of next year. Work on the road, which out 70 miles long, will be commenced e spring. The work will not be diffi-and can be done for \$20,000 a mile. Corbin expects that this road will the benefit Spokane by giving it direct

munication wish this section.

e account of the drowning of Wm. J.
eary, off the Nelsen, published in last
was incorrect. McLeary was not
ned. The fact was that he put his age on the steamer and then went ap ed. Someone discovered that his bag-was on board and that its owner was nce the story of his drowning. Arthur has just returned from the

Arthur has just returned from the of the surveying parties locating the or the Nelson & Fort Sheppard rail. The cook in Bowen's died of hemorof the brain. The line has been run. summit of the Beaver, and about miles only remain to be located. The y is in an advanced state.

of following incident recently happened selo. Jim Wardner and John King, slo. Jim Wardner and John King, well known mining princes, met on street. One said to the other, tere is there a good loafing place in the ?" "There is none," said the other. bill," said Mr. King, "There is a hotel the said of the said the said of the said the sai in, said Mr. Ring, "There is a hotel there that has no liquor license, let's y it." "Done," says Wardner, and at once proceeded to the house in ques-Finding the proprietor the question sked, "How much do you want for ranch?" "\$5,000," was the laconic "We'll take it." changed both sked, "How much do you want for ranch?" "\$5,000," was the laconic.
h. "We'll take it," chorused both general.
h. John F. Ward, of Nelson, happed to be in town and being an old friend he parties, purchased an interest, and edded to Nelson where a license was med instanter. On his return the head

pened and christened the Cœur d'Alene. out thirty men at work in the Trail district will probably be kept all win-The wagon road up Sheep creek, from nt opposite Northport, is completed interests in the camp have been acby D. C. Corbin, president of the ne & Northern railway, his latest pur-being the Standard and Yellow the from Charley Drouin, one of the dis-Bear lake in Kaslo-Slocan district. A. sler, the well known Montana mining recently paid the camp a visit, and is ted as willing to take up the bond he

D. Mahoney, of the Palace hotel at is seriously thinking of quitting the business and starting a hat is a Democrat, and won 500 h oplies, such as powder, fuse, etc., for rork of improving the Columbia river, now at Robson. As herotofore, Alex-r Lindquist will be in charge of the

hile acting as "bouncer" for a saloon aslo, lately, George Henry Fisher, a celebrity, broke Dick Hughes' leg. NANAIMO.

NAIMO, Dec. 1.—The customs returns

he month of November are : Duty cold, \$3,606.37; sick mariner dues, \$321iscellaneous, \$77.51; total, \$4,005.36. mports of goods were : Free, \$1,306: ble, \$12,269; direct imports, \$684. ex warehouse, \$462; dutiable ex ware-\$534; total, \$15,255. NAIMO, Dec. 2.- James A. Hodsution,

alt Spring Island, died in hospital here morning of consumption; also A. C. ston, half-brother of C. C. McKenzie, P. Clouston leaves a wife and five ren. He was a Somerset man. anaimo schools during the past month

a daily average of 441 48. The report he children are in a healthy cond ng the present week the scholars l working hard at their Christmas tions. wenty-five cent law suit is to come up Magistrates' court next week. old an old watch case to a jewelle

city. The boy's father claims that he it from him, and demands the case e jeweller. ur sailors of the bark Theobald have ted. So far nothing has been heard

Caledonian society celebrated St. ew's day by a supper in the Palace, on Wednesday night. It was a very ant affair. rived : Ship Eclipse.
e foreign shipment of coal of the New

uver Coal Co. were 26,665 tons; Wel-n, 16,633 tons; East Wellington, iled, steamship Romulus for San Franpartnership existing between Mahrer,

& Co. has been dissolved. J. Mahrer ues the business on his own account. ring November the births marriages, 6 (registered). ask & Wilson have purchased the fteen inches of snow have fallen at

King, Gilbert, fell from a ladder, susng serious injuries. He fell 25 fee

BERNA Nov. 29:-Snow began to fall in

alley last Friday, and continued until lay. This has been followed by rain, leaves the roads in a very bad con-

meeting held last week it was deto organize a "Social club," to pro-entertainment for the winter months.

S. WEST INDIA SQUADRON.

ges in the Disposition of Uncle Sam's

SHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The navy depart-, profiting by the experience of the revolution in Venezuela, has determnot to be caught napping again when chant's interests are in peril in this try. Upon the advice of the state devent a naval station will be kept in West Indies, along the northern coast uth America, as it was a source of mortification to the department auties to be dependent upon foreign nips to look out for our inter-during the late war in Venezuela, to be too severe on the men who are r allowed liberty in the Carlo allowed liberty in the Southern ports, sheen decided to change the vessels on station. The Kearsarge, now at La yra, will be relieved by the Atlanta, men of the Kearsarge have not had libs been decided t since she reached the coast of on her return from Trinidad, and it is re them an airing on home shores, and same time prepare for the winter's e of this vessel, that she has been or-l to the Norfolk navy yard. She will

ve Venezuela waters, bowever, until

wed by the Atlanta, which is now en to the Norfolk navy yard from New

From the DAILY COLONIST Dec. 2. THE CITY.

