Fifty-Three of the Bridge Disaster Claimants Offer to Refer the Case to a Single Judge.

Mayor and Council Leave the Offer to Their Successors to Deal With.

During the hearing of a chamber motion before Chief Justice Davie yesterday afterncon in re Patterson vs. Vicdonnel, solicitor for 53 of the claimstay execution until the appeal to the When it came up yesterday, Mr. Mason, city solicitor, stated that years hence. the offer had been submitted to the council, but they had considered it best to leave it to their successors to deal with.

The Chief Justice thereupon made an to stay the proceedings on payment to plaintiff's solicitors of the tax-ed costs upon his giving an undertaking exchequer, of \$2,700. I asked Mr. Tayto refund the money in the event of the appeal being successful, and the de- the city had already paid for their own fendants must also give security to the costs. Mr. Taylor was not so very sure registrar for the payment of the dam- nor particularly inclined to answer. ages found by the jury in case the ap- thought perhaps \$3,000, but then that peal was dismissed. Upon these terms let the execution be stayed.

"Had the city been prepared to adopt the offer made by Mr. Macdonnell, and which appears reasonable to me. these terms would have been avoided.'

concluded the Chief Justice.
In adjaurning the motion from Nov. 29th until yesterday the Chief Justice said:

"This case comes before me on mo tion to stay the plaintiff's execution upon her judgment against the city for \$12,500, and costs, which I am informed have been taked at \$2,700, until the hearing of an appeal to Her Majesty's privy council from the decision of the Full Court sustaining the plaintiff's judgment, which was recovered as damages for loss of life occurring by reason of the Point Ellice bridge accident.

"The ordinary rule adopted in such

cases is to stay execution upon payment of the costs in cash to the plaintiff's solicitor (he undertaking to refund them debt in event of the judgment being afthe city. Mr. Macdonnell, on the other as follows: hand ,draws attention to the fact that there is already another judgment (Lang Boyce, the city auditor, was engaged at vs. City) for \$20,000 arising out of the his work in the city office, when Mr. same facts, and there are 61 more actions for the same cause pending against the city, of which 52, including that of conversation Auditor Boyce remarked Lang vs City, are in Mr. Macdonnell's that he (Pollock) must have hands as plaintiff's solicitor. Mr. Mac- a lot of work on the streets, as the pay donnell states that he is willing to fore- rolls wer rather heavy. Mr. Pollock rego security and the payment of costs, rlied that such was not the case, for the and also to stay proceedings in all of work had been very light. A comparison his other cases until the decision of the was then made between the pay rolls privy council in this, if the city will un- of City Clerk Thompson, which had passdertake to speed their appeal to the ed the finance committee and council and privy council. Mr. Taylor, however, will been paid, and the time of the men turnnot give an undertaking to this effect, ed in by Road Foreman Pollock. but, on the contrary, intimates that he, first name on the October roll showed does not intend to bring on this (the Pat- that he had been entered for seven more terson) appeal case before, the privy days than he had worked. All the council until the Lang case (which has not yet been brought before the Full the pay roll, showing an increase of Court here on appeal) is ripe for the about \$130, and for which extra amount privy council also. Mr. Taylor quoted City Clerk Thompson had taken credit. Russell vs. Russell, 73 L.T.R., 569, to AL examination of the pay roll for the show that the staying of execution, month of September showed a similar whether on terms of security or pay- addition of days amounting to about \$100. ment of costs or not, is entirely in the In the months of June July and August discretion of the judge upon this ap- there was practically no work done. In

the spirit of fairness exhibited by Mr. twenty-two days, one for fourteen days Macdonell. To waive either security or and the other for twelve days, payment of costs and to stay his hand April the amount reached about \$45 and in all the other cases is surely a most reasonable offer. It is admitted that although there are some 63 cases pending only a smaller proportion of them of the police, under detention, and this are, such as the Patterson and Lang morning the information was laid by cases, for damages under Lord Camp Mayor Davison and the arrest made, the bell's act. That act it is claimed, does council at a closed and special meeting not recognize damages for the loss, for held last eyening having unanimously instance, of a child or a relative not decided that the law must take its being a bread-winner. Of this, of course. course, I express no opinion. However, in actions maintainable against the city, in case the principle of the judgment of the Full Court in Patterson v. the city is upheld, it was stated during the discussion, and not denied, that the city is fourth in a case involving the same prin- by him or entrusted to his care. cip., in his favor a high court may take | Mr. F. McB. Young appeared for the lays or further proceedings he may be cused. put to, or even if ultimately successful in the one or two cases which go to the | Friday morning at 10 o'clock, which His Privy Council, that the city (with the wealth of the ratepayers at their back) may not fight him in the others until the witnesses are dead or have disappeared or his weary clients will give up the fight

