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ers is due, he says, a very considerable share of the success of the camp.

country and allowing the ground to remain unworked. These concessions

are being cancelled wherever possible. This is bringing the country into con-

tage of attracting attention so that

GAME IMPORTATION

culars Announcing Intention to

Introduce Capercailzie.

and Vancouver Island, which con-

"It has now been decided to import

black game, capercailzie and other birds,

which will necessitate a larger expendi-

will be put down in such localities as are

considered by the committee most favor-

J. Musgrave, secretary of the local as-

sociation, has quite a number of the cir-

culars and will be pleased to issue them

and hopes that members of the clubs

spond as soon as possible with their sub-

scriptions in order that the final arrange-

LIVE STOCK SALE.

Result of His Trip to Mainland.

able to the success of the experiment."

tains the following announcement:

cates securing large concessions

To this class of individual min-

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# RECOMMENDS VICTORIA AS FREE NATIONAL PORT

## Important Report Submitted to the Minister of Public Works by the Transportation Commission.

or the past two or three years, has presented a very elaborate and important report to Hon. Chas. Hyman, min- man, and has not had the opportuniister of public works.

The commissioners make several im- quainting himself with the problems pertant recommendations. They re- which confront those who go down to mmend that the Intercolonial railway be extended to Depot Harbor, ob- on the prairie seems to produce, taining running privileges over the one of the first subjects to which he Grand Trunk railway, or otherwise. devoted his attention on reaching the This will be of aid in building up the Pacific was the readjustment of condiports of St. John and Halifax.

Vancouver, Victoria, the terminus of the Grand Trunk- Pacific and terminus of the Canadian Northern on tional ports. There should be no arges except drydock or elevator arges. Any property now owned by his to be done should be secured by should secure control of all railways the docks. The government should have elevator accommodation for fees are even heavier. million bushels of grain at Depot

It is suggested that the government ould own elevators and charge the ilways for their use.

panies do not do so.

In view of the government making Welland canal, no recommendation made as to the deepening of Welland canal, but if the Georgian Bay Velland should be made of the same epth as the Soo canal.

Frunk Pacific build a branch line to

The views of James Ashdown, one of free ports were outlined in an article which appeared in the Times on eptember 30th, a few days after the tificial waterways. ing of the commission in this city.

ortant a way, because it is proposed there are many with whom he spoke relieve shipping entering and clear- while in the city who share his view.

#### ENTERTAINMENT BY VIS:TING HUMORIST

#### Jerome K. Jerome and Chas. B. Locm's Amuse Large Crowd at Institute Hall Last Night.

The merit of the "reading" by Jerome K. Jerome and Charles Batell comis in collaboration at the Instiate hall could not have been more trikingly demonstrated than by the asistence with which those present emanded an encore upon the comeletion of the programme. But the departure of the Seatle boat at 10 o'clock nade it impossible for either of the distinguished authors to extend the enertainment, as they had booked passage for the Sound. Therefore the Victorians who attended must not think that their failure to respond was from unwillingness. It was because of the lack of time, and Messrs. Jerome and Loomis both afterwards expressed their sincere acknowledgement of the evident warmth of the appreciation of heir hearers.

It would be difficult to give an ade- Dr. Young Says That the Shortage of quate description of "reading" of these great humorists. Although they have given that title to their performnce it can scarcely be so designated rrectly. They are as different in yle as it is possible to conceive, and that while shortage of water last year compairing them it is impossible for

inbiased person to decide which is from what it would otherwise have funnier. Mr. Jerome's part conted of the relation of his experiences le travelling on the continent, his essions of Germany a number of about \$600,000. ght little sketches-all delivered in ryly humorous fashion, combined, of Windy Arm will have a beneficial instances, with just a relievtouch of sarcasm. Mr. Loomis read nber of stories written by himself, intance with the sharp, witty dia-