At St. Mark's Church-School. At St. Mark's church last evening the usual weekly concert was given, the musical programme being supplemented with a magic lantern show. The attendance was better than the previous week.

To Repair the Streets. One hundred men were put on the streets yesterday, to clean up and repair. This is a great godsend to the unskilled laborers of

for the past few months. Mesonic Officers Elected. Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A.F. & A.M., elected officers last evening as follows: Arthur St. G. Flint, W.M.; B. S. Oddy, S.W.; A. L. Belyea, W.; John Trickey, tyler, (re-elected): Wm. Trickey, tyler, (re-elected). The balance of

officers will be appointed on installation y, the first Thursday in January.

The City's Taxes.

Yesterday was a very busy day in the City Hall, some \$42,000 having passed over the city treasurer's counter. Not less than \$120,000 were gathered in during the week, and outstanding rates will not total up to much. This is a big increase over last year's income. The exact figures will not be known The exact figures will not be known for a couple of days. The police had a sharp eye on the treasury last night.

The Last of the Ericsson. Passengers who arrived from the West Passengers who arrived from the West-coast by steamer yesterday, report the roughest weather experienced in many months. The high winds and rains have been varied with sleet and snow, there be-ing fifteen inches of the latter on the level Alberni A few feet of the mizzen mast appearing above the water is all that now marks the location of the Ericsson, or what was once that ship.

Elected Officers.

The Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian church held their annual business meeting last evening and elected the following officers: President, F. W. Teague; Vice-President, Miss M. Wilson; Secretary, A. Hay; Treasurer, Miss M. Craig. The Hay; Treasurer, Miss M. Craig. The society contemplates an active winter's society contemplates an active winter work along the latest approved lines of en-

Court House, Yale, December 16. Court House, Lytton, December 17. Court House, Ashcroft, December 19.

Court House, Spence's Bridge, Decem-The court of revision for Burnaby district. The court of revision for Burnary district, will be held at Mr. Sample's boarding house, Power House buildings, on December 30.

The court of revision for Alberni district will be held at the Court House, Alberni,

Waverley Lodge.

Loyal Waverley Lodge, C. O. O. F., M. U., held a large and enthusiastic meet-ing last evening, there being a large attend-tance of visiting brethren. One candidate was initiated into the mysteries of the order and two propositions received. Various alterations to by-laws were discussed and approved of; and a committee was ap-

The Angel of the Harvest.

The second rendition of the beautiful cantata, "The Angel of the Harvest," called out a fair-sized audience which comfortably filed the body of the Pandora avenue Mathodist church last night. Methodist church last night. The programme rendered was exactly the same as to numbers and performers as that given on Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Drury acted as organist and Mr. Parfitt as conductor. The entertainment was all that could be desired, the various solos being well rendered and the choruses in good time and voice. Take it all together the evening was a very enjoyable one. The proceeds will go to the

Presented With a Time Piece. The following officers of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society were installed on Wednesday evening: George Bishop, president; George Walker, vice-president; John Coltart, second vice-president; Duncan Stewart, treasurer; E. C. Smith, secretary; Dr. Renwick, physician; Messrs. R. P. Rithet, John Robertson, A. B. Gray, H. W. Sheppard, Donald McKay, R. Mitchell, directors; James Colquhoun, George Webb, wardens; James Deans, bard. Just before the banquet, the retiring President, Mr. John Robertson, was presented with s handsome onyx clock as a token of the appreciation merited by his long years of faithful service in the interests of the Society.

Ladies' Guild Concert. A large and appreciative audience gathered to hear the attractive programme presented in St. John's school last night, under the auspices of the Ladies Guild.