upon the subject exists.

"Although not strictly in form, I pressed Mr. Macdonell to find what he really was prepared to do in the direction of settlement, for after all I am persuaded that a reasonable settlement is what both the ratepayers and the sufferers wish to arrive at, the only trouble being how to get at it without compromising one or the other. Finally, after discussing the matter with Mr Taylor, Mr. Macdonell said that he was willing, so far as his 53 clients are concerned, to sub- o'clock. mit their case to any one of the judges mit their case to any one of the judges of the Supreme Court as sole arbitrator. his clients to bind themselves to accept the Hotel Victoria.

in despair.

in each case whatever sum, if enything, the judge may award, upon endition the judge may award, upon condition that the city shall agree within sixty days of a total amount being arrived at by the judge, to submit a by-law to the ratepayers for raising the amount of the award and agreeing to pay the amount Derporal awarded to the different cuimants within sixty days of the by-law being assented to by the ratepayers. This offer was so amanifestly reasonable and advantageous to the city that Mr. Taylor asked for time to consult the mayor and council upon the subject, and the present motion was adjourned accordingly. I cannot doubt that the mayor and council will accept it. It binds them to nothing unless the ratepayers choose to approv That they will approve payment of

a teasons ble award can hardly be doubted. On the other hand, although it is a one-sided proposition, binding the plaintiffs whilst not binding the city until the toria, it transpired that Mr. J. G Mac- approval of the ratepayers, I think Mr. Macdonell has shown excellent judgment ants for damages resulting from the and consideration for his clients in mak-Point Ellice bridge disaster, had made ing the offer. He bears in mind the an offer to the city to submit all the chances and delay of the litigation, upcases to any one of the judges of the on which I have already spoken, and Supreme court as sole arbiter. To allow he trusts the good judgment of the body the effer to be submitted to the mayer of the ratepayers to uphold the reasonand council the city's metian for leave able and fair decision of an impartial to further appeal and application to and competent arbitrator. This is better than long years of waiting. A dolprivy council, was adjourned until yes- lar in hand to-day is better than the chances of ten to be paid three or four

> "As to the other ten cases in the hands of other solicitors probably their clients will concur in the same arrangement. With the city there can be no question. Here is a demand for costs in one case lor how much, in addition to this amount would not include further costs for which they are liable, and there have been so far, only the provincial three trials, If it costs \$5,700 to try three cases out of the sixty-three cases and appeal one to the Full Court, how much will it cost to wind up the total by judgment of the Privy Council? This is a rule of three sum which no one can work

out at present. "I will adjourn the further hearing of the motion until Tuesday, the 7th December, to enable the parties to come to terms. In the meantime let all proceedings be stayed.

NANAIMO'S SENSATION.

Arrest of City Clerk Thompson on Grave Charge.

Thanksgiving day resulted in a mumber of the city books being mutilated, and now comes the startling sensation in case the appeal is successful), and that Adam Thompson, the city clerk, giving security for the payment of the city treasurer, clerk of the police court, cemetery secretary, etc., is a defaulter of firmed. But it is surged on behalf of the the city funds to the extent of \$500 or corporation that this practice should not \$600 so far as the investigation goes, costs, for reasons which I need not now says the Free Press. The matter be-discuss, but which perhaps point to the utility of repealing section 49 of the and Sunday, and yesterday it became al-Legal Professions Act, and (2) as to most public property, although none of the debt, because the plaintiff already the civic authorities would say anything has sufficient security for his judgment for publication. The information obupon the real estate of the ratepayers of | tainable by the Free Press is generally

