court yesterday. Constable Kavanaugh deposed that McAlpine resisted arrest and had to be conveyed to the lockup by Hon. Col. Baker, the latter on behalf of in a carriage. The Court in remarking on McAlpine's record stated that he had done three months twice already this year, both collected since Friday last in the congrega-McAlpine's record stated that he had done three months twice already this year, both for stealing, and was only out a few heurs tion. The pastor having acknowledged the when he was again arrested. Twenty dollars or two months was the order of the court, and George frankly admitted that he

Unfortunate little Harry McPhadden passed away on Sunday, all efforts to over-come the effects of the sad accident the day before being unavailing. The child was aged seven years, and in addition to being blind

Trade yesterday evening received the fol-lowing telegram: TACOMA, WASHINGTON And 97 1904 President B. C. Board of Trade, Victoria:

SECRETARY ELWORTHY of the Board of

We extend to yourself and all members of your organization an invitation to be present at 10 o'clock a.m., August 29th, to particip se in the opening of the Northwes Interest a Fair. Advise me of your number and when they will arrive, and carriages will be in waiting to take you to the fair grounds. President Chamber of Commerce.

For some months Captain William and shipping man, has been incapacitated from business, and in fact confined to his came. About thirty years ago Captain Clarke came to Esquimalt as chief gunner of modern progress, and in such a manner as to more effectually insure their practical accomplishment."

It will be a very great pity if the reforming President is not allowed the opportunity to perform his promises and to carry out his good intentions. But General Pierola is active and able, and he appears donfident of victory.

In mulber of years. He next embarked in the business of an aucitoneer, in which he achieved a large measure of success, his personal qualities rendering his sale specially attractive, while he had a splendid faculty for extracting the last bid obtainable. Captain Clarke was born in England and was about sixty years of sge at the time of his death, and had for some years been harbor master of the port of Victoria and surveyor for Lloyds. Captain Clarke leaves a wife. son and one daughter, one son funeral takes place on Wednesday morning (to-morrow) at 9 o'clock from the family residence, 53 Michigan street, and at 9 30

In the classic language of Chief Deasy does not give in it threatens to fight. A near the same spot, burning more fiercely than ever. Several houses were in danger would not be profitable to either country. was found necessary to send out the chemical cal. With this, a bucket brigade and some garden hose, the fight was kept up all day and all night, and it was only yesterday forencen that the last sparks were extinguished. On Sunday evening two taps on the big bell told the fire chief that he was a marked and Cadar Hill way It height wanted out Cedar Hill way. It being a long way outside the city limits the apparaus was not taken, and it would have been useless in any case, for when the chief ar-rived on the spot the fire had almost died

\$1,500, was insured for \$1,000 in the Alliance company. The house was near the Codar Hill church, and those passing report that no suspicious characters were seen in the neighborhood.

Among those going to the Mainland last night were twenty-eight members of the W.C.T.U. and Y's, who have gone to Vancouver to attend their annual convention, which opens this morning in that city. the Utawa Conference is favorably noticed, with unbounded assonishment. They had passed judgment on that Conference before it assembled. They tried to make those whom they addressed believe that it was merely an incident of a junketting trip of a saw the premature death of other measures from which great things were expected by the friends of the Government. During its They unhesitatingly pronounced its decisions with respect to intercolonial trade and tariffs particularly, as absurd and unworthy the attention of practical men either in the Mother Country or the Colonies.

The fire brigade was given short sharp work last evening at 21 Store street, the residence of W. H. Jones. The cause of the blaze was the upsetting of a candle by the children of the family who had gone to bed early. The mattress of excelsior and overlies.

mattress of feathers made a thick black smoke in which it was very difficult to work, but nevertheless the fire was extinguished with the use of the chemical alone. The damage is estimated at from \$50 to \$100, and insurance was carried in the Phenix.

No arrangements as to the settlement of sealing compensation claims have as yet been submitted by the government to those interested, and it is generally believed here that a commission will be appointed to adjust the matter. Scaling men are awaiting further developments, and it is thought that if a commission is appointed on amicable understanding will be reached between all parties. Meanwhile, however, it is the expersed opinion of some American newspapers that the awards will not be sanctioned until next session of congress.

George McAlpine, who last Saturday started in with the charitable intention of coleaning out" the Victoria hotel, came up in the police court yesterdsy. Constable THE departure of Rev. W. D. Barber on a

VICTORIA WATER SUPPLY.

