A COUNTER PROPOSITION.

Mr. Joshua Davies Expresses His Ideas as to City Aid to Jubilee Hospital.

Outline of the Plan Suggested by the Corporation in Writing—The Decision.

Last night's meeting of the Jubilee Hospital Board of Directors developed a very interesting fact—the members are posted on rules of parliamentary procedure, and some of them, indeed, can recite May with "ease and agility." The principal matter up for discussion was the proposition made by the City Council to take over and run the hospital. A letter from the City Clerk, embodying the views of the Council, was read, and afterwards a memorandum from President Davies was read, making some suggestions in the matter. It was decided that these communications be laid on the table and debated. Then Mr. E. Crowe Baker moved a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Byrnes. After some discussion, Mr. Haywood moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. Ben Gordon. An amendment to the amendment was moved by Mr. Chudley, seconded by Mr. Helmcken. One after the other the amendments were lost, and then the original motion was negatived. Mr. Baker then moved another resolution on the same subject. A general vote was taken and it was decided to rescind what had been done and take another vote on the first motion. In rapid succession motions and resolutions and amendments were read and put and defeated, the following being finally carried unanimously:

Moved by Mr. Baker seconded by Mr. Byrnes, that the communication of the corporation be acknowledged in suitable terms, and that the consideration of the report be deferred until Thursday, and in the meantime copies of the correspondence be furnished to each director.

There were present the following members of the Board: Mr. Joshua Davies, (President), C. Hayward, W. M. Chudley, Ben. Gordon, J. S. Yates, A. C. Flumerfelt, E. A. McQuade, John Braden, H. D Helmcken, Geo. Byrnes, E. Crowe Baker, D. M. Eberts and Alex. Wilson. After the routine business had been disposed of the communications were taken up and dealt with. They were as follows:

From Dr. Crompton, acknowledging, with thanks, his appointment to the consulting medical staff—fyled; from Jacob Sehl, *re* account—referred to a special committee to arrange. From the Matron, referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Gordon and Baker. Regular reports, financial statements, etc., dealt with in the usual way.

In connection with the financial statement, Treasurer Chudley drew attention to the insurance on the hospital. He suggested that as the hospital was a public institution extra precautions should be taken. There was now, he said, $40,000 insurance on the buildings, which were worth $67,000. On the furniture, which had cost about $15,000, there was only $5,000, and he thought this latter policy should be increased at any rate. It was finally decided to take out another policy of $2,500 on the furniture.

The tenders for supplies were read and referred to the various supply committees, who will report next week.

Mr. Baker made a special verbal report from the Committee on Management. He said that at the next regular meeting he would present a written report which would suggest the appointment of four committees, as follows: Executive, House, Finance and drainage. The duties of these various committees would then be fully defined. The proposal made by Mr. Baker was not gone into in any way, but will be thoroughly discussed when laid before the board in writing.

From the Treasurer's report the following figures are taken. They represent the entire cost of the Jubilee Quarantine Hospital up to date:

Supplies of every description	$ 5,672 24
Erection of buildings and tents, including cost of material and labor, etc	2,898 09
Salaries for the whole staff (approx.)	2,500 00
Total	$11,070 33

The letter from the Council *re* the purchase of the Hospital, read as follows:

8th August, 1892.

H. M. Yates Esq., Secretary Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital:

SIR:—I am instructed to say in reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., that the Mayor thought he had explained the general proposition of the Council to be to take over the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital and make it a City Hospital, carried on and maintained by the municipal authorities in the same manner as other city institutions.

The Council have not yet been favored with the views of your board, but add that in the event of this being consummated within a reasonable period, they propose that the Corporation should assume the unexpired term and floating debt, the furnishing and working accounts, supplies, etc., as published in your last report, recognizing, however, any changes which may have taken place in the figures on the same principle during the interval between the preparation of the report and the date of the actual transfer.

With regard to the $20,000 granted by the Legislature to the building fund. Whilst it is incontrovertible that the people of Victoria are entitled to a portion of the expenditure of Provincial funds derivable as they are principally from loans, Dominion subsidies and sale of public property, still, should the Government deem it essential, the Council would consent to the Corporation refunding this $20,000 to the Provincial Treasury.

The rest of the funds having been almost all obtained by various methods from the people of this city, the assumption of the debt by the Corporation of which they are a part will relieve them from their present liability and spread the debt over the whole tax paying people within the city limits.

The Council think that placing the hospital under municipal authority is in accordance with the modern view as to the management of such institutions, and tends to give the people of the city an interest in its success, making it what it should be—a place for the treatment of diseases of all kinds, and causing it to be strong, financially and otherwise.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
W. J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Mr. Joshua Davies' memorandum was as follows:

To the Directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present for your consideration in lieu of the proposition suggested by His Worship Mayor Beaven, "that the city authorities shall assume control of the management of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital," an outline of a scheme which may meet with the approval of the Provincial Government, the Municipal Council, the Hospital Directors, and be sanctioned by the citizens of Victoria.