H. Lugrin occupied the chair, and fields, which have hitherto been overcycles," "Three Men in a Boat," has attained such popularity the outside world. at their circulation is world wide, is typical Englishman in appearance, miners are doing well in Atlin. He Jerome hadn't delivered three contradicts the reports that the camp

Ottawa, Jan. 17 .- The transportation ing from here, of all the charges to ommission, which has been at work which it is now subjected, and which by many are regarded as irksome and

onerous. Mr. Ashdown is essentially a prairie ties which maritime people have of acthe sea in ships. He has, however, the keen acquisitive mind which residence tions to permit of national expansion along lines of transportation.

A question or two asked by him at Halifax, St. John, Fort William, Port the sitting of the commission indicated Arthur, Depot Harbor, Midland, Port the bent of his investigation, but in Colborne, Kingston, Montreal, Syd- private conversation with President Paterson, of the board of trade, he unfolded more fully the ideas he has on the whole subject.

Mr. Ashdown thinks that it is of the the Pacific, be made national ports. most vital importance in Canada and he commissioners ask that legislation in the building up of her foreign trade which can possibly be removed should ture than heretofore. The money rebe obliterated. In inquiring into the quired to make a satisfactory experiment management of wharves and of shipping out of this port he found that amount some \$750 (£150) has already been cities, towns or provinces to enable dues which he regards as excessive are guaranteed through the efforts of a gengovernment. The government exacted for pilotage work, and that even where pilots are not employed | lar amount still to be collected. The birds craft entering or clearing must pay heavy dues. What is true of Victoria is also true of Vancouver, where the

There are in addition wharfage Harbor and Midland if the railway charges, hospital dues, etc., which altogether make a considerable bill to be met by every vessel which employs the facilities provided at this port.

His idea is that the government should take over the harbor and its survey of Georgian Bay canals also management, and should hire what officers, in the persons of pilots, shipping masters, wharfingers, etc., are necessary, these men to be paid by the eme is not proceeded with then the government and not directly by the shipping using the port. Vessels would then be relieved of all charges except-They recommend that the Grand ing perhaps a trifling fee for entering would be administered as the canal system of the east is, the lock tenders. etc., being paid by the government, the commissioners, on the question and boats passing through being required to pay nothing excepting perhaps a nominal fee for using these ar- of the department, for pure bred stock,

To Victoria the proposal is of par- the breeders well disposed towards the ticular interest, because it is situated proposal, and has been assured of the Commissioner Jas. Ashdown, of in a peculiarly advantageous position practical and monetary support of the he transportation commission, which to benefit by such a system. Lying at Ottawa department in carrying out his as just completed its sittings here the gateway to the Puget Sound and as his way, the government of Can- British Columbia mainland districts elsewhere. In an interview with the ada will inaugurate a system of free all shipping must pass her doors, Times Mr. Logan imparted the result of quired to be landed, with no additional put up, and he secured the promise of at They will not be "free ports" in the expenditure excepting perhaps, a little e that Hongkong is, or that Vic- loss of time. Mr. Ashdown at least ria was in the ante-Confederation thinks that the adoption of his plan ays, namely, that they will be im- would revolutionize the shipping trade, from the operations of the tariff, especially on the Pacific, which is on

give the reader the benefit of the full

Mr. Loomis's appearance was the

signal of an outburst of laughter. He

had adopted a funeral air, and open-

ing his book he stated that his first

'lesson was at such and such a chap-

ter, the fifteenth verse." (Laughter).

Among others he gave a clever Irish

dialogue enunciating the rich brogue

table manner Several of his tales

were what might be termed modern

Mr. Jerome concluded with a num-

ber of splendidly recited writings, the

humor of which made the last half

hour pass very quickly, and the audi-

ence vigorously but vainly demanding

The entertainment was under the

section of which, under the chairman

ship of H. F. Pullen, arranged this

ATLIN'S PRODUCTION.

Water Interferred With Output.