On Thursday evening last Mr. Tully Robert Pollock, the road foreman, hap-The number of days had been advanced on

plication, and that no hard and fast rule | the mouth of May the defaulting reaches about \$215. In this month three men "In exercising my discretion in this are put on the pay roll who did not do matter I have been much impressed with a stroke of work for the city-one for in March about \$42, making approximately \$532. Yesterday evening City Clerk Thompson was placed in charge

Thompson appeared before the police

following charge: Nanaimo, in the county and province aforesaid, in the month of September, likely to be cast in damages and costs 1897, being then clerk of the municipal amounting to a million or more. Here corporation of the city of Nanaimo, and again Mr. Macdonell meets the case in as such interested with the receipt cusa most reasonable way. He, of course, tody or management of the public reve recognizes that although with the direct nucs of the said city of Nanaimo, did decision of three of the Supreme Court | unlawfully and knowingly furnish a false juneas and the indirect judgment of a statement or returns of moneys collected

a different view; he cannot tell what de- city and Mr. H. A. Simpson for the ac-Mr. Young applied for a remand unti

> Wership granted. Mr. Simpson applied for bail and suggested two sureties of \$250 each and

> \$500 for the accused, Mr. Young said he thought the bail should be fixed at \$500 each for the sureties and \$1,000 for the defendant. While the amount involved was not much in excess of \$100, yet as the audit was not yet completed he could not con sent for a less sum, so that if anythin should arise out of the matter it could not be said that any one was to blame It was finally agreed to fix the bail at \$700 for the defendant and two sureties at \$350 each and the hearing was adjourned till Friday morning at 10

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Shall Not Punishment Administered During School Hours.

Subject Brought Up by a Protest Against Mr Currie by Sheriff McMillan.

The board of school trustees had a ng discussion last evening on the question of corporal punishment. ought about by Sheriff and Mrs. Mc-Millan and their daughter asking and being granted an interview to protest against the manner in which Mrs. Watkins' son had been punished by Mr. Currie, a member of the teaching staff of the Central School. The sheriff addressed the board, and while admitting that the boy deserved some punishment, for copying during an examination, objected to the excessively severe punish administered. Mr. Currie had called the boy up before the class, in-tending that he should receive four blows upon each hand with a rubber strap boy refused to hold out his hands, and the teacher, losing his temper, had beaten him, so the sheriff said. "nutil he was black and blue from his shoulders to his heels" It took the boy ten days to partially recover. The teacher also struck the boy on the head.

Chairman Hayward and Inspector Ea ton and other trustees who had seen the boy said the punishment was excessive, but thought an amicable settlement had been arrived at. After som discussion on the advisability of administering corporal punishment the follow-

ing resolution was adopted: "Hereafter, when corporal punishment is deemed necessary, the same shall not be administered until the school shall have been dismissed."

At the request of Miss Cameron, principal of the South Park school, \$3 was voted for tuning the piano, and a requset for single sticks from the same principal was referred to the gymnasium commit

The resignation of Miss C. G. Barrett as pupil teacher was received with regret and an application of W. N. Winsby for an increase of salary was laid on the table, as were also applications from the following for positions on the teaching staff: Mary J. Blake, Arabella C. Nightingale Maggie C. Blackbourne, A. E. Fraser and J. A. Campbell. The supply committee will consider the tender of Baker & Colston to supply

wood at \$3 a cord. C. R. Oldershaw, provincial agent of the Smead Dowd company, wrote at length as to the ventilation of South Park school, to which Inspector Eaton replied that the theory might be right, but the fact remained that Miss Frank's

room was the worst ventilated school. room in the city. The report of the agent was filed. The secretary reported that the average daily attendance at the schools during November and been 1,942.66; the verage actual attendance 1,934.44: the number of pupils actually in attendance 2,086, and the average per teacher 43,45, An additional \$75 was voted for the

Before adjourning the chairman stated

At the next meeting the following mo- next Nelson assizes. tion will be moved: "That the qualifications of pupils for promotion from grade to grade should in future be determined by their class standing as shown in the monthly reports to parents, and not wholly upon the results of a final examina tion as hitherto."