The following is the text of the report of Chief Deasy, of the fire department, on the present condition of the water supply, as made to the city council:—

poses, is desirable; but the successful fire fighting of the future depends upon a plentiful supply of water at a moment's notice. The fact must be recognized that as the city grows the number of fires will augment, and the value of property destroyed be correspondingly increased. Your water commissioner realized the description. sioner realized the danger when he reported as follows: "The importance of making available all possible means to provide an efficient fire protection service is of such great moment, that it is only necessary the inadequacy of our present resources for that purpose be realized, in order to have improvements mades. That the city has outgrown existing provisions for the purpose referred to is shown by the following facts:

On November 17th when the sewers were being flushed, four hydrants were used for

assistance of steam fire engines the pressure would be almost useless on numerous streets.

Destructive fires comes to all cities and the means for checking conflagrations should receive careful consideration. In consequence of large areas and great height of buildings more powerful and heavier streams are worth gold mines. The best firemen in the world cannot extinguish the flames in a fourth story of a building, when the pressure is powerful enough to send a stream.

British Columbia team are very attractive. The magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to the departure of the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to deal of the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to the departure of the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to deal of the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups won in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to deal of the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with in Toronto were breading to the magnificent cups with it is to day received by Lieut. Taylor and are greatly admired. They will be carried to the Coast and grace Col. Prior's drawing and Miss Reno, Rev. S.

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sure is powerful enough to send a stream only to the second story. Should Victoria continue the use of water solely from Elk Lake, by gravitation, other means must be provided for fighting fires. Cisterns and portable steam fire engines would cost a large sum. In many large cities stationery pumps are connected with lines of pipes. For instance, should the council build an For instance, should the council build an electric light station at some point on James Bay, lines of pipes might be laid throughout the business district and connections made with powerful pumps at the electric light station. Hydrahts might be placed on the line of pipes and, at all times a plentiful supply of salt water would be available. In the city of Detroit, Michigan, thirty-one effective strams can be covern. thirty-one effective streams can be concen-trated around one building. Seattle has a main which is used in connection with the fire boat. The pumping system would save the expense of purchasing portable engines; less fire hose would be required; there would be no necessity for cisterns and the city would continue to enjoy immunity from fires

I have the honor to be gentlemen. Your Obdt. servant THOMAS DEASY, Chief of Fire Dept. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures Diarrhesa. tysentery, Grangs, Colic, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, and all looseness of the bowels. Never travel without it. Price 35 cents.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases re-lieved in six hours by the "Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise and delight on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It re-lieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

pening of the Dominion Rifle Asso ciation Meeting at Ottawa-Poor Ammunition.

Dinner to The Cyclers-All The Participants In at The Finish.

An occasion of more than passing pleasure

An occasion of more than passing pleasure At the end of another hour, with only three men left alive, referes Right blew his private dining-rooms of the New England, whistle and called it off, atmit a draw. They the 'cyclists participating in last Saturday's | will meet again. road race being the guests, and Messrs. M. & L. Young the hosts. Mr. C. H. Gibbons, as Chief Consul of the C.W.A. in British Columbia, acted as chairman, Mr. M. Young filling the place of honor at the other end of the long table, and the other members of the wheeling community surrounding the board and doing full justice to as tasty and well served a little banquet as was ever served. The table was prettily decorated with flowers and mosses, and the appetites of the hungry wheelmen having been abundantly satisfied, stories of adventure by hill and path were told in harrowing detail each and all punctuated with minute discriptions of broken front forks, punctured palmers, buckled rims, etc., of inpalmers, buckled rims, etc., of interest only to those practising bicycle surgery. Mr. Young the genial host, was fully enlightened as to the relative merits of wheels of every sort, and though he may have listened to as much bicycle talk as will interest him for months, with the wheelmen it is the other way. They yearn for more road races, more triumphs and more banquets at the New Eugland. This handsome hotel is now the official C. W. A. house in Victoria, and the official C. W. A. house in Victoria, and it deserves to be, for none are more ready to do their share toward promoting the interests of athletics than are its proprietors.