Dr. H. A. Young, M. P. P. for Atlin

has arrived in the city to attend his

duties in the legislature. He reports

cut down the production in his district

been yet the indications are that the

The production during last year was

Dr. Young says that the opening up

effect in developing the quartz proper-

Dr. Young says that the individual

coming season will be a record one.

more at its completion.

literary treat.

depth of humor contained therein.

least 100 head beforehand. The immediate object of this idea is to facilitate the sale of good stock for the smaller breeders, and the holding of such a sale at some convenient central point. they will be free in almost as im- the eve of great development, and New Westminster would ensure the assembling of a large concourse of buyers, the secondary advantages being that such a meeting widely advertised would greatly stimulate the interest in pure bred stock, and in this case he hoped would So similar is his discourse to his writresult in the formation of a live stock ings that one could almost imagine association, which should prove of direct himself perusing them again with the author at his elbow to interpret and of the province generally.

### HEALTH AND BEAUTY

BLOOD MADE BY DR. WIL-LIAMS' PINK PILLS.

Beauty is more than skin deep-it is no good health without rich, red blood. Every graceful curve, every sparkle of rich, red blood. Dr. Williams' Pink the finishing touch to the picture. To Pills are the greatest blood builder and beauty maker in the world. Every dose actually makes new, pure, rich blood. By making new blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills sharpen the appetite, S. Egeria; Capt. Drake, A. D. C., Col. health. They banish paleness, clear the complexion, bring rosy cheeks and for the success of the affair. Of course sparkling eyes. They give plenty of strong blood for all the delicate functions of womanhood. Miss Mary Jack- credit, but his most able assistants son, Normandale, Ont., says: "For upwards of three years I suffered from anaemia. I grew so weak I could scarcely walk about the house. I had no color in my face, my lips and gums were bloodless, I suffered from headaches and dizziness, and fell away in weight until I weighed only 94 pounds. No treatment gave\me the least benefit until I began the use of Dr. Wil-Pink Pills. Inside of a few weeks after beginning the pills I began to grow better, and they soon restored my health, and while useing them I gained fourteen pounds in weight. I can strongly recommend ing young ladies were the centre of at-Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all pale and | traction among the younger element,

ties. It has been proved that there is rich quartz at Windy Arm. Col. Conwhich he showed a thorough acgirls and women throughout Canada and enjoying the entire programme. necessary capital, the doctor says, for Jackson and give Dr. Williams' Pink tary Muskett, who had been as busy des for which his works are so cele- a smelter in the north. This will at- Pills a fair trial. Bright eyes, rosy as a bee all evening, announced suptract attention to the northern quartz cheeks and perfect health would soon per. The following were those first infter a few appropriate remarks, in- looked to a considerable extent in the that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink follow. When you buy the pills see vited to the table: the Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," will now become of more importance to a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by writ-

sentences last night before the author is no longer a profitable field for this way Tuesday evening.

Brockville, Ont.

## class. In no previous year has the individual miner done better than during the past season. At present about til the spring, when the clean-up is

The member for Atlin says that he has been using his influence to over-come the difficulty created by syndi-ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ATTENDED FUNCTION

formity with the Yukon, where the Elite of British Columbia's Society at holding of large concessions of un-Government House-Scene of worked ground is being done away Splendor and Galty. The opening up of Windy Arm, he thinks, will have the additional advan-