Dwing to the unfortunate illness of Mr. Vebber, who was suffering from a cold, is numbers were omitted. The remainder the programme as published in the CoL ONIST, yesterday, was carried out. The various numbers were vigorously applauded and a number of well deserved encores responded to. The audience were in an appreciative mood, which brought out the pest results from the performers. The rifle irill by the young ladies was very well done. The organ fund of the church was increased by a neat sum netted by the per

A Veteran. Capt. J. E. Noel is a passenger by the Danube to join the Canada Western surveying party. Capt. Noel is a man of well known cientific attainments who has seen much scientific attainments who has seen much service on sea and on land. He served many years in the United States navy, and was Flag Lieutenant under Admiral Dahlgren. In 1863, when a midshipman, he was volunteer aide on General Reynolds' staff, and was present at the battle of Gettyshipm heing the only payal officer who took ourg, being the only naval officer who took part in that engagement. He was for some me employed in coast and geodetic survey-ig, and, under the United States Govern-, had charge of the exploratory survey of the Nicaragua canal. He was also assist vania railroad. His position in the navy, who is referred to.

when he resigned, was that of Lieut.-Com-mander. Capt. Noel will be a valuable ad-dition to the engineering staff of the Canada Western, and will no doubt do good work for the company and for this province. for the company and for this pro

Will be Closed Up. Unless there should unfortunately b nother case of smallpox in the near future the quarantine station at the Jubilee Hos-pital will be closed about the middle of

Inland Revenue. The following are the returns for Inland Revenue Division No. 37, Victoria, for the month just passed:

Spirits. Malt...

Good-Bye to Esquimalt

generally regretted. Gazette Notices.

Yesterday's issue of the B. C. Gazette contains the following notices:
Plans of recent surveys in Osoyoos district can be seen at the office of the Chief Commissioner, Victoria, and of M. Lumby, Esq., at Vernon.
Aldous Bros. of Nelson, have assigned to William P. Robinson.

William P. Robinson.

The City of Vancouver will apply for amendments to its charter.

George H. Cowan will apply for admission to the bar of British Columbia.

The Vancouver B. C. and South Lawrence improvement company, limited liability, has been registered. The headquarters for

the concern are at Vancouver. the concern are at Vancouver.

Letters patent have been granted to the municipality of Matsqui. First nomination December 10, election December 17. William Thomson of Mount Lehman, has been named as returning officer.

McPhillips, Wooton & Barnard, give class music as a treat.

notice that they will apply to the legis.

Yesterday's B. C. Gazette contains notice LIQUOR AND LAWLESSNESS

Reports of Serious Trouble Among the Indians of the Nitinat Tribe.

Recourse to Rifles and Revolvers.

approved of; and a committee was appointed to meet a committee of the sister lodge to participate in the proposed Christ.

Langley and an armed posse of Provingmas tree. The members of this lodge are evincing great interest in the work of the order, and are determined that Waverley Nitinat tribe. They number about 200 all As three Italian fishe the choruses in good time and voice. Take it all together the evening was a very enjoyable one. The proceeds will go to the Sunday school fund.

Take they have not thought to cut the wire.

Besides the Nitinats, it is quite possible that other tribes visiting at their village have shared in the festivities and are now share. that other tribes visiting at their village nave shared in the festivities and are now sharing in the fighting. The old chief of the Nitinats confesses his utter inability to control his tribe and reported to Mr. Daykin that untribe and reported tribe and reported to Mr. Daykin that un-less a sufficient force is sent to take the whiskey away there will be very serious trouble, an opinion which is strongly endorsed by the lightkeeper. The chief wanted a man of-war and said that soldiers

alone could put an end to the rioting.

Upon the receipt of his telegrams yester-Lyon the receipt of his telegrams yesterday, Sergeant Langley proceeded at once to make his preparations. It was at first proposed to take the Lorne, but as she had gone to Nanaimo with a tow she was not immediately available. Application was then made for the Quadra, and particulars of the case having been wired to Ottawa, it is expected that she will be re-commissioned for the special trip, leaving this morning. The scene of the trouble is distant about seventy miles, and the steamer will proba-The scene of the trouble is distant about seventy miles, and the steamer will proba-bly be back early on Monday. Manager Christie is sending a special lot of instru-ments by her, and Operator E. Haughton will "they" the will "tap" the wire wherever necessary is order to get the news home without delay.

The whiskey sloops having been either seized, destroyed or driven out of business by the energetic action of the authorities, it is thought that the troublesome liquor was prought to the Indian camp by the old Nitinat trail, leading from Cowichan lake.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENT.

Princess of the Teck Family Likely to be the Bride of the Duke of York.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The St. James Gazette leclares that the rumor of the Duke of York's engagement to Princess Mary of Teck is founded on fact, and that the interest in the matter now centres on the date to be fixed for the wedding. It is believed that this will be published at the beginning of the new year, and that the wedding will take place in the spring. The Duke and Duchess of Teck and Princess Mary are now the guests of the Prince of Wales at Sandringham, where the Queen will visit them shortly. The Duke of York will visit the Queen on Monday week.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that the an-The Pall Mail Gazette says that the an nouncement of the engagement is pre-mature, and that it is likely to be Princess

Victoria of Teck, and not Princess Mary,

From the Daily Colonist, Dec. 3.

of his birthday.

Salvini's Engagement.

