## RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW CLUP

TORIA WEST IS FULLY ORGANIZED

#### ermined Effort Being Made Provide a New Headquarters

Tuesday a general meeting of the ria West Athletic Association ield in the club rooms with Presi D. S. Tait in the chair and a large ing of enthusiastic workers all ready to get in and raise the ed that actual canvassing be comed to-day, so that the campaign s have been appointed:

1-A. Monteith (chairman), G. A. A. R. Colby, R. Harropp, Wm. son. The territory of this comwill be portions of Victoria beyond the city limits.

-J. W. Okell (chairman), R. A. Ross, A. Kirk, W. Dunc alloted portion is Victoria West southward from Langford street city limits at Dominion road. rey Wilson (chairman), F. S. Perkens, H. Bell, H. Brown, is. The work of this commit lie in the district northward Langford street to the city lim

4-D. S. Tait, S. H. Okell, L. Tait. Mable, to be known as the "town ee," and it will be their duty to entre of the city.

central campaign committee convs: President, D. S. Tait; sec-S. H. Okell; treasurer, C. vice-presidents, Leonard Tait, ith, G. A. Okell and William of the affair. Each evening one o itral committee will be at the ms, so that the different com may report to him who they een and with what success resident has been interviewed is conceded that when that i five thousand will practically he bank and possibly a little b

West End club certainly seem wake and are going about the tion in a correct and businessner. It is the only way to do ng. When you do it, do it well, lar letters have already been sent each resident, and no doubt the will begin to come in.

HOUSANDS FOR SILENCE.

ilting Railway Treasurer Says He aid Mrs. Ford \$1,000 a Month for Seven Years.

nnati, Feb. 1 .- Fifty-four thouollars was the price Charles L. ner, defaulting local treasurer of ig Four railroad, paid for a s silence. Fearing an exposure shortcomings, he gave Mrs. te Steward-Ford an average of month for seven years, the nts stopping only when the excame from other sources No-

was the substance of the testithat Warriner gave yesterday rial of Mrs. Ford on a charge

#### ION AGAINST BANKING COMPANY

#### ng Man Alleged He is Une to Secure Stock Given as Security

co City, Feb. 1.-Sensational dents in connection with the susof the United States Banking which may include criminal are looked for.

rst legal action taken by any since the bank closed its doors nesday morning was filed to-Harwood H. Simpson, a mining who made a formal complaint the procurator of justice, aluse of confidence. Simpsol the president, vice-president, ors and managers of the in He alleges that some time btained \$19,000 from the bank, ere secured by the deposit of mining stock valued at

ntly, he says, he went to the pay the notes and receive his res. but the collateral was ming, and he was told to rewhen the shares would be

says he learned that his no longer in the possession and he infers that they prothecated by the bank to

institution. that Jose Limantour, the inister of finance, offered to gements with the National Mexico to tide the United Banking Company over its diffi-

st prior to its suspension deto-day.

remains of the late Robert Sin-endall were laid to rest in Ross netery Tuesday afternoon. The took place at 2.30 o'clock from ly residence. Simcoe street ervices of an appropirate charere conducted by Rev. ell, assisted by Rev. Dr. Reid. and "Rock of Ages" he attendance of sympathizing was large, and the floral offerented numerous and beautifu llowing acted as pallbearers. Vilson, A. McLeod, J. Meston, J. Pottinger and W. Walker.

## NIGHT SCHOOLS PROVIDED FOR

ADDITIONAL CLAUSES FOR THE SCHOOL ACT

Balances on School Loan By-Laws Will Remain With Boards

Legislative Press Gallery, January 31. matters occupied the athe House for some time tonister of education introducin amendment of the and a second reading being the bill introduced a few regarding the medical exam-For both of these Young asked the earnest and ntion of the House and incism and suggestion. He ne two bills briefly but cone bill amending the School brought down by message Honor the Lieutenant-Govwas advanced to second stage so as to facilitate busilew of the early introduction lway measure.