The elite of British Columiba's society gathered at Government House Tuesday night, the occasion being the first general reception and official ball given by His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Victoria and Vancouver Clubs Issue Cir-Lotbiniere. Ever since the destruction of the old establishment this affair, which, until then was held annually. has not taken place for various rea-Some weeks ago it was announced in sons. Therefore the revival of the time the Times that the Fish and Game Clubs honored custom was welcomed, and the of Vancouver and Victoria had combined widespread appreciation was shown by for the purpose of collecting sufficient the large crowds which thronged the funds to permit the importation of black different apartments from 9 o'clock game and capercailzle from the Old Coununtil the small hours. It is conservatry. Since then the officials of both ortively estimated that the Lieut.-Goverganizations have been active. They have nor entertained no less than one thouissued an attractive circular for distribu- sand people, the majority of whom he tion among the sportsmen of the Mainpersonally received with Mrs. Nanton in the drawing room previously to their being ushered to the dance. He "The Fish and Game Clubs of Victoria tendered all a cordial welcome with and Vancouver have for some years been his own inimitable grace and courtesy, importing game birds, notably English never appearing to better advantage partridges, pheasants and quail, as from than as the host in this gathering of time to time the funds have been sub-

the aristocracy of the West. When it is stated that in the neighborhood of sixteen hundred invitations were issued, and that of these only six hundred (and a large number of these out of town) were not taken advantage of, it may be judged just how important the affair was generally considered. Not only did it mark the reinauguration of a function that will now no doubt, remain a fixture, but it may possibly be the last time Sir Henri will act in the capacity of the presiding officer at such an affair in British Columbia. Probably the latter reason, more than any other, was accountable for the exceptionally large throng which tendered respect to the aged

to anyone raking application. He is confident of being able to raise a fair As already stated, the latter received proportion of the money required here, personally. He was thus occupied from until 9.30 o'clock. At the latter hour and other sportsmen interested will rene entered the ballroom and formally opened the dance by taking the leadng part in the initial set of lancers. ments may be completed at an early This completed he returned to his duties in the reception room where he wards he stimulated the pleasure of those present by dancing several num-Deputy Provincial Commissioner Tells of

The splendor and gaiety of the scene defies description. In order to obtain F. M. Logan, deputy provincial live even a vague idea, one has first of all stock commissioner, has returned from a to picture the immense ballroom at visit to the various stock raising centres Government House beautifully decorof the Mainland with the object of instiated with profusions of flags and bunttuting a stock sale, under the auspices ing, evergreens, etc., the effect of which was rendered more striking by in the early spring. Mr. Logan found the myriads of electric bulbs which peeped cunningly from amid the green foliage, each contributing in a small measure to the extreme brilliancy. The FOR CARRYING CARGO idea, subject to the conditions prevailing respective ends of the anartment were especially well adorned, the officers and sailors of IT. M. S. Egeria and memorts on both the Atlantic and Pacific whether from Australia, the Orient, his observations during the tour, which bers of the R. G. A. having had charge from the south, or from round the was distinctly favorable to the ranchers of these features. The former had a On the Atlantic side it will include harbors of Halifax and St. John, sels could enter even if only a few pason this coast those of Victoria and sengers or a few bundles of freight rebut was much similiar in character Here also there was an elaborate draping of bunting and flags about a centre piece of swords and rifles. In addition there were a number of tastefully executed inscriptions occupying points of vantage on the walls. One of these was taken from Lord Byron, and is as

When youth and pleasure meet, To chase the glowing hours With flying feet.

These were certainly extremely apropirate, for, from the opening dance, an official set of lancers made up of the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Hunter, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Nanton, Colonel Prior and Mrs. Irving, Commander Hunt and Mrs. Prior, Senator Macdonald and Mrs. Sloan, Mr. Justice Irving and Mrs. Macdonald, Mr Jus-COME FROM THE RICH, RED tice Martin and Mrs. McBride, the floor was so crowded as to make it exceedingly difficult for the most skilwaltz without inconveniencing others. blood deep. There is no real beauty, This fachionable throng, the officers in their dress uniforms and the more sombre dress suits of civilian gentlethe spectator was present an ever changing kaleidoscope of color, and the scene will long be remembered by all attending. Capt. Parry, of H. M. soothe the worried nerves, regulate the Gregory and Lieut. Simpson were among those principally responsible Secretary Muskett was the man at the wheel, and to him is due the greatest were those mentioned.