First.—That no substantial change in the present form of management of the hospital shall be considered, but that, should an understanding be arrived at between the Municipal Authorities and the Hospital Directors, assented to by the Provincial Government, then the city shall be entitled to three representatives on the directorate of the hospital.

Second.—That the Act of Incorporation shall be amended so as to increase the number of directors to 21, or maintained at 18 by reducing the elected directors to nine.

Third.—That the municipality shall provide the funds for the purchase of the "Rithet" land and the erection of necessary buildings for the care of smallpox patients.

Fourth.—That in view of the difficulties of providing drainage for the hospital and the large outlay necessary to lay pipes to connect with the city system, and taking into consideration that the erection of a crematory was favorably commented upon by the Board for the destruction of the hospital sewage that directors assent to the placing of the city crematory on the extreme eastern end of the land to be purchased.

Fifth.—That the care of smallpox patients shall be assumed by the hospital the same as any other infectious disease at no special cost to the city, except when epidemic in its nature, and guards, if necessary, shall be provided by the city at its cost, when asked for.

Sixth.—The city shall pay to the hospital a monthly sum, which in the aggregate, shall be equal to the total of the yearly Government grant, or such amount as may be agreed upon.

Seventh.—That sufficient land shall be given to the city for the erection of an "Old Peoples' Home," to be located either on the present quarantine ground or upon the site of the "French Hospital property," as may be determined.

Yours,
JOSHUA DAVIES.

CITY COUNCIL.

The By-Law Asking for $300,000 to Go Before the Rate-Payers.

Local Improvement By-Law—Report of Finance Committee—The Sewer Discussed.

The City Council held a meeting last night, at which there were present the mayor and all the aldermen.

The first business was the proposed by-law to raise $50,000 for Board of Health purposes.

MAYOR BEAVEN proposed its reconsideration.

ALD. LOVELL—We can't tell how the matter will turn out. By the way the bills are coming in, the $50,000 will be too little.

ALD. MCKILLICAN—I move that the words $50,000 be struck out and the words $75 000 substituted.

ALD. BAKER seconded the motion.

ALD. HUMBER—It is easy to borrow money but it is hard to pay it. Fifty thousand dollars will, in my opinion, be sufficient to settle, *not all the bills*, but all the legitimate expenses.

ALD. MUNN—A sufficient sum should be provided to pay all expenses; $75,000 will not be too much.

HIS WORSHIP—If the affair stops soon, the $50,000 will be sufficient.

ALD. LOVELL—If every effort had not been made by professional gentlemen to terrify the people, the matter would not have been so bad. All that could be done to run up expenses and obstruct the work of the Council, has been done in an underhand manner, and is largely accountable for the fact that the disease has not been stamped out sooner.

ALD. HUNTER—There are people in this town who have told me that if the Government had not taken the matter in hand there would be now some 1,200 or 1,500 cases in the city. And they are intelligent people.

ALD. LOVELL—Pshaw!

The motion to increase the amount to $75,000 was then put and carried by a unanimous vote, and the by-law, as amended, was adopted.

The by-law regarding the proposed loan of $300,000 for sewerage was then taken up.

ALD. MCKILLICAN—The Central School should be included in the area named.

ALD. HUMBER—We borrowed $300,000, and it has not built a sewer, and now we need $300,000 more to job around the present work.

After some discussion, a motion that the by-law, as recommended by the committee of the whole be passed, was put and carried.

Ayes: Hunter, Lovell, Munn, Hall and McKillican.

Nays: Bragg, Baker, Styles and Humber.

August 22 was fixed as the date of voting, and W. K. Bull was named as returning officer. The usual polling places were fixed.

ALD. HUNTER then asked permission to introduce a by-law providing for the assessment of properties affected by local improvement.

Several accounts having been passed, the meeting adjourned.

"FINEST IN THE LAND,"

That's What a World-Famous Expert Has to Say of Queen Charlotte Coal Fields.

The coal fields of the Queen Charlotte Islands have for many years been recognized, by those who have seen the surface croppings, as possessing great value. But still they have remained unexplored and undeveloped, and have, consequently, played no part in British Columbia commerce.

This state of affairs is not to be allowed to continue. A few months ago, a few Victorians interested in Grahame Island property, determined to see just what it contained, and how its mineral deposits could best be utilized. So they sent to Pennsylvania for the best coal expert in the eastern states—Prof. Parrish, for many years state geologist—and he left Victoria in company with Mr. W. A. Robertson and a small exploring party, by the steamer Louise some weeks ago.