Young, in moving the secing of the act to amend the said its intent was not so The educational system of ce was becoming so large partment believed the time to make advance along some The number of schools, and pupils was increasing at r as he had been informe rnoon, there was being made oming year provision for 1,132 ings, and the advance elsewas pretty much in proportion. more teachers in Vancouver. ith the demand for teachers. ar the government had decided ce the salaries. True, the of the department to increase

Further than that, in the present bill was trying to make the certificate a character that the third one with which the departthe most difficulty, would be for life, provided the Normal raining was taken. The first ths would be taken after leavgood for three years. If after ond or higher certificate they get it made valid for life on com-Normal school training. department hoped to overdifficulty in obtaining teach-

year to year in the same propor-

made from many parts of the nee. The Vancouver school was sful and its efficiency steadily inpartment did not think the time was proposed to allow the travexpenses of student teachers and ir expense would simply be their

nother step in advance was the eschool. To overcome that it had ecided to establish these superior if there were ten, and these, unction with those training, be made into one class. The deent did not believe in the multi-of High schools because the atould be small, the salaries and therefore the grade of erever the trustees decided to armanual training the depart-

would make a grant of not less three-fourths of the initial cost

met with in the fact that if mount was used by the municiand not left to the credit of the it was proposed that such should be applied to school puralone. If the people voted \$15,000 dy \$10,000 was used, the remaino remained to the credit of the another section provided that there were delinquent school



NO

POISON

#### one-half the amount, not exceeding \$50. He thought this amount enough as it would be a mistake to make a school ibrary too large at first. Night-schools would be provided for

a section which empowered boards to establish such, the department assisting to the extent of from two-fifths of the cost of a teaching staff in the cities of the first class to not, more than four-fifths in rurarl districts. Where there were twenty or more per sons of fourteen and upward a night school could be established. It was not intended to go into technical training until the success of the system was seen. Night schools in Vancouver had been a gratifying success.

"This measure is one that has re-eived considerable attention from the department of education," said the ninister of education in conclusion The School Act works more and more satisfactorily from year to year. ondence with trustees we find more and more respect for the act. The trustees have risen to the occasion and taken a vivid interest in the matter. By placing responsibilities on their shoulders the interests of the community at large are much greater in the natter of education than previously. feel that we are making a distinct advance in the educational system of British Columbia, and I trust I will receive friendly criticism on the bill, and assure the House I will act on all good suggestions. It is not introduced as a controversal measure but for the purpose of making a further advance in the school system of the province, which is the wonder of the Dominion. Our expenditure on education in 1873 was \$27,000, while this year I am asking for something over a million. The university and higher work is someamend the present act as to thing of which the province may be proud. Our education act is a good

> H. C. Brewster moved the adjournment of the debate.

Medical Inspection In moving the second reading, earlier for the medical examination of schools, Hon. Dr. Young bespoke the hearty and unanimous support of the House. had been based on the experience of settled by statute. other countries and cities. It differed Mr. Hawthornthwaite was willing to he school authorities and the boards of | miners health; here it would be under the provincial health department. The school trustees would appoint a school evidence at inquests. inspector of health in municipalities

physical defects in a child which led to charged from employment before any ts being treated as backward, when civil proceedings came on.

reaching in the community as a whole, try to get out of it. their being employed where never em- by the witnesses. ployed before, and it would be unfair Mr. Hawthornthwaite remarked that to workinfl people, whose means were there were very few shorthand writers' not provide for a scale of fees. Phy- ability and experience to take evidence. sicians were the only proper persons to conduct these examinations, and the ographers, while doing their best, would provision for the provincial board of make errors in note or transcript which be struck out.

WATER COMMITTEE IS NAMED BY MAYOR

The bill was read a second time.