BRIEF LOCALS

From Tuesday's Daily. -The police were informed to day that the Morrison girl, recently sent to the Good Shepherd's home at New Westninster, had run away and was being detained at the Westminster jail.

-A Chinaman, who it seems was atempting to return to China by the R. M.S. Empress of China leaving many creditors, was arrested on a writ of capias by order of the sheriff just before the Empress sailed.

-In Patterson vs. Victoria the terms on which the city may prosecute the appeal to the Privy Council were fixed today. The defendants must pay taxed costs, amounting to \$2,700, and must furnish security for the \$13,500 damages found by the jury.

-It is stated that but four out of the nine canneries on the Skeena river will beoperated next year, this being the remagistrate this morning to answer the sult of the low prices prevailing and the probable shortage of labor, it being ex-"That Adam Thompson, of the city of pected that most of the Indians, will go north to engage in packing.

-A dispatch to the Times from Naaimo says: "Adam Thompson was arrested this morning for falsifying accounts to the sum of about \$500. had a preliminary hearing to-day before Magistrate Simpson and was remaned ntil Friday. Bail was fixed at \$1,400."

-The Chief Justice this morning heard the appeal in Jackson v. Atherton. The plaintiff, Miss Jackson, sued in the small debts court for \$37.50 for wages earned as typewriter. The magistrate gave judgment for \$30 and from that judgment the defendant appealed. The fixed at \$15.

the Jubilee Hospital. After a monu-ment has been erected over his grave the residue of the estate, which includes a house and lot on Green street, assessed at \$700, and \$2,100 in the bank, is to go to Mr. Charles Pardoc.

-The Lengpre boys, committed for trial for stealing a box containing money and papers from Mr. Blacquire, were before the Chief Justice in the Speedy Trials Court this afternoon. They were sentenced to one month each in the juvenile reformatory. The deputy attorney-general remarked that there was no reformatory. In answer the Chief Justice said he was empowered to sentence juveniles to the reformatory, and that

-When the milkman came to the residence of James Anderson, an old man of 78. resident on Green street, this morning, he found Andrews lying on the floor dead, the old man having succumbed to old age. The police were immediately notified and they took charge of Audrews' papers. He left a will and a number of others papers, none of which have been unsealed as yet. Andrews was fairly well off, as besides the real estate owned by him, his bank book indicated that he had over \$2,000 in the bank. No inquest will be held.

From Wednesday's Daily -Applications will be received until Monday next for the position of superintendent of streets for the city.

-The First Presbyterian church Sabbath school will hold their annual sup-per and entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 22nd. The programme will take the form of a cantata, en-

titled "The Coming of Christmas."

-There was a very lage attendance the sale of work held yesterday afternoon and evening at St. Luke's church. Cedar Hill, a number going out from the city. It was the most successful affair, financially and otherwise, ever held in the district. The goods left were auctioned off by Mr. John Piercy and brought big prices.

-The following are the officers of LOL., 1597, Saanich, for the ensuing year: J. J. White, W.M.; F. Turgoose, D.M.; H. Brethour, rec. secy.; Julius Brethour, financial secretary; W. R. Armstrong, treasurer; G. H. Sluggett, chaplain; J. Furge, D. of C.; H. Hooton, lecturer, John Brethour, J. Critchley, A. Mackenzie and J. Camp, committee.

-Proposals were received by the chief commissioner of lands and works up to neon to-day for the construction and speration of a toll road on the Skagway trail from the United States boundary. to Lake Bennett. As to the number and nature of the proposals the assistant ommissioner would say nothing. It is inderstood, however, that the government will not entertain any of them, the advertisement having been insterted as required by the act, when an application has been made for permission to con struct a toll road, thus giving others an apportunity to compete. There was a great deal of feeling against anyone being allowed to construct a toll road.