The party have not yet returned, but letters were received from them by the Boscowitz, which arrived here on Tuesday. All the reports agree on the one all-important point—the richness of the coal deposits. Professor Parrish says that the fields explored are the richest he has ever visited, the coal supply being apparently inexhaustible, and the quality of the article unsurpassed. In fact, he goes so far as to assert that "there is nothing like them in the east—or on the continent."

Prospecting is not yet completed, but wherever drilling or tunneling has been done good bituminous coal has been discovered. Anthracite and one or two other varieties of the black jewel have also been brought to light, but in smaller quantities.

In one location, about seven miles inland, three well defined seams have been located, the one above the other. The seam nearest the surface averages 10 feet in thickness, the middle one measuring 14.8 feet and the lowest 19.10 feet. All the finds are easy of development, and Grahame Island coal may be confidently expected to soon find a place in the markets of the Coast. Whether the mines will be opened and operated by home or by foreign capital still remains to be disclosed.

CONTRACTOR McBEAN'S LETTER.

The Council and Sewerage Commission Discuss the Proposal to Release the Contractor.

Sanitary Engineer Mohun Tells Why the Pipes on Johnson Street Were Broken.

The City Council and the Sewerage Commissioners met last night in the Council Chamber of the City Hall. There were present the Mayor, all the Aldermen, Commissioners Hon. J. H. Turner and J. Teague, and Sanitary Engineer Mohun.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Beaven, the first order of business being the reading of a letter from Mr. McBean.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN,—Respecting my contract with your honorable body for the construction of sewers in the city, your attention is invited to the following particulars:

Your honorable body and those who are acquainted with the work of laying the present sewers, will doubtless remember that last summer the progress of the work was seriously retarded by the absence of pipe when most urgently required. This occasioned loss and no little inconvenience to me at the time.

This year had a by-law providing additional funds been submitted to the ratepayers and received their sanction, say in March, the work could have been prosecuted with vigor and dispatch during that portion of the year when such work can be done to the best advantage to all parties concerned.

The passage of such by-law has not, however, been proposed until now, when, if passed, and if my present connection with the work were to continue, the contract could not be pushed forward with any degree of satisfaction to either your honorable body or myself until next year.

This, of course, would mean to me no inconsiderable loss both of time and money.

I have therefore now to request that your honorable body will be pleased to cancel my contract in accordance with clauses 38, 39 and 48.

I am willing that the corporation should retain possession of the $20,000 deposit at present in your possession, until the expiration of six months from date of cancellation of the contract and will undertake to keep the sewers I have constructed in good order and repair for that time.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant,
ALEXANDER MCBEAN.

The following are the totals showing the expenditures for the sewer up to date:

Proceeds of loan	$262 734 84
Interest on deposit	1,755 34
Total	$264 490 18
McBean's contract awarded by Council	$249,970 44
Terra Cotta Co., " "	54,011 41
Additional work ordered by Council, deepening sewers, etc., at least	50,000 00
Total	$353,981 85
Total amounts to date, work done	
McBean, 31st July	$192 418 79
Making pipe joints, paid	5,008 05
Terra Cotta Co	32,136 50
Syphons	2,053 74
Preliminary expenses, building office, plans, advertising, trial pits, etc., etc	10,677 10
Salaries, expenses, inspector, treasurer, and office expenses	19,746 00
On hand	2,500 00
Total	$264,490 18

HON. J. H. TURNER—There would be no advantage in doing this. There has been some complaint about the work, but so far as I can see it has been well and honestly done. When the contract was awarded there was a sum of $249,970 granted for Mr. McBean's portion of the work, and there was every reason to think that there would be more work done. If more had been appropriated at the time the work could have been carried on more cheaply as the cost of overseeing would be the same.

Some figures were then read regarding the estimated expenditure to date, showing $192,418 as now due Mr. McBean, and a balance on hand of $2,500.

A discussion then arose as to the reason why side connections were not made at the time the main sewer was constructed. The conclusion arrived at was that the contract did not call for such work.

The claim that the outlying districts had more than their share of the system, was next discussed.

ALD. HALL—The side connections should have been made as the work went on; that is one of the questions before us, and we are wandering away from it. We wish to give the system a test and so give the people confidence.

MR. TEAGUE—I think that the city would be the loser by letting the contractor go.

ALD. HALL—Mr. Mohun, when can we test these sewers?

MR. MOHUN—About the end of the week. The work will be finished by then.

ALD. HUMBER—I would like to know what Mr. Mohun calls a test; not surely the putting in of a little water at one end and letting it run out at the other? Here we are with our money gone, the system incomplete, and no test of what we have on hand.

MR. MOHUN—The pipes are claimed to be too small to carry the required amount of sewage. Take the engines and test them. Throw in a few brick bats and some earth and I think it will go through.

HON. MR. TURNER—The automatic siphons will carry all before them—they have an immense power.