Complaints have been made within the past few days of the manner in which chickens and ducks are being stolen from residents in the suburbs. From one place in Victoria West as many as nine ducks and a number of chickens have been taken by some unknown person or persons who and a number of chickens have been taken by some unknown person or persons who evidently make thieving a business. The police, however, are watching, intending to make it warm for some one.

St. Andrew's hall, the old pro-cathedral. Among others who will assist are Mr. W. Ralph Higgins, Mr. A. Werner and Miss Hyams, of the St. Andrew's Choral society. It is also probable that Miss Roma, the prima donna soprano of San Francisco, will he here for the event, which is already being looked forward to by lovers of high-

subscription for that purpose.

Homeward Bound.

Nitinat Tribe.

At 9.30 o'clock this morning H.M. flagship Warspite, with Admiral Hotham, C.B., Capt. Lambton, officers and men, who have made Victoria their headquarters for over two years, will sail to the south, round the Horn, and thence to England. A num-ber of the officers—all who could get away, Sergeant Langley Will Take a Special

Posse to the Scene of
Trouble.

Some time before noon to-day the Government steamer Quadra is expected to leave for the Nitinat valley, bearing Sergeant Langley and an armed posse of Provincial and special officers, whose presence is put in a pleasant time.

Accidental Beath. told, and have lately been holding a jolification in the valley, whiskey being the staple attraction. Telegrams from Cape Beale tyesterday indicated that the liquor has done its work; the Indians at last accounts friends of the latter were informed of the city ever since. He was at one time the proprietor of a livery stable on Trounce

The St. George's Inn Destroyed

The necessity of providing some sort of fire protection for Victoria West was well his department, and in removing the last lamp must have tipped it so that some of the oil ran out. An explosion followed, the oil ran out. An explosion followed, and in a few minutes the entire place was in flames. The occupants of the house were aroused by men of "C" battery, who also helped to get out the plane, sewing machine, Mr. Carter's money, and, a few articles of clothing—the only things saved. The buildings, valued at about \$1,000, were owned by Mr. Wm. Rothwell, of Esquimalt, and, it is understood, were insured. Mr. Carter, who had been in the place about twelve months, places his loss, on contents, at about \$1,500, upon which \$1,200 insurance is carried in the "Manchester Union." Chief Deasy, noticing the blaze, rode out, and a number of men of the fire department followed, in case their assistance with the content of the co

tance might be required. The apparatus turned out, but was sent back when the location of the fire was discovered.

department followed, in case their assis-

All About a Dog. There was only one case heard in the County Court yesterday of anything more than ordinary interest. This was the one in which G. T. Demaine sued the National in which G. T. Demaine sued the National Electric Tramway company to recover \$100, the value of a dog killed by the street cars. His Lordship Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, who sat as a County Court judge, awarded plaintiff \$50. Mr. Lindley Crease appeared for Demaine, and Mr. F. B. Gregory for the Tramway company. Demaine is a baker, living on Cook street, near where the Spring Ridge cars run. He owned a valuable setter bitch, which four witnesses swore they would have been glad to get for \$50 would have been glad to get for \$50, although they did not know anything about its pedigree. On October 14, the dog lay down either near the track or between

Moffat-Pedden.

Mr. Thomas Moffat and Miss Mary Pedden, both of this city, were united in marriage Thursday, at the residence of the bride's father.

A Birthday Souvenir.

The members of the Germania club besleged the home of their president, Mr. Harry Weber, on Thursday night and presented him with a handsome cane in recognition of his services to the club and of his birthday. the rails, and the car coming along at about

Buy Cautiously and for Brief Turns, With the

Salvini's Engagement.

Alfred Bradley, ahead of the great romantic actor, Alexander Salvini, reached Victoria yesterday, and arrangements were completed for the production of "The Three Guardsmen" and "Don Cæsar," on the 12th and 13th.

Thistle Club.

A very enjoyable dance came off last night at Harmony hall under the auspices of the Thistle club. About forty couples danced to the music of the Bantly family and a capital time was had. A handsome supper was served at midnight.

Chicken Thieving.

Complaints have been made within the past few days of the meanner in which chickens and ducks are a being stolen from residents in the suburbs. From one place in Viewic West as many as pine ducks in the suburbs. From one place in Viewic West as many as pine ducks in actor and the refer to though business has been fairly active, the changes in prices have not been important. The unsettled feeling left by the election is assuming more definite shape, and the indications are that, whatever may be the later effects of the new commercial policy, for the present there is no general disposition to attach extreme importance to this factor as an element of current speculation. The more the subject is considered the more it is seen that the change will bring advantages as well as disadvantages, and as eighteen months or two years must elepse before any new tariff law can take effect, there is a growing disposition to let this Expectation of Moderate Profits.

there is a growing disposition to let this factor await for maturer development, to be watched and weighed during the interval, but not to be reckoned as an extreme in-

fluence in current speculation.