In Supreme Court chambers this morning before the Chief Justice, Mr. Cassidy for the plaintiff in Bell vs. Davidson, moved to set action down for argument on the question of law as to whether the record upon the title of the Bell mineral claim in question of a deed from the defendant Davidson reciting equipment of the laboratory at the High | the interest of the plaintiff, constituted purchasers of the claim, Mr. Barnard opposed the application and supported a that the election for school trustees summons to dismiss the action for want would take place on January 13, those of prosecution. The Chief Justice diswhose terms expired being Mrs. Grant missed the motion to argue the point and Messrs. Yates, McMicking and Bel- of law, holding that the issues of fact should be tried first. Trial to be at the

> From Thursday's Daily. The little steamer Roche Harbor is at the outer wharf, having brought two scows loaded with lime from the port

after which she is named. -Rev. W. L. Clay last evening united in marriage Mr. Frederick Jamieson, of the steamer Charmer and Miss Harriet Fairful, youngest daughter of Mr. James Fairful, 60 Niagara street, James

-The funeral of the late James An drews took place to-day from Hanna's parlors at 2.30 p.m., and later from the Reformed Episcopal church, where the Rev. Bishop Cridge officiated, as also at the cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. John Bullen, John Bray, C. Taylor, John Pearce, W. J. McDonald and H. H. Bailey.

-Mr. Justice McColl yesterday refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus for the release of J. G. Bennett, held for extradition on the charge of tempting to murder his wife. His Lord-ship said that he was quite certain in his own mind that there was sufficient au-thority to hold the prisoner, but he had consulted Mr. Justice McOreight, who agreed with him.

The following is a sample of letters received at this office: F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary British Coumbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C.

umbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:—I have received your excellent folder and this a.m. a copy of the Victoria Dally Times of Nov. 27th, which is a most excellent paper. While a resident of this place, I do not hesitate in saying that it is the best, and gives more unvarnished information than any of the "special" edition of other papers I have seen. If you please forward me five or six more copies, and I shall place them where they will count for Victoria. Most respectfully.

C. E. PETERSON.

-An explosion followed by a fire oc curred in Mr. James Tyford's sail loft on Yates street last evening. Mr. Tyford was mixing oil and gasoline for a preparation for coating bags and tents when the gas ignited. He tried to Chief Justice cut the judgment down to \$20, but allowed the plaintiff the costs, back by an explosion, and in a second the room was a mass of flames, and a -Capt. F. P. Armstrong of Golden, is large number of the coated articles at the Driard. Captain Armstrong, who which were hanging up to dry, were deis well known as a navigator of the Co. stroyed. The firemen responded prompt-lumbia river in connection with the river by and confined the fire to the lower steamers running from Jennings, is here floor. It is fortunate that they were on his way to Teslin lake, where he will able to do so, for Mrs. Fox, who was build a steamer to run from there to lil in her room upstairs, was forgotten Dawson City in connection with the trail until the fire was well under way. She to Telegraph creek. Mrs. Armstrong was carried downstairs unconscious as accompanies him. accompanies him.

The will of the late Mr. Andrews, who was found dead at his home on Green street, was read this afternoon. It provides for a legacy of \$300 to the Protestant Orphans' Home and \$100 to

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The Steamer in From China and Japan-A Change of Officers.

Brings no News of the Long Overdue Steamer Pelicon-Senator Almost on the Rocks.

The Steamer Tacoma, of the Northern

Pacific line, completed her twenty-fourth

voyage to this port from the Orient shortly before midnight yesterday. Since her last departure from this port several changes have been made among her officers. Her late commander, Captain Her late commander, Captain T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., left her at Hongkong, and the bridge is now patrolled by Captain Andrew Wilson, late chief officer of the steamer Victoria. John Alwin, late second officer of the Victoria, will be her chief officer, and Makepeace Ridley has been appointed second officer. The Tacoma left Hong-kong on November 9th and Shanghai on November 14th. Moji, Japan, was left on November 18th and Yokohama on the 23rd, three days after her scheduled For the first three days after leaving that port she met with light head winds, and variable winds were encoun tered until the meridian was crossed on December 1st in latitude 49 N. On December 2nd and 3rd the thermomenter fell to 28.38 and a stiff wind blew from the N.E. to E.N.E. Thence to Cape Flattery westerly and overcast weather was experienced. The passenger list of the Tacoma is a very light one; there are but two saloon and two second class passengers. The saloon passengers are Mr. James Stewart, a prominent mer-ture. Mr. John Cobeldick, the well known mine owner and capitalist, will to Scotland, and Mrs. Woodworth, who is bound for San Francisco. The second class passengers were Mr. T. J. Parry, who debarked at this port, and J. J. Memmell, who is going on to Tacoma. She had in all 51 Asiatic passengers, 21 of whom, after going through the usual washings ond fumigating processes at the quarantine station, were landed here. other thirty are for Tacoma. The hold of the vessel was well filled with rice, sugar, curios and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise. About 210 tons were landed here, consisting of 2,009 sacks of sugar, 1,000 sacks of rice and some general Chinese merchandise. The Tacoma will leave for the Sound