ALD. STYLES—Mr. Mohun, you propose that each property owner pay for his connection. How about the places where the sewer is on one side of the street?

MR. MOHUN—Let them pay in lump sums. The same thing occurs elsewhere, and no trouble arises from the arrangement. The city can charge a reasonable sum, and take the work in hand. I do not believe in letting every one handle the work.

After some further discussion on this point, the committee took up the report on the cause of the recent breakages. The cause assigned by Engineer Mohun was the concussion of air in the confined spaces, caused by blasting. This was concurred in by G. A. Keefer, C.E., E. G. Tilton, C.E., and E. A. Wilmot.

ALD. STYLES—Won't the same trouble arise when the blasting is done in making the pipe connections?

MR. MOHUN—No fear. We will take precautions which will avoid this in future.

ALD. HUMBER—I have two or three theories of my own about the matter.

HIS WORSHIP—It seems that the sewerage commissioners dont think it advisable to relieve Mr. McBean from the contract.

ALD. HUMBER—What does he want to be relieved of?

ALD. MCKILLICAN—He has been abused by the Council till he can't stand it any longer. He has acted as a gentleman, and the city is to blame for not carrying on the work.

ALD. BAKER—I for one would not accuse Mr. McBean of dishonest work—I don't think he has done any.

ALD. LOVELL—We should go on and not let the immense system lay idle, but put it into use.

ALD. HALL—There seems to be no doubt that Mr. McBean has done his best, but I am of the opinion that he should not be released until the present work is tested.

ALD. LOVELL—Let us finish something.

MR. MOHUN—There is not a single foot of sewer laid in the city but has an outlet at Clover Point.

ALD. BRAGG—Are you satisfied that the work has been carried out according to contract?

MR. MOHUN—I can't say positively; but I think it has. I can tell you better when the work is tested at the end of the month.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE ROBSON MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The Robson memorial service at the Y. M. C. A., on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended and very impressive. Rev. P. McF. Macleod was the officiating clergyman, and his selection as such was particularly happy, seeing that he was thoroughly acquainted with the deceased Premier, who had been an active though unpretentious member of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church. The rev. gentleman was introduced by Mr. J. B. Grimshaw, the retiring secretary, who, on behalf of the association, expressed the loss which the Hon. Mr. Robson was to them as a body, and to the province as a whole. Rev. Mr. Macleod spoke from Isaiah lvii., 1: "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." The rev. gentleman paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased, whom he described as eminently a righteous man, and one who had ever taken a lively interest in the welfare of young men, and especially those of the Young Men's Association. As a man he had accomplished much which must ever keep his memory green, and was a character worthy of the emulation of all young men, as demonstrating what great things they might achieve by a consistent and conscientious course of action. From small beginnings the deceased statesman had secured one of the highest positions in the gift of the people of the province which he had made his adopted home. As a righteous man he had passed away, to the great regret of those he left behind, but his sorrowing friends had the happy assurance that the departed one had been called to "that better land" to receive his reward. They all regretted Hon. Mr. Robson's demise as a personal loss, but then he had been gathered home to the everlasting realms of the Blest. They grieved, but not as those without hope, and the life which had just passed away had been lived to their edification and to their benefit. As young men they had sustained the loss of a true and trusted friend, but his memory lived, and if they would but try to live as he lived, and die as he died, leaving behind the fondest recollections, they would do well.

THE CHINESE MURDER.

Sing, the Accused, Brought Down from River's Inlet to Answer to the Charge.

Three Other Celestials Implicated in the Safe Robbery are Also Prisoners.

Special Constable William Lee arrived down on Sunday from River's Inlet, having in charge four Chinese prisoners. One of them, Sing Kee, is held on a charge of murder and also of shooting with intent to kill. The other Celestials, Wan Ping, Lee Quong and Chee Cow, are supposed to be the parties who stole a small safe, containing $1,300, from the B. C. Cannery Co. at the Inlet.

The facts of the shooting are reported by Mr. H. J. Kirkland, superintendent of the cannery, to Superintendent of Police Hussey as follows:

"On Sunday, July 24, about 4 p.m., the Chinaman Sing Kee, fired a shot from the upper part of what is known as the China House at a man, Chee Cow, seated along with other Chinese beneath, eating their rice. A panic followed and a rush was made for the door. Sing Kee thrust his rifle out of the upstairs window and fired two or three shots at the people beneath, killing one and wounding others. Before I was informed of what had taken place, Sing Kee had escaped to the woods.

"I stationed men on watch, that evening, and about 11 o'clock Sing returned and fired a shot into the Chinese House, the bullet penetrating above Chee Cow's bedplace. He was fired upon by the watch, but again escaped, and was at liberty until Saturday, the 30th, when he was captured by two Indians, who, through the promise of reward, had gone after him

"On his arrest he confessed to the shooting with intent to kill, and when told who was shot said it was the wrong man. He said he felt sorry that he did not succeed in killing Chee Cow.