#### vas a balance on a school loan Representative Citizens Who Have Agreed to Assist the City Council

At Monday's meeting of the city council Mayor Morrey announced the any lands to a municipal personal of the citizens' committee to his duties to the satisfaction of the district from the territory out- deal with the water question as fol- people and the public interest genernunicipality the board could lows: John Arbuthnot, R. L. Drury, Dr. R. L. Fraser, W. A. Gleason, Andrew establish one to the extent of S. H. Matson, John Meston, E. C. Mc-Eachern, John Nelson, Fred Norris, W. E. Oliver, Gus. Porter, W. J. Pendray, Christian Sivertz, J. J. Shalleross, C.

A meeting of the joint committee and ncil will be held some time next week when all the data which is in the to do, according to members opposite, hands of the city and which has been is to find that a man is dead and collected by the special committee of liable to remain dead for a tolerably the council appointed for that purpose long time." will be considered, and the first step

and submit a report.

MAYOR OF VERNON. Vernon, Jan. 31 .- H. W. Husband was elected mayor by acclamation on January 11th, put in his resignation at the first meeting of the new council, on account of the dissatisfaction exomination paper was held back until ally. the last moment, has been again electof 85 votes

COAL RESERVE IN ALASKA

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.-A bill eating a coal reserve in Alaska of land therein: 5,000 acres, the primary intent being

## CORONERS AND THEIR POWE R

HOUSE YESTERDAY

Socialists Allege That All Material Evidence is Not Always Taken Down

Legislative Press Gallery,

January 31. Two important taxation measures vere introduced to-day by message scho from His Honor, and consideration of sion in committee of the whole on one of the attorney-general's bills, ending with a show of hands on an amendment oposed by the Socialist leader.

Among the petitions presented to-day was one by H. B. Thomson on behalf of the city of Victoria, which protests against certain of the sections of Oak Bay's bill, and more particularly to the right Oak Bay seeks to lay its Prayers were read to-day by Rev. T

The bill to amend the Coroner's Act by giving power to have the evidence taken in shorthand where desired, was taken up in committee, H. H. Watson (Vancouver) in the chair.

The member for Nanaimo brought up the point he mentioned the other day and moved the inclusion of the followone, founded on broad principles, and if carried out in its entirety it is bound ing sub-section: "All evidence sub mitted under oath at any inquest shall be duly taken down by the official stenographer and included in the report of the evidence."

The attorney-general said he could n the afternoon, of his bill to provide not accept this amendment. Coroners had to have control of their courts and say what shall be taken down.

Parker Williams considered that It was designed, he said, to bring about what a man ate at breakfast might Jose Santos Zelaya, former president buildings as well as of the persons of quest at which he would preside. One route to Belgium, made the startling pupils and all about the schools. It time he would allow all valuable evi-was in line with legislation adopted in dence to be taken and another time he United States into adopted. t was not large, but it was the the old land and across the line, and would refuse. The matter should be

from the acts adopted in the States in alter the phraseology of his motion to being mandatory, the American acts cover material evidence. He instanced being merely permissive and therefore cases in which coroners had cut out of difficult of enforcement. Over there, the record important evidence brought too, there was a dual control between out 'by himself or counsel for the The premier maintained that the act

Mr. Hawthornthwaite retorted that while the provincial board would do the act did not say that the coroner the same for the organized districts. should take down "all material evi-The cost to school boards would be an denee." As as matter of fact, legal counsel had no standing at inquests It was not only intended to guard It very often happened that material children from contagious troubles but witnesses, who were on hand at an in-to have an examination made as to quest, had been spirited away or dis-

this was wholly due to some physical The attorney-general said the whole defect which could be remedied. A full scope of an inquest was to report to proper statistics could be kept. He felt the House would be with him in this put in motion. In some cases too much measure, one which he considered was latitude had been atlowed counsel for well in advance or the time and one relatives to place the responsibility on the effect of which would be very far- a corporation and for the corporation to