An excellent musical programme was provided by an orchestra selected by Bandmaster Pferdner, of the Fifth Regiment band. It consisted of twenty numbers, with two extras, and so several occasions encores were demanded. The floor was in splendid condition, and the dance was rendered specially notable and interesting from the fact that there were no less than five debuntantes, namely, Miss Bulwer, Miss Sweet, Miss Nuttall, Miss Rebbeck and Miss Ellis. These charmand, it is safe to say, marked their ad-There are thousands of pale anaemic vent into society by participating in It was about 12 o'clock when Secre-

oduced Jerome K. Jerome. The now greater interest which attaches to the pills for Pale People," is printed on Bride, Mrs. Green, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, nous author of "Three Men on placer propositions. Tributary to Atlin are good quantity properties which medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents Holmes, Hon. R. F. Green, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Mrs. Hall, ing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Colonel Holmes, Mrs. Worsnop, Colonel English, Mrs. Cooper, Colonel Jones, —Steamer Amur arrived from Skag- Worsnop, Mrs. Leslie Clay, Colonel Hall, Colonel couver World, is in the Worsnop, Mrs. McNiven, Major Bland, come to Victoria to record Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Beanlands, Canon Beanlands, the election to morrow.

Mrs. Drury, Rev. Leslie Clay, Mrs. T. W. Paterson, Hon. A. E. Smith, Mrs. Cameron, Hon. Johann Wulffsohn, Mrs. Henderson, Rev. C. E. Cooper, Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Bowser, Mrs. Bole, Mr. Macgowan, Mrs. Lampman, Mr. Garden, Mrs. Buscombe, Mr. Buscombe, Mrs. Thornton Fell, Mr. Drury, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Wells, Mr. Manson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. McNiven, Mr. T. W. Paterson, Mr. Stuart Henderson, Mr. MATTERS DEALT WITH Cameron, Mr. Price Ellison, Mr. J. R Brown, Mr. Davidson, Judge Harrison, Judge Bole, Judge Lampman, Mr. Thornton Fell, Mr. Vowell, Mr. James Dunsmuir, Mrs. Lugrin, Mr. Lugrin Mr. Dunsmuir, Mr. J. Kingham, Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mr. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. Kingham, Mr. Charles Vernon, Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. J. Maitland Dougall, Mrs. Wolley, Dr. O. M. Jones, Mrs. Maitland-Dougall, Mr. C. Phillips Wooley, Mrs. Jones, Mr. H. Abbott, Mrs. Beaven, Mr. Beaven, Mrs. Powell, Mr. H. B. Mackenzie, Crease, Mrs. Bullen, Mr. Bullen, Mrs. Gore, Mr. Bulwer, Miss C. Dupont, Mr. Roper, Mrs. Croft, Mr. Lindley Crease, most unsanitary condition. Mrs. Roper, Major Heneage, Miss Payne, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, Capt.

wife, Capt. Parry and wife. The dispensing of refreshments continued from then until well on to 2.30 o'clock, and it is saying a great deal for the thoroughness of the preparations to state that there were few of the one thousand present who will not express satisfaction in respect to the

About 3 o'clock the guests began to disperse. At that hour the rain was falling heavily, and the pleasure seekers experienced the first disagreeable feature of the affair. There were not enough hacks available to take all away at once, and many had to wait some time before procuring a vehicle. charge and the kindness of Capt. Troup the hundred or so guests from Vancouver and other Mainland points were able to remain until shortly before the conclusion of the festivities and still return the same night. The Princess Victoria was held over for their convenience, something which

they appreciated extremely. From every point of view the ball was a splendid success. As a formal social function and as a pleasurable entertainment it will go down into history as a memorable event. There was an absence of that stiffness generally attending such affairs, which must be attributed to the genial cordiality of the host, His Honor Sir Henri Joly de

FROM THE MAINLAND

Machinery Depot of This Port.