The one thing about which Wall Street make it warm for some one.

A Musical Event.

Thursday, December 15, has been fixed as the date for the grand benefit concert to be given Mr. A. Hawthorne, British Columbia's best basso, and the place at which it is to be held has also been chosen, St. Andrew's hall, the old pro-cathedral.

Among others who will assist are Mr. W. Not on this account, however, is it the less likely that the export of a few millions of gold might bring about a selling movement in stocks.

in stocks.

Closely related to this feeling stands the proceedings of the Monetary Conference, which is likely to occupy the interested attention of financiers the world over for probably six weeks or two months. Such McPhilips, wooten a company to build a railway from the two most form and the latest approved lines of endeavor work.

The Venue Changed.

Application was made yesterday morning in New Westminster, before Mr. Justice Walkem, to change the venue in the Rivers Inlet murder case to bring it down for trial at the Nanaimo assizes. Mr. A. Leamy appeared for the Crown. The order asked for was made by His Lordship. This will make three murder cases to be tried at the Coal City.

McPhilips, wooten a Company to build a railway from some point at the foot of Okanagan lake to some place on the foot of Okanagan lake to some point at the Nanaimo assizes.

An Outcast Chinaman.

Dr. Duncan, medical health officer, had his attention called yesterday to the case of Ah Toy, a Chinaman about 55 years of age, two weeks. Dr. Duncas advised him to get a certificate from the city physician and go to the hospital, but it is probable that he will be sent to Westminster to some relatives, as some Chinamen are taking up a pround the derangement between the metal-

lic moneys.

The possibilities for good or for evil of the Brussels Conference intensity the silver situation as it exists in the United States.

It must be regarded as highly improbable that the Conference will reach any agreement for international free coinage. And yet nothing short of that, in full and united the conference will appear to the coinage.

questions vitally connected with industry, commerce and finance, the culmination of years of political conflict and financial derangement. We can only rely on the general good sense of congress, guided by the mattred and clearly uttered opinion of the country, for a wholesome outcome of this perplexed situation. In the meanting we would be a wholesome outcome of this perplexed situation. In the

meantime, we must have uncertainty and oscillations. It is these impending conditions that must, from this time forward, occupy the chief attention of Wall street and shape the course of investment and speculation. The moral for the moment is—to buy cautiously and for brief turns, and to be satisfied with moderate profits.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ATHLETICS. GROWING AND PROSPERING.

At a board meeting of the Victoria Ath-At a board meeting of the Victoria Athletic club last evening, the necessity of appointing an additional financial secretary was discussed and Mr. F. P. Gouge was appointed to fill the position. Three entries for the wrestling tournament this month have been received and unless two other candidates for heaveners. candidates for honors present themselves the tournament will be abandoned. Athletes with a leaning to wrestling should remem-ber that all who have not competed for money prizes are eligible for the tournas protection for Victoria West was well money prizes are eligible for the courna-istrated last night when the St. George's ment, membership in the V.A.C. not being not the course of t tices are well attended. The junior class is better than ever before.

THE RING. THE MEDALS PRESENTED. Prof. "Bob" Foster presented the silver medals last night to the successful competimedals last night to the successful competitors in the late boxing tournament. The Bay View saloon was crowded with the friends of the boys, and "Bob" made a neat speech in presenting each of the prizes. The first part of the evening was occupied by several friendly bouts with the mitts, and music and songs closed the programme. The proprietor of the Bay View set up a nise lunch for the visitors.

The towant of funds. There was no purtiality shown for any particular section of the city.

ALD. LOVELL called attention to a little incident which came under his notice a few days ago. While on Moss hill he noticed three corporation employes filling a carthoad of gravel from the street, which they were bringing to private property. He would like some explanation.

ALD. STYLES explained. The street drain

SUPREME COURT.

IN CHAMBERS. Before Mr. Justice Crease.) December 1, 1892.

Leun How v. S. A Spencer—For examin-tion of plaintiff. Order made. Lancaster v. Bowker.—For payment out of court. Order made. St. Petersburg, Dec. 2.—The Russian censor has prohibited the entrance into

Russia of the Frankfort Gazette, the Kreu-Vossische Zeitung. This is supposed to be in consequence of their too free criticism of Russian affairs, and especially their adverse comment on the Russian tariff on sundry articles which Germany has tried to get the Russian Government to change, but with-

out satisfactory results. London, Dec. 2.—It is reported that Mr. Henry Labouchere has severed his connec tion with the Daily News and that his shares in the company, amounting to one-third of the capital stock, will be divided among the remaining proprietors, Mr. Ar-nold Morley and Mr. Oppenheimer.

THE POOR AND DESTITUTE.

City Council and Benevolent Society Will Co-Operate to Relieve Their Needs.