J. H. Hawthornthwaite looked on the bill as necessary and right and in line fact that while heretofore the deposi-

health appointing anyone else should the witness got no chance to correct. TO INVESTIGATE Everything which could throw light on the cause of the accident or suggest revention in the future should be prought out at any inquest. There was nothing to complain of in the late Ex-tension disaster inquest, but there had been several cases in which coroners

efused to receive evidence A. E. McPhillips (Islands) complain d that too many inquests degenerated into an inquisitorial inquiry of a na-ture to determine whether or not someone was responsible in an action for damages. Coroners were not trained to differentiate between what was material and what was not. That stage ame later in civil actions. Mr. Mc-Phillips took occasion to remark that tion. Victoria had a most efficient coroner in the person of Dr. Hart, who discharged

ally. H. C. Brewster (Alberni) declared libraries would be assisted Gray, Anton. Henderson, Alex. Hentra school board set aside a dry, Chas. Hayward, Simon Leiser, J. thornthwaite's amendment improved the act, which already gave coroner's mandatory power to call everyone who could give any testimony as to a death and to take down in writing "so much of such statements as are material.' "It seems to me," said Parker Williams, "that all a coroner is supposed

After further debate the matter was in the settlement of this long-standing put to a vote, when the proposed question will be taken, F. A. Devereux, amendment was defeated. Messrs. voted with the rest of the House food and no shelter, was the against it.

The attorney - general's bill to ber cruiser of Portland. amend the Public Inquiries Act so as Schweringen, with a number of fel-

Prospective Business.

ing him to advise his excellency the governor-general of Canada that this use is of the opinion that legislation should be enacted by the parlia ment of Canada prohibiting such per-sons from acquiring or holding land within the Dominion of Canada."

John Jardine intends on Wednesday o ask the following series of questions | ROUTINE BUSINESS 1. What is the annual salary now paid to Mr. Wilson, the chief of the free

text book branch? 2. Does this cover all his service rendered to the department of educaon, or is he paid an additional amount as provincial examiner? If so, what amount is he so paid?

3. Who does his work in the free text book branch while he is doing the work of a provincial examiner? 4. What was the cause of the delay in sending out the text books this year, that many schools were kept without books for some weeks after the schools opened?

5. What steps does the minister pro-

these will begin at once. The afternoon was enlivened by a brisk discusthis delay?

Note that to prevent a repetition of and Councillors Newton, McGregor,
Lott, Sproule and Hargreaves. 6. Are the inspectors of schools paid anything besides their ordinary salaries for their services in connection

with the examination?

## BLAMES STATES FOR OVERTHROW

EX-PRESIDENT ZELAYA SAYS HE WAS TRICKED

Declares Influences at Washington Are Aiding Nicaraquan Rebels

Mexico City, Feb. 1.-In a statement given to a personal friend for publication after his departure from this city, tionists an advantage during the early stage of the insurrection. He said: "Our army had defeated the revo lutionists on the San Juan river and was marching on Bluefields. The revolt would have ended in a week, when suddenly the United States asked us o declare a truce, while peace terms could be discussed. The truce was de-

clared and before operations were resumed the insurgents received a large shipment of arms and ammunition rom the United States. "After that followed the battle of the Rama, in which the government army was defeated. We were tricked and played like figures in a game of chess by the powerful influences at Wash ington until the advantage was given

ington had planned. "The American government is still determined that the insurgents shall of the councillors in doing this it seems report of these inspections would be the attorney-general's department upon win, but its pretence of newtrality, likely that short shrift will be given made to the provincial board so that which could be based an opinion as to while arms and men come down on the pigs. every boat from the United States, pre-vents an open avowal and the saving Mr. Pyke, the contractor for the side-

