TY ON FRESH SALMON

ion From British Columbia Asking Its Reimposition—Hon. Mr. Tarte.

rnment Savings Banks—Prof. acoun to Assist in Preparing Report on Seals.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TAWA, Jan. 13.—The Fisheries department has received a petition from rmen of British Columbia urging imposition of a duty on fresh on.

on. Mr. Tarte left for Montreal this noon. While there he will consult ysician. He is suffering from inmation of the liver.

e government savings bank at Yarth has been closed and the accounts sferred to the post office savings ks. All the government banks are tually to be treated the same way as assistant receivers general drop off.

e customs department is calling for ers for the purchase of 2,000 copies oyal Readers No. 2, and 2,500 copies oyal Readers No. 3, seized for under ation some years ago.

e Minister of Agriculture has ded that horses driven by persons sing the frontier to visit friends in ada shall for the present be not subto quarantine inspection and fees. milar concession will be made by the ted States Government.

M. Macoun, of the geological survey, ft for England to-morrow to assist Darcy Thompson, who came over the foreign office, this year, to study life, in the preparation of his report. e Imperial government.

e Imperial Institute has notified the rnment of its intention to hold a ries exhibit next summer, and asktheco-operation of Canada to make success. Besides fishery products lasses of appliances are to be shown.

MONETARY CONFERENCE.

DIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13. — Chairman h Hanna, of the executive committ of the monetary conference, called body to order at Tomlinson's hall, erday afternoon. At that time there seated in the auditorium over 300 gates, who represent business interthat run up in value to the hundreds billions. The recommendations of committee for the temporary organon were E. O. Stanard, of St. Louis, temporary chairman; Jacob W. h, of Indianapolis, as sergeant-at-s. In the chair Mr. Stannard said: The stability, prosperity and safety r commercial, manufacturing, bank and agricultural operations depend a safe, comprehensive and stable ncial policy for our government, a y that may be relied on to last from year to another, and from one politadministration to another, and to taken as far as possible out the realm of politics. There ld be enough money to do business of the country, and e should be no doubt about its charr and no shaking of confidence to it out and keep it out of circula. The people of the United States only should have confidence in our ncial methods, but all other nations e earth with whom we have comcial relations, should have assurof the stability of our financial inations, so that they may know on basis they are working. The presfinancial methods of the government largely those adopted during the when there were great emergen. Some method should be adopted he retirement of the United States treasury notes. They have been a rance to the prosperity of our govnent for many years. They are a tant menace to our treasury reve, and to the credit of the governt, and when encroachments are e upon those reserves, commerce ds in fear and trembling.

I see no reason why the law should be so amended as to allow national ks to issue notes up to the par value e bonds they hold as a basis for their instead of issuing, as they are now pelled to do, only 90 per cent. of the value of the bonds that cost them aps 118 to 120. This would help in g us a larger volume of circulation be an inducement to the banks to all the bills they could under the law. Then there is a tax of 1 per on the issue of the national bank lation, and I see no necessity for so a tax, as it must ultimately be by the borrower. The tax should duced to one-fourth of 1 per cent. There are many advantages con d with the national banking system the system might, with great benefit interested, be extended by allowunder proper safeguards, the establent of branch banks in similar and largely reduced minimum of al.

here are many suggestions of re. One is to withdraw all paper y under the denomination of $10, by forcing a larger volume of silver old to circulate in the hands of the e, and this is well worthy of favorconsideration.

am sure the banker, merchant, ssional man, manufacturer, farmer, r, artizan, mechanic and laborer all a community of interest in the we are here to promote. The try cannot permanently prosper if f the essential interests are neglect sacrificed. All legislation should r the greatest good to the greatest ber."

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SEEDS

[From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 14.]

THE CITY

THE usual number of cases was disposed of at the weekly sitting of the small debts court yesterday.

MR. W. F. BURTON has established a new record for himself and the Oak Bay golf links, making the first nine holes in 42, and the last nine in 75. This happened last Saturday, but his friends are even yet extending congratulations.

A WANDERER by the sad sea waves yesterday picked up at Oak Bay beach, near Mr. Bowker's, an upper plate of false teeth—with no owner attached. The teeth are being hospitably cared for at the COLONIST office, where the owner may recover possession upon proving them a fit.

THE Gold Hill Quartz Mining Co., of Fairview, yesterday let a contract for 60 feet of work on the tunnel on the claim, and for the erection of a dwelling house for the men and a blacksmith shop. The last assay from the shaft was $123.16, and the property is considered a most promising one.