here yesterday evening, brings no news of her sister liner, the Pelican, which is ong over due on her voyage from the Sound to Tientsin, in northern China. The Pelican sailed from Port Townsend laden with a heavy cargo of lumber for use in the construction of the North Chica railway, on October 12th, and had all gone well with her she should have arrived at her destination at the beginming of November. Since she left port nothing has been heard of her. Her agents and other shipping men are of the opinion that, like the steamer Strathnevis, of this line in the spring of 1895, she is drifting about the Pacific with her machinery broken down. All scout the idea that she has met with disaster and say that she will turn up in time, as did the Strathnevis. The Pelican carried no passengers, and there was but three months' provision for the crew. This supply was carried in the lazarrette, which is situated in the forward hold of | the vessel, and if she became waterlogged the provisions would probably be destroyed. Thus it is easy to be seen that should the long over due steamer not make port soon, the crew will experience the pangs of hunger, and percharce the lengthy voyage may result in their death from starvation,

The steamer Tacoma, which arrived

this evening.

The British ship Senator, Cast. Harrison, which arrived this morning from Delogoa Bay, almost ended her long voyage with a disaster. Capt. Harrison was obliged to sail his vessel up the straits, as the large tugs are all away from port. Notwithstanding the heavy wind prevailing he made his way safely to the roads. Here he cast out his anchors, but they would not hold, and soon he saw that he was rapidly getting into a dangerous position. The anchors were dragging and the high seas and heavy wind were blowing his ship on to the rocks on which the Esquimalt lighthouse is built. On perceiving his dauger Capt. Harrison flew signals of distress. This brought relief, for the officers of H.M.S. Pheasant seeing the danger of the sailing vessel, sent a relief party to her. This party took spare kedgers aboard the ship and with the aid of the crew succeeded in getting the vessel into a safe position at the en-trance of the harbor. The vessel being secured, they then took Mrs. Harrison, who accompanied the captain on his voyage, on board the warship. steamer Maude put out to the relief of the Senator this afternoon and that vessel will endeavor to tow the sailing ship into Esquimalt harbor. The Senator is here seeking a cargo.

The British ship Carnarvon Bay, Captain Griffiths, is on berth at Liverpool for Victoria and Vancouver with general merchandise. She will commence loading at the end of this month. Another vessel which will soon be on the way to this port is the British steamer some Alagonia, Captain Keates. She is now loading sugar at Java for the British Columbia sugar refinery.

LOST IN A GALE

The Schooner C. E. Ward Founders and Her Crew of Two Drowned.

News comes from New Westminster of the loss of the schooner C. E. Ward, her master and owner, Jacob Leonabey, and her crew of one. The heavy gales which prevailed at the oeginning of the week off the Sandheads at the entrance to the Fraser river were the cause of the catastrophe. The schooner, which belonged to New Whatsom, was about 30 put into I'lumper's Pass about the middle of last month and lay there for about the sum of \$350 each and himself in the sum of \$700. two weeks waiting for the weather to moderate. The vessel was laden with tombstones, which are now in the possession of Davy Jones. Neither the captain nor the man with him, whose name is not known, knew the way to the The Nanaimo amateur opera. The Nanaimo amateur opera. The Planquette's comic sentation of Robert Planquette's comic sentation of Robert Planquette's comic popera, "The Chimes of Normandy," at Duncan next Wednesday evening,—Free Press.