himent of what would be termed with the advancement of the time. But tons have always been read over to the was found that as completed their course in the completed their course in the considerable and control of the witnesses the attorney-general's and cannon would not have altered were injured bill as necessary and right and in the said. "Sparing the lives of Groce the weather, The sidewalks when laid tons have always been read over to the wather, The sidewalks when laid the witnesses the attorney-general's and Cannon would not have altered were injured by the frost, and will as necessary and right and in the said. "Sparing the lives of Groce the weather. The sidewalks when laid the witnesses the attorney-general's and Cannon would not have altered were injured by the frost, and will as necessary and right and in the said. "Sparing the lives of Groce the weather. The sidewalks when laid the witnesses the attorney-general's and Cannon would not have altered were injured by the frost, and will as necessary and right and in the said." completed their course in the every description, including doctors, the schools many of them while deof going on to the High school process were given to that profession. The swar form of the witnesses the attorney-general's and Cannon would not have aftered were injured by the frost, and will the plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought the plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought the plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced their course in the every description, including doctors, the amendment did away with this, as the plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced their course in the every description, including doctors, the amendment did away with this, as the plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced. The plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced. The plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced. The plan at Washington. The policy have to be refaced. This it was thought to be refaced. The plan at Washington. s of going on to the High school not able to do so on account of cial reasons. Twenty was the

As a parting shot, Zelaya predicted had found a tract of three acres of H that in the future Nicaragua would land which would be quite suitable for not redundant at best. If the bill did in the cities of the province with the probably be ruled by large American municipal yards, and which could be corporations, "which seek monopolies purchased at a reasonable rate. This in that country."

COST OF LIVING 31st of March.

Inquiry Decided Upon by Committee of United States House

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.-The ways Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The ways and means committee of the House has and Newton. In the case of the abdecided upon an investigation of the cost of living. A sub-committee has greaves will preside. been appointed to plan the investiga-

Card Crusade. New York, Feb. 1.-Mrs. Anita Com- month, but that he be not at presen fort Brooks, president of the Gotham given a horse with which to make his club, has inaugurated a card crusade, rounds. asking every woman in the United

ing he break the "meat trust." throughout the country as a start for Oliver having waited on the commitan endless chain. If this move proves | tee asking for this. successful she will next attempt to break the "fish trust" by the same Rivercombe, in company with the enmeans.

It is reported that the "meat trust" plans to fight the boycotters on their of dressed meats and raise the prices because of the shortage.

LOST IN MOUNTAINS. Eugene, Ore., Feb. 1.—To wander through the dense Suislaw mountain Hawthornthwaite, Williams and Jar-dine voted for it, and Mr. Brewster wilderness for nine days with but little ence of Bernard Schweringen; a tim-

o permit of commissioners taking evi- low cruiser, was employed on the go to Meadow to run a line of a section of land. He was to have stayed at another camp at Meadow, but a few days of the agara and St. Lowrence river.

It says this great reserve of power. W. H. Hayward (Cowichan) has other camp at Meadow, but a few days wing resolution:

had not appeared at the other camp, a power in use in the United States, is lighted the lamp after her daughter whereas, it is detrimental to the search was instituted. For five days sufficient to displace all the power now had left her. When neighbors reached best interests of the province that Japanese and Chinese persons should be

party came on Schweringen's prostrate

search was instituted. For live days

derived from coal and to provide the burning house they found it impossible. The search continued on Schweringen's prostrate state with all the motive power it possible to enter. allowed to acquire titles to or to hold form beneath a huge tree, where he had probably laid for several days. He foresee, 1,000 acres, the primary intent being use it for naval purposes, has been humble address be presented to his cold and hunger. Physicians hold lithonor the lieutenant-governor, pray-! tle hope of his recovery.