"The motive, as far as I can make out from Sing Kee, was revenge for an unequal sharing of the profits of a robbery that had taken place on June 16. Sing accused three other Chinese of complicity in the safe robbery from the B. C. Canning Company, at this place, on the abovementioned date, and they were promptly arrested. They denied the accusation, but Sing Kee persists in his original statement. The reason he fired with the intention to kill was because they did not give him a fair share of the money stolen. I send down Wan Ping, Lee Quong and Chee Cow, accused, in charge of W. Lee, special constable, the prisoners to be delivered to you."

The three Chinese held on the burglary charge are all slightly injured. One of them has a grazed shoulder and was shot by the same ball through the thumb and fingers. He was sitting on a stool eating rice when the shot was fired from behind and above, and he narrowly escaped death. The alleged murderer seems to have made a most determined attempt to kill his man, and is sorry he failed in doing so, and very sorry he hit another man instead. When captured, he was much subdued and said he had been going to kill himself, but wanted to write a letter to his father in China before departing this life. From all accounts he is a bad egg, having served four years in the New Westminster penitentiary for shooting a policeman through the hand some eight or nine years ago. He was a whiskey trader and an inveterate gambler, and when he had lost all his money, he wanted more from those who had assisted in the safe robbery. There was some $1,300 in the iron box but it was in two separate compartments and only half of it was secured. None of the stolen money was recovered except two $20 gold pieces which were taken out of the soles of Sing's shoes at the Provincial jail last night.

The body of the murdered Chinaman was sent down on the Boscowitz, and a *post mortem* examination will have to be made. The trial will take place at New Westminster, as it was in the New Westminster county the offence was committed. The report that two of the Celestials were dead is correct enough, but only one of them was shot. The other one died from the combined effects of opium and fright. His remains are also being sent down by the Chinese, who are very anxious to prosecute Sing. There is one white witness against the prisoner, who also came down on the Louise—a man named Cole, who saw Sing shoot from the window. The prisoners were sent up to New Westminster by this morning's boat for the preliminary investigation, which will be held as soon as the *post mortem* is made.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The Rivers' Inlet Tragedy—B. C. College Opening—The Quarantine to be Lifted.

Reported Japanese Cabinet Changes—Arrangements for Vancouver's Labor Day Celebration.

(Special to the COLONIST).

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 10.—R. Gosnell is holding down the city editor's chair on the Telegram. J. R. Bell has been added to the reportorial staff.

The free library directors met, today, and decided to spend $1,000 in new books. The gentlemen authorized to choose them are J. M. Duval, William Brown, J. B. Ker, and W. H. Hirschburg.

It is rumored here to-day that the American ports will lift the quarantine on Friday, if no new cases are developed. Manager Goldsmidt says if it is not lifted soon he will rent the Opera House for a beer garden.

Mr. Rosenbaum's friends are widely circulating a petition to have him appointed German consul.

Dr. Davie came over to-day, and was handed Dr. Herald's resignation, who was persuaded to reconsider it, however, and was handed a letter of instructions by the Provincial Health Officer. Among them was one to the effect that all smallpox cases were to be placed on Deadman's Island at once, the Province to pay for the removal of the district cases. Dr. McGuigan is reported to have said it would be dangerous to move the Hastings and Moodyville cases at present, and Dr. Davie afterwards said if it was not too dangerous to move them, they must be moved now.

The Wardrope family, who were to have given an entertainment here, to-morrow, labor day, wired that they cannot come, on account of the quarantine.

James Adair, the alleged child raper, has been remanded till Friday.

To-day, Japanese Consul Kito received a cablegram announcing that all the ministers but one have been replaced by others. Premier, Count Ito, framer of the new constitution, and a former Premier, having resigned that office four years ago; Minister of Justice, Count Yamagata, who followed Count Ito as Premier; Minister of the Interior, Count Inouye; Minister of Communication, Count Kuroda, who was premier after Count Yamagata, and who was associated with Count Ito in framing the new constitution; Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, Count Goto; Minister of the Navy, Viscount Nire; Minister of Education, Mr. Kono; Minister of Finance, Mr. Watanabe, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mutsu, Minister of the Navy, Mr. Takashima. The last named gentleman is the only one retained in the cabinet who was a member of the government of Count Matsukata, which has just resigned.

The third annual celebration of the workingmen takes place to-morrow. It will be a notable event, surpassing all previous efforts. Most of the stores will be closed.

Alderman H. E. Connor has resigned his position as agent of the C.P.R., simultaneous with his acceptance of the B. C. management of the Northern Pacific Steamship Co. Ald. Connon is very popular here. His many friends are glad that he is to remain in the province.