Fraser, and Constable Drummond and several of the citizens of Plumper's Pass warned them not 'c continue their jour-ney. They did, however, starting on ney. They did, however, starting on December 4th, and nothing more was heard of them until the Yosemite, while or her way to this port, saw her masts sticking out of the water near the Sandheads. Her boat was seen floating near by, but nothing was seen of the two men, who are beyond doubt drowned.

DEATH OF MRS. PRIOR.

She Passes Away This Morning After a Long Illness.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Prior, wife of Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P. Mrs. Prior has been very ill for upwards of a year. several operations being found necessary during that time to prolong her life. On more than one occasion the doctors de spaired of her life, but each time she rallied. Last evening Mrs. Prior was taken very ill, and this morning she passed away.

The deceased lady was born in Victoria 42 years ago, being the youngest child of the late John Work, one of the earliest settlers in the province. In January, 1878, she was married to Mr. Prior who with three daughters and a son survive They have the sympathy of the whole community in their beréavement. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 from the family residence, Pemberton road, and at 3 from Christ Church cathedral.

ANOTER INDUSTRY

A Company to Be Formed to Develop Iron Deposits of B. C.

Another large industry that will give employment to a large number of the residents of this province is shortly to be established in the province. At the next sitting of the provincial legisla-ture. Mr. John Cobeldick, the well apply for an act to incorporate a company to develop and turn to commercial use the rich iron deposits on the coast lines of British Columbia. The company propose to construct blast furnaces, rolling mills, roads, tram roads, railroads, decks, warehouses, buildings, wharves. estam and other ships, hydraulic power plant and works, electric power and electric lighting plant, tin plating plant and such other plant and appliances for the manufacture of pigriron, steel blooms and billets, tin plates, and generally to do all things necessary and conducive to the establishment of iron, steel and tin plate works and manufactories, and for the establishment of a home trade and an export trade, and to acquire lands, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation. other persons or bodies, and generally to do, acquire, receive, and perform all useful and necessary rights, powers, privileges and aids, for giving full effect to the intentions of the applica

SEAL SKINS ADVANCE The London Sales Bring Twenty Per

Cent. More Than Last Year. Robert Ward & Co. received word this morning from Messrs, Culverwell, Brooks & Co., of London, England, telling of the sales of seal skins which has just been concluded in London. The demand for skins, owing no doubt, to the scarcity, was strong, and what is generally conceded to be fair prices were realized. The prices were as high as 20 per cent, in advance of those of last year. The prices for the various catches were: For skins taken on the Japan coast the average price was 42 shillings. equivalent to about \$10.10; for Copper Island skins the average price was 46 shillings, or about \$11; while for the skins taken in gBehring Sea the average was as high as 48 shillings, or about

The sealing fleet are now getting in order for the spring cruise, and in about a week's time should the owners be able to secure crews at a reasonable price-the fleet of Boscowitz & Son will sail southwards to follow the seal herds in their migrations northward. The vessels of this fleet are the Mary Ellen, Capt. Searle; Doris, Capt. McPhee; C. D. Rand, Capt. Townsend; and the Ada. The former vessel is to be hauled out on Turpel's ways to-morrow to be painted, repaired and overhauled. She will prohably he the first of the fleet to leave. as Captain Searle has already secured an Indian crew at Quatsino. The four ressels will all carry Indian hunters.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Presentation to Thomas O'Connell-

Thompson Gets Bail. Mr. J. Wilkinson, one of the pioneers and successful Klondike miners, and Mr. Thomas O'Connell, ex-chief of police, of this city, and now "mine host" of the Commercial Hotel, have been for over sixteen years close intimate friends. When Mr. O'Connell left his work in the Nanaimo colliery to assume the position of city policeman, Mr. Wilkinson was his partner in the stall. On July 18th of this year Mr. O'Connell became a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masonry in this city. As a token of his friendship and a mark of his personal esteem, Mr. John Wilkinson, on his recent visit to San Francisco, had three ounces of Klondike gold, which had been mined by himself, converted into a hand-Royal Arch Chapter emblem, which he has now presented to Mr. O'-Connell. The emblem is the Masonic keystone, and on the front is the mystical letters: H. T. W. S. S. T. K. S. in a circle surrounding a star, all beautifully enamelled. On the reverse is the following inscription: "Thos. O'Connell, R.A.C., No. 235, G.S.R., Nanaimo, B. C., Exalted July 18th, 1897. As a mark of esteem from his friend, John Wilkinson. Mr. O'Connell feels, as well he might, highly pleased at the kindly and valuable remembrance from an old time friend, while Mr. Wilkinson feels that Tom richly deserved the recognition he has given of a lengthy friendship.