# STREET WORKS IN OAK BAY

BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Estimates For Road Repair in the Neighborhood of Ten Thousand Dollars

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Nothing but routine business camefore the Oak Bay council at the regular fortnightly meeting in the

council chamber on Oak Bay avenue, those present being Reeve Henderson, A little friction occurred in the meet-ing when Councillor Newton asked that something be done to improve Beach Drive, where the rock had recently been blasted out and big loose rocks were left on the road. The reeve said he was tired of hearing Beach Drive mentioned. During the three years he had been in the council he had heard nothing else, while at the same time Cadboro Bay road was in a disgraceful state and had never re-

Councillor Hargreaves supported the reeve in this matter, saying that it was his opinion that the first duty of the council was to keep the old roads in

ceived any attention. It was now the

turn for the other roads to be re

good repair, especially the main thoroughfares. Councillor Newton objected to being jumped on by the reeve, and that some of the things he had said were incorrect. The work he mentioned had been sanctioned by the council, whereas the work which was now being done on Cadboro Bay and Finnerty roads were not sanctioned by the council. Explanations were made and then the matter was allowed to drop.

The annual loan by-law passed its three readings, authorizing the borrowing of \$10,000 to carry the work on until the taxes were collected in July. Three public works by-laws were read three times, and will be discussed in the roads, committee before the final

reading. The municipal engineer submitted his etailed estimates for the upkeep of the roads for the coming year. Thes nounted to something like \$10,000, and and will necessitate the raising of more oney. Whether an increase of taxes will be found necessary is not known, as the assessments will probably be raised in a number of instances, prob ably sufficient to cover the extra expense. Last year the taxes were taken off improvements and no extra rate evied, so that even if there is a small increase it will simply make up for the oss of the improvement tax.

K. Sprague and N. Laurie objected over to the other side, just as Wash- to a Chinese piggery on Hampshire road. The matter was referred to the health committee, but from the tone Black.

walks, to pay him the \$250 authorized Zelaya declared that the execution by the committee. This had been re of Groce and Cannon was a "mere in- fused, Mr. Pyke saying that if they refused to pay him everything but the "The United States had previously \$200 as proposed by him he would comdecided that I should be overthrown," plete the work at once, no matter what

The engineer also reported that he

was referred to the streets commit-The assessor, J. S. Floyd, was order ed to commence the work of the year and to make the roll returnable by the

Reeve Henderson asked the head of submit their estimates in the near future. It having been found that the license ommissioners had been wrongly ap-

pointed the council affirmed the previ-ous appointments made by the reeve The court of revision was also appoint ted to consist of Reeve Henderson and sence of the reeve, Councillor Har-

The report of the roads committee showed that the salary of Constable Dawson had been set at \$70 per

It was decided to push ahead the States to write President Taft demand- work of road building in the Golf ously injured by a fire of unknown or-

The report also showed that Charles gineer, had been appointed to investigate and report on the work of the road roller, and that the unsanitary own ground by reducing the shipments overflow from the septic tank on J. E Smart's premises be left to the sanitary officer to investigate, The council then adjourned.

WATER POWER.

Energy Now Running to Waste in New York State Has Value of \$15,000,000.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 1.-New York of age, was burned to death yesterday. distances all other states in the gross A few charred bones were all that retotal of hydraulic power in use, ac- warded those who searched for her dence under oath, a purely formal Suisalaw river cruising a large tract cording to the fourth annual report of body among the smoking ruins. Mrs. defirst meeting of the new council, bill, was considered in committee of timberland. On Thursday, January the state water supply commission. It count of the dissatisfaction existed over the methods whereby his and its final reading will follow naturally ally substant and the substant of the mountain to be developed on interior streams of the mountain to be developed on the mountain t ed. Last week he ran in opposition to H. W. Knight and secured a majority given notice that he will move the fol-

> The commission estimates that water energy now running waste has a yearly value of at least \$15,000,000.