Saturday's race is still discussed and rediscussed, the winners are quite capable, they say, of doing even better than they did —those who fell by the wayside long for another race in which they may demonstrate that they too can demolish records. that they too can demolish records, even as the festive pile-driver. The probable result will be another contest at the same distance, when an equal start and best and best wheels will doubtless be the rule. Or Tiede mann and Moody might be matched for a contest. the loser to pay for just such a good supper as the club was treated to last evening? The motion would certainly pass the club by unanimous vote. Saturday's race plainly demonstrated one thing—that too light wheels are at a more serious discourant wheels are at a more serious disadvantage than wheels over weight in a long road contest. An old 48 pound Singer won the race, a Remington roadster coming in second and taking the time prize, with a Courier third—all heavy wheels. The Stearns racer came through all right, but Tiedemann was at a disadvan tage on it, and the other light scorchers all met with mishaps of one kind or another, which it is not likely would have befallen their riders had they been more sensibly

THE RIFLE.

mounted.

OPENING OF THE D. R. A. MRETING

The following is the score in the match between the above teams last Saturday, which was omitted in Sunday's issue owing to shortage of space : ALBIONS

Green, b Wallis.

R. Savory, c Moriey b Wallis
Frost, c and b Goward
C. Jones, not out.
Schwengers, b Wallis
D. H. Warden, b Goward

Wallis, b Anderson
F. Foulkes, c Warden b Anderson
F. Morier, c 2 nderson b Schwengers
S. Holt, b Schwengers
A. Ward, c Schwengers b Anderson
F. Mytton, b Schwengers. A. Ward, c Schwengers
F. Mytton, b Schwengers
Goward, h wkt b Schwengers
Wilson, b Warden
L. A. Holmes, b Schwengers
W. Ward, c Joses b Warden LACROSSE The somewhat celebrated "Beehive" and "Hackmen" teams yesterday played another curious combination under the head of "lacrosse." However the boys mean well and put np a lot of fun for

tors. The teams lined up as follows: Bee-Hives. Hackmen. Wallace. Any description of the game is well nigh im-possible without a thorough knowledge of the rules are alone to be found. After eight minutes of shovelling, kicking, shinney, swiping and ground and lofty tumbling, Bob Short worried the ball through for the Hackmen. The second game was a hot number, occupying 41 minutes. They remarked:

Now, Lafferty, water! Mickey, where are you? Hit him! Water!! Water!! Will Hans! throw that rubber. Water!! Oh Hans!! Jump on him! Water!! and Lafferty started for the Beehives. The third game was a pocket edition of the second. third game was a pocket edition of the second, Lafferty 14 minutes. Jack Rae gave the Hackmen the fourth game in 8 minutes. This made a tie and the game continued.

HERE AND THERE. In the pool match—the first of the tournament opening yesterday evening in the Carter House—J. Davidson with a start of 40 was defeated by W. Waxstock, by 10 points. This evening J. C. Dalby plays Buchet, receiving 30 points.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Bock Pierces the Forward Compartment of the Stranded Steamer "Oneen."

Empress of India Sails For Japan-The "Sikh" Leaves Yokohama for Victoria.

The tug Velos, which arrived down yes terday afternoon with a tow of stone from Haddington island, brings further news of the stranded steamer Queen. There was a dense fog on Wednesday night, and though the Queen proceeded very cautiously yet at 2 30 Thursday morning she ran slap aground on Point Gordon. Friday night, the Velos on her way up saw the Queen burning blue light, and Capt. Anderson ran close in to offer assistance. The Queen's captain answered that he did not need any, but next swered that he did not need any, but next morning ran up in a steam launch to Haddington island to try and barrow the barge for the purpose, he said of lightening chains and other heavy stuff forward. The barge, however, by that time was partly loaded with stone, and so he returned without it. It turns out that the Queen has her forward compartment full of water, a big boulder having pierced her bottom forward. All the passengers are ashore, and when the Velos passed on her way down Saturday night the stranded vessel was lying easily. The Topeka was expected along to bring the pas-sengers down and render assistance; she belonging to the same company, it will save salvage if she can get the Queen afloat. She salvage II ane can get the Queen anoat. She will have to be lightened and raised forward before she will come off the rock that has pierced her. Officers of the U.S.S. Hassler, which reached Nanaimo yesterday, arriving down by the noon train, give t i as their opinion that the Topeka will not attempt to release the Queen until returning from the Sound with pumps and other necessary gear, simply picking up the distressed passengers and hurrying on her way. The Topeka is now fully due here, but in view of the urgency of carrying help to the Queen may not