Adam Thompson, city clerk, charged with falsifying the city books, was admitted to bail this afternoon, J. Renwick

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Annual Business Meeting ( Day in the Cathe School Room.

The Election of Officers cussion of Missi Work.

From Wednesday's Da The Anglican synod of Bri bia held their annual meet The convention began with tion of holy communion at 8 morning and at 10:30 a seca tion was held. Luncheon w for the delegates at 12:30, and noon they met in the school cathedral for the transaction

of the synod.

There were present fifteen and twenty-one lay delegates; of Columbia presiding. The r election was the following o re-elected: Clerical secretar R. Haslam; lay secretary, Ba treasurer, T. R. Smith, an B. Boggs and T. Ridgew Canon Beanlands and Sir He were re-elected to the execu The encyclical letter issued beth coference was read by th Columbia followed by the ann In the latter the mission w the sailors and Chinese was on. In connection was the the latter it was said that Grundy, of London, England rive here shortly to look aft partment of home mission Grundy was for fifteen years ary to the Chinese at Hongko The session of the synod w be concluded before the adjou afternoon and this evening a song will be held.

From Thursday's Dail The following is the bisho to the synod of the Anglican British Columbia, which me in Christ Church Cathedr My Reverend Brethren and l

the Laity: I have already publicly in th this morning read to you the letter which was issued by bishops and bishops who at Lambeth conference in July will expect from me some fer consideration of diocesan ques Thirty years ago, in 1867, bishop of Canterbury (Dr.

the instigation of the bishops Canada, consented to call bishops in full communion Church of England for co Lambeth. One hundred and invitations were sent, and assembled, of whom 29 Great Britain and Ireland. ment was criticized severely, movements are, but the res manifestly blessed by God th the experiment was repeate bishop Tait, in 1888 by Arch son, with constantly increasi and interest, until this year, presidency of Archbishop Ten the 250 bishops to whom were sent 194 were able to including 57 from Englan Scotland, 10 from Ireland, 6 colonies and missionary sphe from the United States of A from a personal point of view hesitation in saying that I sl consider it one of the great of my life to have been allow part in this conference of opening service at Canterbur where, from the chair of St. we were welcomed, and the vice at St. Paul's cathedral can never be effaced from i The conference met daily Palace for the first week i resolved itself into committ next fortnight, during whi were prepared and preesnted ference during the last week sion. Throughout all of the spite of, perhaps because of, sion, a very real spirit of unit and in almost all cases the

were adopted unanimously.

It is to be clearly understood

though they were the decree cil, upon any province or ind cese throughout the Anglican They are simply to be comm the various dioceses "for their tion and for such action as to them desirable." Nor is least idea of raising the Sea bury to a position in any wa that claimed by the Sea the Archbishop has consented a consultative body, to who may be referred for advice. no sense a judicial tribunal. With regard to the resolu been objected by some that the sufficiently definite; but whe membered that such question ternational arbitration" and problems" formed part of the me, it is hardly to be expected "last words" or any settlem come from the Lambeth con si the same with the "Unity dom" and the "Criticism of with great moral questions perance" and "Purity." short and easy method of de such problems, but it is somet to endeavor to lay down an right principles and to make s after much discussion, which the blessing of God bring fort This the Lambeth conference and may we all, clergy and conscious of the difficulties of in which we live, resolve m than ever to do battle for against all that is evil and to pray for the extension of Hi upon earth. Let me now turn your thou

directly to our own diocese needs and prospects. Eccle we are still in the same posinusmuch as there is no proganization in British Columb main, with the dioceses of 1 minster and Caledonia, with his how of Cantarburges.

bishop of Canterbury as our tan. This in no way interfere on as an intergral p Church of Canada, and the can foster the sense of unity

will be for us all. Mean