### ALBERNI-COMOX ROAD A LONG TIME BUILDING

Six Thousand Dollars Spent on it in Five Years With Little Result

Speaking in Alberni Premier McBride people want even more urgently than railways is a wagon road between Alberni and Comox, to enable the settlers to get their produce down to market. Work has been going on upon a road or five years, but little has really been done. The road has been used as an elec-

tion promise to the constituencies in two In order to get some information about the progress made and the government's intentions, H. C. Brewster put the following questions to the Minister of Public

Works "Is it the intention of the governmen to complete the Alberni-Comox wagon road during 1910? What amounts have been expended on this road to date?"

Hon. Mr. Taylor replied as follows:
"I. No. 2. Surveys, construction, etc.—
1905-6, \$830; 1906-7, \$3,869.90; 1907-8, \$633.47; 1908-9, \$928.46; 1909-10, \$75.45—\$5,837.28."

So, apparently, the road may yet do ser vice in another general election.

## POLICE AND LICENSE

Government Nominees Are Decided On in Several Instances

The poard of police commissioners for 1910 will consist of Mayor Morley, Ald. H. F. Bishop and Leonard Tait, while the license commissioners will be Mayor Morley, Ald. A. G. Sargison and H. M. Fullerton, as foreshadowed in Monday's Times. Mr. Tait replaces George A. Fraser on the police board, being transferred from the license hoard. The latter will be entirely new this year. At a meeting of the provincial executive Monday the government nominees to these boards in several of the incorporated cities and towns were decided upon, as follows:

Police Commissioners Cranbrook-Ald. D. J. Johnson and Valentine Hyde Baker. Rossland-Ald. J. H. Langman and C. R. Hamilton, K. C. Kelowna-Ald. David Leckie and F. M.

Buckland Greenwood-Ald. W. W. Craig and F. W. Kaslo-Ald. Patrick H. Walsh and William G. Robb Vancouver-Ald. J. Whyte and D. von

Cramer.

Revelstoke-Ald. E. Trimble and A. E. Kincaid. North Vancouver—Ald. W. McNeish and C. F. Jackson. Nelson—Ald. D. C. McMorris and W. O. Rose, M. D. Sandon-Ald. G. H. Wright and J. A.

License Commissioners. Cranbrook-Ald. Jos. Jackson and G. H. Caslake. Rossland-Ald. J. H. Langman and C. R. Hamilton, K. C. Kelowna-Ald. J. W. Jones and Dr.

Benjamin de Furlong Boyce. Greenwood-Ald. F. C. Buckless and J. Kaslo-Ald. P. H. Walsh and W. C. Vancouver-Ald. G. E. Williams and M. J. Crehan. stoke-Ald. Florence McCarthy North Vancouver-Ald. S. D. Schultz

Sandon-Ald. James Wood and W. vard Cameron.

LOGGERS' ASSOCIATION. Vancouver, Jan. 31.—At the annual meeting of the B. C. Loggers' Association the following officers were elected: President, C. A. McKinnon; vice-president, J. A. Smith; secretary and treasurer, D. J. O'Brien; executive council. Messrs. Kiltz, J. O'Brien, Magneson, he various committees to be prepared Dempsey, Wilcox, D. A. Smith, Black,

#### Patterson, Buck and Norton.

Wade.

FOUR PERSONS **BURNED TO DEATH** 

Six Others Are Seriously Injured Before Aid Reaches Them

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 1 .- Three persons were burned to death and six seriof age; Mrs. Mamie Joyce, 30 years of age; F. Sweeney, 1 year of age.

The fire had gained strong headway tims were cut off from escape. Neighbors broke in the doors and succeeded in rescuing the six who were saved, but Old Woman Perishes.