The Victoria Machinery Depot in this city were Monday awarded the contract by the E. & N. Railway Company for building a large barge for the carrying of freight cars between Vancouver and Ladysmith. The price agreed upon is in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Tenders for the work were received from a number of shipbuilding firms in Victoria and Vancouver, and that bidding was extremely keen may be inferred from the fact that between the successful company and its closest rival in the competition for the undertaking there was but \$800. The new barge will be built in the yard of the company at the head of the har-

bor, where men are engaged to-day in breaking ground, preparatory to beginning construction work. The new vessel will be the largest yet built in the hisful to thread through the mazes of the tory of the port. Her moulded dimensions will be 245 feet long, 42 feet beam, and her draught 13 feet 6 inches. To indicate the massiveness of the craft it might be stated that some seven hundred thousan l the eye, every rosy blush, comes from men with the gowns of the ladies, gave feet of lumber will be used in her construction. The design to be employed is one along which many of the big barges in the East have been built. There will be heavy bulwarks and conveniences of the latest type. There wil! be a seventyfive horse power boiler installed on deck have further considered certain additional to supply power for the large winches, and there will be tracks sufficient to a :commodate 15 loaded cars. The new ferry and we beg to recommend as follows; barge will be ready for service by next summer. To build her in so short time it will be necessary to place a large force to the city for park purposes, such sale of men at work upon her immediately. The vessel will be operated in connection with other barges now run between the Mainland and Vancouver Island, the incity treasurer points out that the applicatention of the E. & N. Railway Company in having her built being to supply facili- should take this form. much were these appreciated that on ties for increased traffic next year. The company expect to handle a great deal more lumber than it did last year and the with the liability of municipalities for the Greenwood (encore), "While the Dance construction of the new barge is but one step of probably many to be taken shortly in providing for a new order of things. In reaching out for business the management of the Victoria Machinery Depot has of late been very fortunate. The any possible injury, and that an attempt company, in addition to securing the large contract mentioned, have also ceived the contract from the White Pass & Yukon Railway Co. for compounding the engines of the steamer White Horse, If successful in this, other steamers of the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company will be treated in a similar manner The undertaking is an important one. there being but one other vessel in the province that has been so improved. The alterations must be finished by the time navigation opens in the spring. It is calculated they will effect considerable economy in the working of the steamer.

-D. W. Higgins, editor of the Vancouver World, is in the city. He has come to Victoria to record his vote at

# CLOSING SESSION

AT FINAL MEETING

Ald. Hanna Made an Explanation Monday Evening-Usual Concluding Congratulatory Addresses.

The final meeting of the 1905 council Mrs. Galletly, Mr. Galletly, Mrs. was held last evening, all the alder-Thynne, Major Dupont, Mrs. Gibb, Mr. men being present with the exception Gibb, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. Bodwell, of J. A. Douglas, , who was absent Mrs. Gaudin, Mr. Thynne, Mrs. Burns, through illness. After the transaction Mr. Gaudin, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. C. C. of routine business the usual farewell Fisher, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Luxton, Miss addresses were delivered, those who Dupont, Mr. Burns, Mrs. Luxton, Mr. have presented themselves as candi-Kirk, Mrs. Langworthy, Mr. Lang- dates for a new term wishing each worthy, Mrs. Bodwell, Mr. Arthur other success at the polls on Thursday. Thos. R. Smith complained of Crease, Mr. W. S Gore, Mrs. Cuthbert state of the surface drains on Cook Holmes, Mr. Cuthbert Holmes, Mrs. street. He said that a permanent cess-

Ald. Oddy remarked that there was ground for portest, and moved that Bunbury, C. pt. Glassop, Capt. Tait, Major Boultbee, D. M. Eberts and the city engineer be empowered to remedy the evil immediately, as it was a menace to the public health. In this connection Ald. Stewart thought something should be done to remove a ditch on Foul Bay road, which was in a bad state. He suggested that the city engineer should be instructed to attend to the matter. This was adopted.