The loggers employed at Murray's camp are to sue the Hastings Mill company for their wages on the contention that as the Hastings Mill Company bought the logs they are responsible for the wages to the men in getting them out.

The Robert S. Earle towed in a load of lumber from the Hastings Mill.

In the Labor Day ceremonies, the Westminster unions will participate, and there will be excursions from Victoria and Nanaimo. The first event on the programme is the procession. Several of the unions have been preparing floats for the occasion, and a great amount of labor and time has been spent on them. At 11:30 o'clock the athletic sports and bicycle races will commence. An intermission will be made in the sports for the speeches, the speakers being Rev. Jos Waldrop, of Portland, Ore; J. C. Brown, M.P.P., New Westminster; Rev. J. W. Pedley, Vancouver, and Robt. Macpherson, Vancouver.

Mr. Castell-Hopkins, of the Empire, ex general secretary of the Imperial Federation League in Canada, is expected from Toronto. He has been asked to address a public meeting on the relations of Canada with the Empire, and arrangements are being made towards that end.

Francis Bourchier is at the Hotel Vancouver. He returns home by the Yosemite, to-morrow.

Dr. Davie this evening examined the patients at Moodyville and Hastings, with a view to deciding whether they were in a fit condition to move at once to Deadman's Island.

A committee meeting of the whole council was held, to-night, to consider the Fraser River and Burrard Inlet Railroad by-law. The promoters desired to have the matter understood in this shape: The city to make an offer to loan them, as private citizens, $300,000, payable in forty years, provided they form a company to raise the necessary money to build the proposed road by June, 1894, according to the provisions of the by-law; the interest on the money not to accrue until the completion of the road. Messrs. Rand and Ferguson appeared for the railway. The discussions were very animated. The second reading will take place on Monday night, when the by-law will be put in shape to go to the people.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug 10.—The Chinamen connected with the Rivers' Inlet tragedy and robbery arrived to-day, and are locked up in the Provincial Jail. The inquest will not commence till to-morrow, as the bodies were delayed at Vancouver.

Arrangements have been made by the Post Office Department to have the Victoria mails brought over by tram every morning until a regular railway service is inaugurated again. This move is generally approved.

The doctors now find it necessary to amputate part of the hand of the Indian woman who was stabbed by McLean, the half-breed, some time ago. Though blood-poisoning has been overcome, the hand has become diseased, and to-morrow morning at least two fingers will be amputated.

The pressed brick from Portland, seized on the 4th inst., by the Customs for undervaluation, were released, yesterday, the consignees depositing $1,100, the value of the brick, and the amount of the duty as fixed by the inspector. It now lies with the Department at Ottawa to say what penalty will be imposed.

Rev. R. Whittington, M. A., B. Sc., who will fill the office of Principal of the British Columbia College, arrived from Carleton Place, yesterday, to take over his new charge. Mr. Whittington was formerly Principal of the Methodist College at Tokyo, Japan. The board of management and faculty will meet within a few days to transact business which has been waiting, and to prepare a final statement to be laid before the public. Before leaving the East, Mr. Whittington was successful in securing as Lady Principal, Miss Lucy H. Hurlburt, M. E. L., of the Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ont., Miss Hurlburt has studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, at Victoria College, Pittsburg, and spent three years in Paris and Berlin studying Modern Art and Music. She has had nine years experience as a teacher, and is in possession of the highest testimonials. Mr. Whittington thinks it would be impossible to make a better selection, and says the College is fortunate in securing her services. Miss Hurlburt, who is a daughter of the well known Indian missionary, Rev. Thomas Hurlburt, is expected to arrive in two weeks.

At the annual meeting of the Westminster Slate Company, last night, it was decided to make strenuous efforts to secure a share of the trade of Oregon and California, and to push the sale of their output in Japan and China as well, which countries import largely from England. Except the Westminster Slate Company's quarry, there is only one other quarry on the Pacific Coast, and that is in the mountain region of California. The old board of officers and directors were re-elected, as follows: President, H. V. Edmonds; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Gamble; Directors, J. A. Webster, H. F. Clinton, T. F. Sinclair and Charles E. Woods.

The Collector of Customs here is of opinion that the outcome of the Winnifred seizure will be that the captain will be fined in a nominal sum, and warned not to fool around Uncle Sam's herring pond any more. That is provided the seizure was made on the south side of the boundary line.

The water from the lake arrived at the reservoir yesterday at noon. The capacity of the basin on Tenth street is 1,600,000 gallons, and it will take 24 hours to fill, when the water will be let into the relief tanks.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Aug. 19.—Dr. Praeger will not allow the steamer City of Nanaimo to do business at Nanaimo unless she gets a new crew, or the present crew go into quarantine for 14 days.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

SALT SPRING ISLAND, Aug. 8.—The drawing for the bassinet took place yesterday, the winning ticket being number 89, held, it is understood, in Victoria.