Benicia, Cal., Feb. 1 .-- Alone in the ttle cottage near Benicia barracks, that she had occupied for more than half a cenitury, and too feeble to flee from the flames that mounted the walls, Mrs. Margaret McGuire, 80 years schools, put out the light and mad everything fast before she departed. The origin of the fire is not known,

Last year the lifeboats of the Nationa Lifeboat Institution were launched on service 425 times. In all, over 600 lives were

## OAK BAY AND WATER QUESTION

CITY COUNCIL TIMOROUS ABOUT PRIVATE BILL

has said more than once that what the City Solicitor Instructed to Ask For a Stay in the Proceedings

> The city solicitor was instructed at Cuesday's meeting of the city counil to ask the private bills committee of the legislature to stay proceedings in connection with the act being ought by the municipality of Oak Bay granting powers to lay water pipes hrough the city of Victoria. Every ember of the board went on record as believing that the city's interest should be safeguarded in every paricular, though there was no disposition to place any obstacle in the way of Oak Bay getting an ample

The matter came up at last night's neeting on a letter being read from the city solicitors dealing with the nature of the application now before the legis-COMMISSIONERS lature, and also a report of the legislative committee of the council. Ald: Mable started the debate by declaring that he protested against the Esqui-malt Waterworks Company or the nunicipality of Oak Bay getting any oncessions whatever from the city of Victoria, He pointed out that the council of last year had been us in their opposition to the private bill, and he honed that this ear's board would take a similar attitude. Ald. Raymond heartily con-

curred in this view of the situation. Ald. Langley thought it would be unwise to place obstacles in the way of any municipality getting what powers it wished from the legislature if they did not conflict with the rights of the city. It ought not to be orgotten that Oak Bay was a part of greater Victoria. Why could two places work hand in hand for their nutual interests? He was opposed to allowing the Esquimalt company to lay pipes through the city unless the work was done under the supervision of the city engineer. If the right was given, Victoria should have entire control as to laying, when and how. Every member of the board was agreed, apparently, that they did not want to extend the privilege of putting down pipes through the streets of the city. It was, therefore, necessary for the company or the municipality to get an agreement with the city on the latter's own terms. But he was against the attitude of antagonism to Oak Bay, If that municipality could get a good supply of water at a cheaper rate than Victoria, why should it not be alowed to do so?

Ald. Ross protested against any concessions whatever being given to Oak Bay, declaring that the whole scheme was a "rapsody."

The mayor pointed out that if the pipes were laid through the streets of the city they would become a valuable asset, as they could be tapped at any time in case of emergency, either for fire-fighting purposes or for an ad-

Ald, Humber was against granting oncessions. He pointed out that Oak Bay was getting an ample supply of water now and would never suffer. The mayor remarked that he did not think that any legislature would ever and A. R. Stacey.

Nelson-Ald. D. C. McMorris and P. a city to supply water to a munici-

pality which requested it.

Ald, Raymond thought it w good thing for the council to put themselves on record in any event.

Ald. Fullerton thought a scheme was n by the Esquimalt Waterworks Company, not in the interests of Victoria Ald. Bannerman thought it would be unwise to oppose anything in the application except the right to run pipes

through the streets of Victoria.

It was finally decided to instruct the city solicitors to ask for a stay in the proceedings with the bill, so that the ouncil can give the question further consideration.

The legislative committee's report was to the effect that it understands the desire of the citizens of Victoria to favorably consider the aspirations of Oak Bay to augment its water supply but recommends that the power to enter the city streets and private property for the purpose of laying nains should not only be subject to the consent and approval of the city but should also be made the subjec of an express agreement by which all requisite matters such as route, replacement of pavement and city. streets, compensation for obstruction and for interference with private property, should be arranged. The fur-States to write President Taft demand- work of road building in the Golf and the function of t dead are. Mrs. Patrick Joyce, 55 years is necessary, or whether an augmented supply of water cannot be given through the city obtaining, if necessary, the water from the Esquimalt before it was discovered and the vic- Waterworks Company or other extraneous sources, and in particular having regard to the efforts of the citizens of Victoria now being made to the two women and the child were dead augment their water supply and from suffocation before being reached. whether Oak Bay should not be debarred until a fixed date from exercising any rights over the city streets, even if the same are granted by the