Mrs. Tuck, of Roscabella, wrote stating that her properity had been damaged by a herd of cattle. She requested redress, explaining that she had found it impossible to ascertain the identity of the parties to whom the cattle belonged.

On motion of Ald. Fullerton the matter was referred back to the writer for further information. Mrs. Gordon, of the Gordon hotel,

Yates street, asked for the removal of a nuisance at the rear of her house. Ald Hall moved that it be referred to the sanitary inspector. Carried. H. Earl, secretary of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, thanked the

council for the efforts made towards the re-enfranchisement of the militia men. Received and filed. J. M. R. Cooksley, of James street, asked for the repair of the roadway in

front of his house. Ald. Fullerton corroborated the statement that the street was in bad shape, and moved that the matter !e referred to the city engineer. Carried. The appended communication was received from the city solicitor:

Re Amendments to Municipal Act. Gentlemen:-I beg to advise that, act ing upon instructions from the council, I have conferred with the city barrister and prepared sections carrying out the report. cently adopted by the council, and also on the following further points. For licensing persons doing electrical works; effect of the unfortunate occurence to limit the city's liability in respect of would be wiped out as a result of his public works in the grading of streets, explanation. He acknowledged Ald. and to limit their liability to \$1,000 in Stewart's favorable vote on the secret case of personal injury.

with regard to local improvement. As the proposal in that regard in the forthmatter now stands, it is open to the city coming elections. to spread the assessment for a work of Ald Hall and Fell followed with local improvement over an unlimited term gratulatory addresses. The former reof years, but if the city contribute to the cost they must make their contribution courtesy of His Worship Mayor Barin ten or less annual payments. I propose to ask that this limitation of ten Ald. Oddy, who had not presented himyears should be extended to twenty self as a candidate, with regret. years. I have also prepared, with the assistance of the city barrister, a section empowering the sale, with the as-

I find the government have had printed and Ald. Douglas. (Laughter.) perty in James Bay. a consolidation of the Municipal Clauses Act, practically a copy of the consolidation made last year for convenience, and It would be his last opportunity to adaccordingly it will be expedient to ask dress the council. Naturally he was proposed amendments before they are sequently had had many disagre introduced in committee. I have, there- ments, but he believed that unanimity fore, addressed a letter to the deputy atorney-general upon the subject, inclosing the amendments for his consideration.

In explanation Ald. Fell stated that discussed the amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act proposed by the Victoria council. In order to expedite matters he had forwarded a copy for that honorable member's consideration before it was laid before the House. He had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the solicitor's report. Car-

The following supplementary report from the legislative committee was adopted:

Gentlemen:-Your legislative committee amendments which are desired to be introduced into the legislation of this year, An amendment to enable the sale of the conclusion of which the following the James Bay block and lots belonging programme contributed greatly to the to be subject to the sanction of the well rendered: Bro. Cooper, song, Lieutenant-Governor, after the assent becity treasurer points out that the application to the legislature for an amendment

tion should be introduced to do away tumn Leaves Are Falling"; injurious affection of neighboring pro- Goes On." perties by alteration of grades of streets.

your committee that the taxpayer should ferred to his wife, Frances Dudley tofore inflicted upon the taxpayers.