Miscellaneous Business Transacted by the Board of Aldermen Last Evening.

At the meeting of the City Council held last night there was but one absent member-Ald. Hunter. The City Clerk was not at his post (being engaged on the voters' list). Ald. Lovell acted in his stead. STREET CROSSINGS.

Six tenders were received for the laying of stone crossings on certain thoroughfares. They varied from \$2.24 to \$3.27 per lineal foot. The tenders were referred to the foot. The tenders were referred to the Street committee and City Engineer. That state of affairs being allowed to continu of Joseph E, Phillips was the lowest—\$2.24. without some constituted authority taking
The report of the Finance committee was steps to mitigate the evil. I am, therefore, The report of the Finance committee was

read, giving a detailed account of monies expended, and including \$2,000 towards the Royal Jubilee hospital. Adopted.

WIDENING OF VIEW STREET. The City Assessor and City Engineer handed in their report on the proposed widening of View street and laying of sidewalk. The cost of the work they estimated at \$3,490, and furnished a description of the property which, in their opinion, should e assessed as being immediately benefited.
ALD. MCKILLICAN did not think that a

sufficiently large area had been taken in by the Engineer or Assessor. He thought they should have gone above Cook street and assessed property there as being beneand assessed property there as being benefited by the proposed improvement. He had so expressed himself to the Assessor.

The Mayor—Which was a very unfortunate thing to do. The by-law says that the City Assessor and City Engineer are to determine what property will be benefited.

Ald. McKiilioan—But we can refer it back to them.

back to them.

ALD. MUNN did not think that the assessor and engineer took in a sufficiently large area. This was the difficulty when it was area. This was the difficulty when it was proposed to extend Birdcage walk. One of the petitioners against that work had told him that if some of the by-streets there had been taken in he would not have opposed

ALD. HALL concurred. Had the Birdcage walk assessment been spread over a larger area the project would have carried. THE MAYOR explained that the Council had bound themselves by their by-law. ALD. MCKILLICAN said that there were ALD. MCKILLICAN said that there were two men entrusted with the duty of defining the property which they considered would be benefited. There were, however, nine members of the Council who might disagree with those two gentlemen. Which was

with those two gentlemen. Which was right, the assessor or the Council?

ALD. MUNN—I think we should have the power to refer these reports back for re-

onsideration. THE MAYOR-But these two gentleme may not change their opinion. What then?
ALD. MCKILLICAN moved that the report
be received, approved and adopted, rather than have it referred back and shelved in-definitely.

The motion carried.

yet nothing short of that, in full and unequivocal form, would warrant us in yielding to the demand for free coinage in this country. Can we depend upon Congress adopting that course? The platforms of both parties in the last election should leave no doubt on that point.

The Finance committee reported having considered the application of the B. C. Terra Cotta Co. for a refund of the \$2,750 held by the council as security, and recommended that the amount be held until a more satisfactory understanding be arrived at between the council and the company.

ALD MCKILLICAN considered this unfair treatment, especially as the city held upwards of \$7,000 worth of the company's pipes. He moved that the report be re-The Finance committee reported having pipes. He moved that the report be re-ceived and adopted, and the matter referred

The Sanitary committee recommended

Capt. Rudlin. The adjoining strips of land, owned by Mr. F. Norris and Mr. John Dooley, would also have to be purchased. There was, too, an obstacle in the shape of a stone wall being erected by Mr.

The report was approved and adopted. The Park committee reported in favor of Mr. A. C. Anderson's application to arrange for football games at the park. Mr. Anderson's application was made on behalf of the James Bay Junior Football club, and was granted, provided no exclusive right be claimed to the grounds named.

ALD. HALL drew attention to a petition

sent in some time ago by Mrs. Weir and others on Niagara street, for the completion of a box drain there. The drain had been laid above and below the section referred to, and it was most desirable that the

THE MAYOR explained that the box drains had been ordered, but there were no funds work be completed. to complete the work.

drains, sidewalks, etc., uncompleted, owing to want of funds. There was no partiality

would like some explanation.

ALD. STYLES explained. The street drain was defective and Mr. Angus' pathway was materially injured by flooding. The Street committee authorized Mr. Angus to take a couple of loads of gravel from the pit in which the city laborers were employed, but it was never contemplated that the work should be done by these men. Mr. Angus should have done it at his own cost. should have done it at his own cost. ALD, BAKER—If he has done it as Ald. Lovell says, Mr. Angus should be made to pay for it. The Street committee merely gave him permission to take a load or two of gravel at his own cost.

me of the residents in the district petitioned the Council to have a sidewalk laid from Oak bay avenue to Foul bay road, inder the provisions of the Local Improve nent by-law.