PLUMPER'S PASS.

PLUMPERS PASS, Aug. 8—Mr. W. H. Mawdsley and Colonel O. T. Stone, made a pleasant trip to Salt Spring Island, on Wednesday morning last, returning the same morning.

Mr. E. Winstanley, Mrs. E. Patterson and Miss Nellie D. Pattersen, went to Victoria last week.

Miss K. Merrill, of Victoria, is here, staying with friends.

Messrs. Tisdale and Steen left here for Westminster, on Monday evening.

Among the late arrivals at Village Bay are Mrs. Armstrong and the Misses Armstrong, Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. Giles, of Westminster.

Mr. T. Collinson, our storekeeper here, whilst away at Victoria, last week, had some thirty gallons of dog fish oil stolen from his warehouse, adjoining his premises, and no trace of its whereabouts can be had. Mr. A. Kempe, of Dog Fish Bay, also missed some twenty gallons, which were in tins placed outside his tent, but in this case the tins were refilled with salt water, in order to escape detection. The joke was "too thin," and Messrs. Kempe and Collinson are waiting to entertain their "visitor" when he again makes his appearance, and administer to him his "deserts."

The first of a series of entertainments of a varied description was given in the new school house on Galiano Island on Friday evening last, to which cordial invitations were extended to everybody around. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. W. Cook, and a capital programme was provided both of a musical and literary character; the frequent encores of the different songs helped to lend enthusiasm to the evening. Mr. Finlay A. Murchison though slightly indisposed from a cold was loudly applauded for the rendering of the solo, "Hark! Hark, My soul," the effect of which was truly impressive. Mr. S. Sturdy sang in capital style the well known ballad "Call me back again," whilst Mr. J. Seabrook was well applauded for his song "Arm, Arm, Ye Brave," which demanded an encore. A duet by the Misses Sears and Merrill was well received and a dialogue on the "Supremacy of Man over Woman" was a laughing feature to those who took part.

The following is the programme:

Solo..."Hark, Hark My Soul".....Mr. F.A. Murchison.
Song..."Call Me Back Again"....Mr S. Sturdy.
Duet "Love's Golden Dream". Misses Wright and Merrill.
Recitation. "Shamus O'Brien". Mr. J. Seabrook.
Quartette. "Who's That Calling So Sweet?"..
Messrs. Murchison, Georgeson, Seabrook and Sturdy.
Address..On "The Formation of the Isles"..
.....Mr. W. Cook.

REFRESHMENTS.

Song..."Wist, I Hear it Again"...Mr. J. Matheson.
Song..."Arm, Arm, Ye Brave"..Mr. J. Seabrook.
Recitation..."Barbara Frietchie"..Mr S. Sturdy.
Dialogue..."The Supremacy of Man Over Woman"
Duet..."If Ever We Cease to Love"..Misses Sears and Merrill
Song (comic)..."Don't You Go, Tommy"..Mr. W. Cook.

Mr. Colcutt, of Vancouver, is a visitor with Mr. Marmaduke Wood for a few days.

DR. WATT DISCUSSED.

TO THE EDITOR:—Considerable interest is manifested in the forthcoming election in the Cariboo District. Two candidates are before the electors, Dr. Watt, of Victoria, and Mr. Morrison of the 134 Mile House. As it is the desire of the electors of Cariboo to return to the Legislative Assembly, a staunch supporter of the late and present administrations, and at the same time, one whose interests are identical with those of all portions of the district, it is well to look into the claims of the respective candidates for the position.

As stated by your correspondent "X" in your issue of 29th July, the people of the mining section of Cariboo, acknowledge the right of the agricultural portion of the district to a representative, and will unite with the people of the lower section in supporting a candidate brought out by them. Mr. Morrison has been the choice of the lower section, and, for the reasons mentioned in your correspondent's letter referred to, will best represent the various interests of the district, and from his past record, can be relied upon to give the Government his support. Can we say as much for Dr. Watt? That gentleman, who has for the past year or more taken up his residence in Victoria, and opened an office for the practice of his profession there, as soon as the news of the death of Hon. John Robson arrived, announced himself as a candidate for the vacant seat. He published an address, in which he bases his claim for the suffrages of the Cariboo electors, on the ground that he is about to become again a resident of Cariboo, and that he is a supporter of Mr. Davie's administration, and had invariably been a supporter of the previous Smithe-Davie-Robson administrations.