THE " EMPRESS" AWAY

The Mand was tender to the Empress of apan when the latter arrived off the outer out among other passengers for the Orient Lord Randolph Churchill, Lady Churchill and the former's secretary, who are proceeding on their tour of the globe after Francisco, where His Lordship's health was greatly benefitted. The Empress' cargo though large was nothing out of the ordinary in its composition. It included a considerable quantity of flour awaiting transportation from the U.S. to China, but, portation from the U. S. to China, but, locally speaking, nothing of importance. The ship's saloon cabin list is as follows: Captain Tudmore, G. Gillinghor, Lieut. Col. Andor, Mr. Fitzite, S. Tokoki, Shokichi Kasahara, H. A. Hing, S. Mishimura, T. Oki, C. H. Evans, Lieut. Col. Ikeda, T. Isagama, J. Taragiti, T. Saloo, H. Lander, Mr. T. Taragiti, T. Saloo, H. Lander, Mr. T. Taragiti, T. Saloo, H. Lander, Mr. Taragiti, T. Saloo, H. Lande gama, J. Teraziki, T. Saigo, H. Inonge, T. Obera, J. Oku, E. F. Kilby, W. C. Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Baron Shernberg, F. M. Vermilye, M. W. Perkins. Dr. and Mrs. Todd, Miss Sherman, Miss Holbrook, Mrs. Todd, Miss Sherman, Miss Holbrook,
Miss Durage, Mr. Schroboer, J. L. See,
Julian Ralph, Miss Cottrell, Mrs. Vendepool, J. H. Bird, E. F. Eade and wife, Mrs.
Evans and children, Rev. W. L. Walker
and wife, Lord Randolph Churchill, wife
and servants, Rev. S. C. Bartlett, jr., Mrs.
Ballagh, Miss M. Burwell, J. W. Lowrie,
Miss Reno, Rev. J. Miller and wife, D. J.
B. Busteed and wife, Mr. Keith, Miss Kerr
and Miss Monabh

THE "SIKH" HEARD FROM H. Connan, local agent of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, yesterday re-ceived advices from the Orient concerning the departure of the steamship Sikh, Capt. Rowly, from Yokohama for Victoria on Saturday last. According to schedule the ship should have sailed on the 18 h instant, but the week's delay is not accounted for. On this trip she has no steeaage passengers, but her cargo is unusually large. It is made up of 2 850 tons of merchandise, principally tea for overload points, inclusive of 1,000 bales of silk for New York; 550 tons for the Sound cities, and 200 tons for Victoria.



THE CITY COUNCIL.

Consider Several Communications on the Matter of Electric Light Contracts-Fire Protection.

Water Works By Law Passes and in Will be Presented on September 1L.

The City Council held its regular weekly meeting last night. His Worship the Mayor and the full aldermanic board were present. A communication was read from Secretary Renouf, of the Agricultural Association, asking the council to assist in erecting buildings for the machinery exhibits; also to provide a cover suitable for a restaurant. Referred to the mayor and finance commit tee with power to act.

Mr. Thomas Shaw, for the Albion Iron Works, submitted a communication, as fol-

To His Worship the Mayor and Council:

GENTLEMEN:—My object in writing to you is to ask you the reason we could not bid on an Eastern made engine. I, myself, speke to Mr. Taggue about this, and he told me he did not want a cheap engice from the East, but that he wanted all the work to be done here, and that was the reason I did not put an Eastern made engine in my tender. If I had done so I consider that my tender would have been equally as low as any of them. We can build bouers as cheaply here as in any part of the world and equally as good. There has been a good deal of talk this winter about helping the unemplo, ed and I think it would look far better to find our taxpayers work instead of sending it out of the country. For I am satisfied that if this matter had been left to the voice of the people we would not have been put on one side so easily. The engine that you accepted I do not consider according to the specifications, which accounts for it being so much cheaper than the one we proposed to build. Yours truly,

Albion Iron Works Co.,

Per Thos, Shaw, Mgr.

His Workship—In common with others, I To His Worship the Mayor and Council:

HIS WORSHIP-In common with others, I have always stated that I would like to see the much of the machinery made here

as much of the machinery made here as pos-sible. Laid on the table. Mesers. Spratt & Gray wrote as follows To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City.

GENTLEMEN:—Referring to our letter o' 20th plain

GENTLEMEN:—Referring to our letter o' 20th instant, re specifications for electric light engines, etc., upon which we and others were aked to tender, we say that we are at a loss to understand why this letter was not read and brought up for discussion at the proper time, viz: among other communications, instead of being tre ted as a tender for the work, and read with, or after, the other tenders.