The petition was adopted, and Ald. Styles undertook to take the necessary steps n the matter. ALD. HUMBER asked if the promoters of ALD. HUMBER asked if the promoters of the Victoria & Sidney railway were about to supply all the work they promised, this winter, when they secured their charter. THE MAYOR said he was not aware of any

reach of the conditions.

The Secretary of the James Bay Athletic ssociation wrote, asking that a granite rossing be laid from their club house to Ienzies street.
ALD. STYLES explained that a gravel

crossing had been ordered to be laid oppo-site the club house.

A petition was also read for a crossing at

Birdcage walk from the bridge.

ALD. STYLES said that this was one of the rossings arranged for by the Street com-

THE POOR AND DESTITUTE.

Mr. W. H. Mason, secretary of the B. C. Benevolent society, wrote calling the attention of the council "to the large number of indigent persons in Victoria who are apparently dumped into the city, or wno drift into it. A great many of these people are sent to the society for relief, and while common humanity demands that something should be done to relieve their distress, it has become beyond the association's capa bility to cope with the situation and give i the attention which a Christian community

ought to give it."

"The persons I refer to," added Mr. Mason, "are almost all in a state of utter destitution—without food, shelter, or sufficient clothing, many of them in such a state of disease, dirt and general degradasteps to mitigate the evil. I am, therefore, asked to respectfully request that your honorable body will devise some means to aid in assisting in the distressing cases referred to."

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Several old, influential and worthy citizens, who had done much to relieve distress among the poor for years past, notably Mrs. W. J. McDonald, had suggested that the Provincial Government and the city corporation should take the matter in hand jointly, and that a postion of the imprire jointly, and that a portion of the immigra-tion sheds, or some similar place, be used for the relief of such persons.

The letter concludes with the suggestion that some of the persons now enjoying comfortable quarters in the Old Folks' Home were unworthy, and ought to be drafted out so as to make room for old people who have led reputable lives, and who, through

such an institution, where, irreswant of such an institution, where, irrespective of class, color or creed, the poor and needy could be relieved, was urgent. One of the features of the society was that a committee was appointed to investigate the cases of applicants for relief, and if they were deserving cases this relief was given in kind. In many cases brought before him as Mayor, he had called to his aid this society, and had always found its members willing to co-operate and render him all the assistance they could in investigating the appeals. He would like that the Council should consider the advisability of making some respectable grant to ability of making some respectable grant to-wards the funds of this society, being assured that any money they would vote would be judiciously expended.

ALD. BAKER asked if the Council had any

funds at its disposal for the relief of the poor.
THE MAYOR—Yes, the charitable fund. It is not exhausted.

ALD. MUNN moved that the communica-

ALD. Menn moved that the communication be referred to the Mayor and Finance committee, to ascertain how much should be voted to the society. He did not, however, think the reflection on the Old Folks' Home was justified by facts. There were none but deserving cases admitted there.

ALD. BAKER seconded the motion, which carried, and the Council adjourned at 10:45.

THE PROCEEDINGS STAYED: The Action of the Union S.S. Co. v.

Rithet et al. Arising Out of the

"Coquitlam" Seizure.

An Appeal to the Divisional Court on the Ground That There Was No Need for Two Suits.

The case of the Union S.S. Co., of Van-The Sanitary committee recommended that the old windmill be removed and conver, v. Rithet et al was discussed before offered for sale, so as to enlarge the space the Divisional court yesterday morning, available for burial purposes at the Ross their Lordships Mr. Justice Drake and Mr. Bay cemetery.

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The Finance committee reported that having inspected the property and inquired into the circumstances, they could not recommend the purchase of the strip of land at the head of Johnson street from Earle, Carne and Munsie, and Mr. W. J. Taylor, of Eberts & Taylor, for the Steam

ship company. The action is one arising out of the seizure of the sealers' supply steamer, the Coquitlam, last June, by the American authorities. The Steamship company Boston, and that they were disposed to secured her release on putting up bonds at Sitka. When the Coquitlam and cargo arrived at Victoria, the defendants in the action were refused delivery of their seal. skins, except upon giving security for \$9,000, which amount of money was there-

upon paid into court. upon paid into court.

A suit was then begun by Rithet et al.
to have the deposit into court repaid to
them and to recover \$5,000 damages alleged
to have been sustained through delay in receiving the seal skins which thereby missed
the October market. The statement of

the control of the company.

In October the Steamship company o complete the work.

ALD. STYLES—There are a great many brought suit against Rithet et al. for \$8,rains, sidewalks, etc., uncompleted, owing 966 for the hire of the steamer from June 4 to October 14. The defendants immediately applied to Mr. Justice Walkem for a stay of proceedings, on the ground that the action was vexatious, and to avoid multi-plicity of legal proceedings, as the issues in the second action would be the same as in the first and the same relief could be ob tained from the company by way of counter claim. Mr. Justice Walkern dismissed the application and an appeal was taken to the Divisional court, which reversed the decision of the court below and stayed the pro-ceedings, with costs of the appeal and of the court below to be costs to the appellant in any event. The first action will now be brought down for trial as soon as possible.