Your committee also desire to recomment for public work can be spread over

ONLY 1-50 OF A GRAIN

Fruit is good for you. Ripe

figs are a splendid laxative to regulate the bowels. Prunes are good for stomach and liver. Orange juice is splendid for the nerves and sleeplessness. Apples heal the kidneys and increase the flow of urine. If apple juice be evaporated to a gray powder, 1-50 of a grain of this powder has the same action on the kidneys as half a pint of fresh apple juice, Two "Fruit-a-tives" tablets contain more than 1-50 of the medicinal part of apple juice, besides the healing, curative virtues of oranges, figs and prunes. More than that, Fruit-a-tives" are concentrated and combined with tonics and antiseptics by a secret process which increases their powers over disease many times. At all druggists.

sidewalks, which have a life of quite twenty years, and an amendment has been drawn enlarging the time for the city's contribution to twenty years, Your committee are informed that the

Municipal Act is being consolidated and certain amendments, pearing out your committee's former and this present report, will be submitted to the attorneygeneral for inclusion by him 'f he sees right in the government measure.

Ald. Hanna wished to thank his brother aldermen for the courtesy which had been tendered him during his first term of office. In explanation he wished it understood that he had not meant to infer that Ald. Stewart had obtained light free from the power company. He had intended to convey the inference that Ald. Stewart might not have been able to vote against anything detrimental to the tramway company for fear that his rates would be increased. This he thought was far worse than had been

Ald. Stewart, replying, said that he was more than surprised to read Ald. Hanna's letter in the Times. The only meaning he could take from it was that he had been taking free power Now the alderman mentioned stated that he had not intended such a thing. He had his receipts with him, but h accepted the explanation.

Continuing, Ald. Stewart mentioned his past record to show that he had never been frightened by the B. C. Electric Raflway Company.

Replying, Ald. Hanna hoped that the agreement and expressed the opinion I have also prepared an amendment that the public would remember the dealing with an anomaly which exists vote of those who went against his

nard, and spoke of the departure of

Ald. Fell said that the past year's work had been so exhausting that two sent of the electors, of the city's pro- namely, His Worship Mayor Barnard

After Ald, Elford and Pullerton had expressed themselves, Ald. Oddy spoke. the opinion of the law officers upon the of a combatitive disposition, and conin any such organization was unhealthy. He would stand or fall by the "secret agreement," so-called. He had taken his part in drafting it, and thought that the opposition it had he had seen the attorney-general and caused was the result of a "sour grape" sentiment. They had made too good a bargain and the others were sorry they were not "in on it." He would watch the labors of the council during the forthcoming term with interest. (Applause.) Acting Mayor Goodacre thanked the

council for the assistance tendered him in his effort to fill the chair in the absence of the mayor. This closed the session, and some of the aldermen left the hall humming "Auld Lang Syne."

-A meeting of Triumph Lodge, No. 16, I.O.G.T, was held Monday night at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, at enjoyment of the evening, and was "Poor Old Jeff"; Bro. Wilkinson, song. "Poor Old Joe"; Bro. Foulds, see-"Queen of the Earth"; Bro. Blackm-, song, "Heart Bowed Down"; Bro. Blackman (encore), "White Wings" Your committee recommend that a sec- Bro. Greenwood, song, "When the Au-

-Monday afternoon a special meetthe improvement of the property by publing of the Esquimalt licensing commislic works of this description far exceeds sioners was held at the city hall, Superintendent of Provincial Police Hus should be made to stop any such claims. sey presiding, and J. Phair and J. 3. tempt should be made to limit the sum plication from Mrs. Mary Gouge, of the which can be recovered against the Four-Mile house, for a license was municipality to \$1,000 in any action for granted. F. Stetson, of the Ship hotel, personal injury. It does not appear to Esquimalt, wanted his license transbe made to bear the oftentimes excessive Stetson. As the commissioners could damages which juries, influenced by see no good reason for granting such sympathy and other motives, have here- a request the application was refused. The meeting then adjourned.

mend an enlargement of a limitation for -Arthur Proctor, an employee of the contribution by the city towards the cost government printing office, had his of local improvement works. As the act hand badly crushed in the universal at present stands, although an assess- press of that department Monday afternoon. He was taken to a doctor's an unlimited term of years, the city's office, and later to St. Joseph hospital, contribution must be made within ten or where the amputation of at least one a less number of years. There are pub- finger will be necessary.