Now, Mr. Editor, in regard to the first statement, however good Dr. Watt's intentions may be, let us examine the possibilities of his becoming a resident. Cariboo has a small population; observe, there are only 399 names on the Voters' List. To meet the requirements of the residents, there are at present three doctors practising in the district, two of whom receive salaries from the Government as an inducement to reside here. To remain a resident, Dr. Watt must depend upon the practice of his profession, or become an object of charity. Can any reasonable person for one moment believe that, even to satisfy an ardent political ambition—which the results of the Watt-Barnard election should have allayed—Dr. Watt or any other man similarly situated will relinquish a lucrative practice in Victoria, to accept the doubtful chances of making a bare living in a sparsely settled district, in competion with doctors established and subsidized by Government?

Again, the doctor's second statement cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. If Dr. Watt was so strong a supporter of the late Hon. John Robson's Government, why is it that at the general election of 1890, when he had charge of Mr. Robson's nomination paper, he suspiciously delayed placing the document in the hands of the returning officer until the last moment, and then only did so, after the repeated urging of Mr. Robson's friends, (to use the doctor's own words) "under protest."

In the Watt-Barnard election for the House of Commons in 1891, Dr. Watt announced himself an unqualified supporter of the Liberal-Conservative party, contrary to his previous life-long expressed opinions. This fact alone did not excite much comment, as it is not unusual for men to change their views; but notice his further actions. While thus announcing himself a Liberal-Conservative candidate, the doctor at more than one public meeting, strongly condemned the policy of the Liberal-Conservative party, by introducing a resolution in favor of unrestricted reciprocity, and advocating this policy of the Grit party in speeches of great length. These facts are merely referred to in order to show how much reliance may be placed on the doctor's assurances.

The Times, the organ of the Opposition, through which medium the doctor has hitherto addressed the public, maintains that Dr. Watt is too sensible to feel bound after election to support the administration of Mr. Davie.

Now, in view of all these circumstances, the people of Cariboo do well, before casting their votes, to consider whether Dr. Watt can be trusted. It is generally believed that Dr. Watt's motive in seeking election in Cariboo is not to serve the district, but to satisfy his personal animosities against certain of the Government officials and those electors who opposed him at the late election referred to.

In conclusion, we feel that it would be ungrateful in the extreme for Cariboo, at this election, to return as a successor to our late illustrious representative a member whose fidelity to the district and to the Government is not beyond question.

CARIBOO.

TWO INTERESTING LETTERS.

Which Have Passed Between the Attorney-General and the Mayor.

The following letters are self explanatory. The one signed by Mayor Beaven was written in reply to two letters from the Attorney General, informing the city of the payment of several of the accounts for wages due by the city on account of smallpox matters. This letter is as follows:

CITY HALL, Aug. 9, 1892.

Hon. Theodore Davie, Premier.

SIR,—I am favored with two letters from you of the 8th inst. I stated in my last reply that the corporation would, in due course, provide for the payment of officers and persons employed by them. I will also add "or any expenses incurred under the same conditions." It is quite unnecessary for the Government to use any portion of the public funds in paying any accounts in connection with smallpox matters which come under such a category, and I again formally notify you to that effect.

Yours truly,
(Sd.) ROBERT BEAVEN,
Mayor.

To the above communication the following reply was sent:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
VICTORIA, Aug. 10, 1892.

Robert Beaven, Esq., Mayor:

SIR,—Replying to your letter of the 9th, and also to that of the 8th inst., you ignore, or are, seemingly unaware of three things:

1. That by Section 27 of the Provincial Health Rules, all expenses incurred, by any Municipal Health Officer, and within the scope of his duties, are payable by the city, whole such expenses are incurred.

2. That the bills which the city neglects, or refuses to pay, were incurred in arresting the spread of smallpox, and were incurred within the scope of duty, and under the authority of the Municipal Health Officer, in the persons, either of Dr. Milne or Dr. Wade.

3 That under the Health Act, the city's expenses, in arresting the spread of smallpox, are to be paid *out of the general taxes.*

Hence, if, as you say, the city is prepared to pay the expenses incurred by it "in due course," it would have paid the bills, upon presentation, out of the general taxes and ordinary revenue, instead of (as has been done) putting the applicants off upon the pretext of passing a $75 000 loan by-law for health purposes, none of which loan, even if passed by the rate-payers, could legally be applied in payment of the smallpox bills, so far incurred.

The city having repudiated its health obligations, it has been deemed in the public interest that the Government should advance, and pay the bills. The money expended in so doing will be collected from the city, under the rules.

Yours truly,
(Signed) THEODORE DAVIE.

LACROSSE.

FOR SATURDAY'S GAME.

The Executive committee of the Victoria Lacrosse Club held a meeting, last evening, at which several committees were appointed to arrange for the match in the Caledonia Park, Saturday next. The members of the team will be chosen to-day or to-morrow.

MARRIED.

MENUT—CAMPBELL—In Victoria, B.C., on August 9, 1892, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Rev. Father Nicolaye, Henri E. Menut, of Cherbourg, France, to Martha Jane, youngest daughter of the