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PROVINCIAL MATTERS

Discussed at Length by Hon. Mr. Davie With Cabinet Ministers at Ottawa.

The Railway Belt and the Basis of Negotiations Which Are Now On.

Hon. Theodore Davie, Premier and Attorney-General of the Province, returned last evening from a somewhat lengthy trip to Eastern Canada, during the course of which he visited among other places, Ottawa, Toronto and New York.

The trip was made on public business and pon his arrival at Ottawa a sub-committee f the Executive was appointed to confer with him on the matters to be taken up. "We discussed British Columbia ques-

ions together for parts of three days," said Mr. Davie to a Colonist reporter last evening, "and besides, on many occasions, had conversations with the ministers separately as to them. Regarding the question of the railway belt, the difference between the Provincial and the Dominion methods of laying out the belt, involves from 750,000 to 1,000,000 acres of land. This land has to be administered for the benefit of the public in any event and whether by the Dominion or by the Provincial Government does not very much signify. The basis of the arrangement which is under negotiation involves the adoption by the Province of the Dominion method, in consideration of which the Dominion Government is to undertake several important public works in British Columbia, it being also understood that grants of land already made by the Province

ithin the belt shall stand confirmed.
"Hon. Mr. Daly, the new minister of the interior, was absent when I was in Ottawa, but I had Sir John Thompson's assurance that so soon as a full meeting of the Executive could be had the question would be taken up, and an answer in writing would be given the Provincial Government atonce, so that the proposed terms could be arranged in time to be laid before the Provincial

Legislature at its next sitting.
"Now, as to quarantine matters," continued the Premier, "the Dominion Government has agreed to completely equip a station at William's Head where they will have a resident medical quarantine Whilst I was in Ottawa a report was received from Capt. Devereaux, Capt. Clarke and one of the officers of H.M.S. Warspite, specially deputed by Admiral Hotham, C. B., to make an examination. Their report condemns Albert Head as a site for a report condemns Albert fleat as a size for a quarantine station, and is favorable to William Head, where there are facilities for building a wharf and for ancherage, which do not exist at Albert flead. Before I left Ottawa instructions had been given for the preparation of plans for the necessary works—the wharf and buildings.

"Then again, for the purposes of inspec-tion of Puget Sound vessel," which do not report at the quarantine station, it has can arranged that the local health officers at vancouver, Napaimo and Victoria shall be clothed with the powers of Dominion quarantine officers. That order, I understand, will come into effect at once."

Asked as to immigration matters, Mr. Davie said: "Considerable objection was raised by the Dominion to the establishment Vancouver on account of reports that had been received from British Columbia that the stations were generally used for people arriving here for the other side, and did not serve the purpose of settling people upon our own lands in the province. However, I received assurances that the executive would deal with the matter and return an

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"What do you think are the prospects of
the Canada v, "atern?" was asked, and the
Premier replied:

"When at Ottawa I received a telegrant from Mr. Frank Bakeman asking me to meet him in New York, as he thought my presence there might be of assistance in explaining matters to capitalists he was endeavoring to enlist in the enter was ultimately arranged that we should

meet in New York and Boston which all were perfectly aware. I ascertained that substantial guarantees from the that substantial guarantees from the prov-ince are looked for, and that Mr. Bakeman's backers will not talk business except upon that footing. The long and short of the matter is, so far as the Canada Western prospects, at present, are concerned, that if the Provincial Government and City of Victoria are prepared to back the enter-prise with extensive guarantees of interest, abundant capital will be forthcoming im-

ediately to build the road. Hon, Mr. Davie was in New York for nearly a fortnight, whilst Sir John Thomp-non and some of the other ministers were at son and some of the other ministers were at Halifax attending the Newfoundland conference. While there he met amongst other people, Mr. Erastus Wiman, who entertained Attorney-General Longley of Nova Scotia and himself at dinner. Mr. Wiman expressed himself as particularly interested in British Columbia, and especially in the conging up of the Northern care ally in the opening up of the Northern part of the province by the Canada Western

railway.
Concluding, Mr. Davie spoke of the ar-Concluding, Mr. Davie spoke of the arrangement which had been made as to the judicial district of Vancouver. One of the judges from Victoria will go over to Vancouver once a week and hold court there. Mr. Justice McCreight has been allowed six months leave of absence, and County Court Judge Bole's jurisdiction as a local Supreme court judge will be increased so that he can attend to the work at New Westminster during Judge McCreight's absence. during Judge McCreight's absence

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