Your mode of treatment of our let er entirely defeated the object it was intended to serve, viz: to rase a discussion upon the merits of the said specifications, in the endeavor to have them made to allow more latitude, so that each builder of machinery would be at licerty to send in a price and specification of the style of engines as erected by himself. In this way there would have been much greater competition, the city would have got the advantage of the experience and ideas of different makers, and could have chosen that which was best adapted to its requirements

Had our letter been read at the proper time we are sure that your body would not have awarded the contract, as it did. for engines, etc., which do not comply with the specifications, without first advising us and others, that tenders not in accordance with the specifications, submitted would be considered.

We feel that an injustice has been done us, and other local firme, and trust that the matter will be looked icto.

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We have the honor to be
Your obedient servants,
SPRATT & GRA

SPRATT & GRAY,

Victoria, Aug. 27, 1894. ALD. LEDINGHAM - The Albion Iron Works made the lowest tender on boilers. One communication was fixed so that it could not be read until the tenders were opened. In these hard times if the specifi-cations had been framed as they should have been certainly more than two tenders would have been received. Some of them had a chance to explain, why did not others have

HIS WORSHIP-An equal chance was given to all to come forward and say what they wished. The whole business has been done open and above board, and anyone who says different the truth is not in him. ALD. DWYER -As far as I know everything had been done openly and fairly.

ALD STYLES—The Spratt & Gray letter was marked "tender" when it came before the council. The firm states that it was not the Lo

so marked when it left them.

ALD REITH-WILSON-I have here the letter or envelope sent in. It is marked "tender," evidently since it arrived at the city hall. This should be investigated. ALD HARRIS-Let us go on with busi-

ALD MUNN—I have been told that if the city would pay the difference the work would be done here. When I looked into the matter I found a difference of \$2,000 and went no further.

Mr. Hamilton, for the William Hamilton bending the control of the control of the city would be a simple of the city would be a ALD MUNN-I have been told that if the Mr. Hamilton, for the William Hamilton
Company, asked if the city would pay a
premium on each one-tenth of a pound of leg on

coal under the two pounds they had proed in a ten hour run. Referred to the electric light committee. Edward Mahun sent in a letter reviewing his case in connection with the sewerage work. Referred to the sewerage com-

When action The

Messrs Eberts & Taylor reported that on each the E quimalt Water Company injunction only o could not be brought on owing to their in- some ability to get a judge to hear the case. The iny ov same difficulty had been met with in the Da Cosmos case.

bones of the Chief Rogineer Gray, for the Victoria & and h Sidney Rulroad, asked to have the city ferent sign certificates which would nable the at the company to settle with contractors for work lity of done under the arrangements with city;
\$23 106 52 was stated as the amount due.

On motion it was resolved to hold back the entire amount until the trestle over the

lake be filled in.

The chief of the fire department wrote as

Tae be To His Worship the Mayor and Fire Wardens: GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report 10 firessiac; the 20th inst, with the total destruction of another residence in Victoria West, Since that section became a portion of the city seven buildings have burned to the ground. The fire department cannot reach that section in time to save anything except adjacent buildings.

We have a hose cart, and I would respectfully recommend that the council purchase one horse energy away men and rent a stable in

We have a hose cart, and I would respectfully recommend that the council purchase one horse, engage I wo men and rent a stable in Victoria West. Of course, this would only be a makeshift for the balance of the year, but the cot would not be great. Until the alarm system is connected with the city system a te.e-phone might be used.

In order to give the outlying portions of the city proper protection, the fire department should necessarily be enlarged. If a start is made in one place complaints will come in from another. The ratepayers cannot afford to pay higher rates for insurance, and the only means of, preventing this would be to give the eastern and western sections engine houses. The first cost would amount to \$2,000 and running expenses about \$6,000 yearly, searly, searly suffering the would recommend the new fire loss, but Victoria West appears to be particularly unfortunate. We cannot expusion why the loss of residences in that quarrer appears to outrumber the whole residence distinguished the only remedy is to place mea in some central place with the hose cart and one house.

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horse.

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"Tiger" engine is in a very unsafe condition, and the breaking of the pole of the hemical engine at the last fire in Victoria West.

(Signal) Thomas Drast

Chief Fire Department. Are The finance committee asked for \$2,138 80 Try Es