MESSRS. DIER & DAVIDSON, stock and mining brokers of this city, have admitted as a partner Mr. Richard Russell, of Hamilton, Ont., the firm hereafter being styled Dier, Davidson & Russell. The third partner will continue to reside in the ambitious city, where the firm will have their Eastern offices.

THAT most contemptible hound of all, the dog poisoner, is again causing consternation among the owners of valuable dogs, whose homes are in the neighborhood of Beacon Hill park. Suspicion rests upon a man whose name is freely mentioned, and the dog owners propose combining to fasten the poisonings upon him and teach him a salutary lesson.

A CHOICE job lot of vagrants appeared before Police Magistrate Macrae in the city court yesterday, two being released on their own recognizance with the expectation that they will follow the songbirds South; one, Daniel Fisher, being given three months at hard labor; and the fourth member of the party, Riley Robins, going out to Topaz avenue until the 12th of May next.

FROM the present outlook it is altogether likely that, as far as the taking of evidence in Victoria is concerned, the Behring Sea Claims Commission will complete their work by the end of this week. Yesterday the Triumph and Minnie cases were finished and that of the Ariel opened. The commission goes from here to San Francisco, but just when depends on the closing of the cases here.

DISTRICT Deputy Grand Sister Glover, assisted by an efficient staff, installed officers in Colfax Rebekah lodge, No. 1, as follows on Tuesday evening: N.G., Sister Batchelor; V.G., Sister Dempster; Rec. and Per. Sec., Sister Grant; Outside Guard, Bro. Huxtable; Inside Guard, Sister Davis; Warden, Sister Sumerville; Conductor, Sister Peters; Chaplain, Sister Cairne; Right Supporter N.G., Sister Caldell; Left Supporter N.G., Sister Kershaw; Right Supporter V.G., Sister Meldram; and Left Supporter V.G., Sister Taylor.

CONSTABLES Gilchrist and McDonald yesterday placed under arrest a Chinaman known as Ah Yim, at the same time detailing as necessary witness eighteen chickens and six ducks which the prisoner is alleged to have stolen from the residence of Mr. George White, Hereward street, Victoria West. In the same Chinaman's humble domicile the officers unearthed a dark lantern and a good silk umbrella, the latter with the word "Belyea" on the handle. Ah Yim still maintains that is the way he always spells his name, but the skeptical constables are as yet unconvinced.

VICTORIA Tent, No. 2, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, have elected officers for the current term, the installation ceremonies being conducted by Deputy Supreme Commander Richards, and the new occupants of the chairs of honor being: P.C., James Bell; C., H. J. Collins; L.C., J. B. Wilsie; R.K., A. Barker; F.K., William Minty; Chaplain, J. Brown; Physicians, Dr. F. W. Hall and Dr. R. L. Fraser; Sergeant, F. H. Hewlings; Master-at-Arms, H. Hearns; 1st M. of G., B. Deacon; 2nd M. of G., J. Isler; Sentinel, William O'Brien; and Picket, J. H. Getschmann.

IF he continues to improve as rapidly as he has during the past few days, Police Constable Alex. Smith will have the extreme satisfaction of disappointing death and the doctors and of being able to start upon the trail of his enemy in the near future—for he still denies that the injuries which sent him to the hospital on the last day of the old year were self-inflicted. Should he recover, as it is now altogether probable he will, the case will be a unique one from the surgeon's standpoint, the cure having been accomplished by nature, practically unaided. The bullet is still somewhere in Smith's body and likely to remain there. It occasions him but little pain or inconvenience, however.

A DEPUTATION of the radical wing of the Liberal party in this city waited upon two of the candidates for North Ward yesterday in an endeavor to secure their withdrawal from the contest, so that the Grit ticket might have an easy election to office. This ticket is comprised of Messrs. Macmillan, Dwyer and Riddell. The other candidates who are running in North Ward are Messrs. McCandless, McGregor and Kinsman, gentlemen who have substantial interests in Victoria, and whose aim in seeking election to the council is that they may have a hand in promoting the prosperity of Victoria. The difference between their object and that of the Grit ticket, who simply desire to further small party ends, needs no explanation. Electors should bear these facts in mind when casting their ballots to-day.

THE marksman or marksmen, who yesterday found amusement in practising over the Clover Point range, may have an indictment for manslaughter to answer for if not more careful in the future. The range has frequently been objected to as dangerous on account of its paralleling a much travelled driveway; yesterday Mr. E. J. Bitancourt and his son proved it equally dangerous to those on the water. They were coming to the city by sloop, from their home at Salt Spring Island, and had just rounded Clover Point when they heard the report of a rifle, followed by the "ping" of a bullet in the water a few feet astern. The occupants of the boat had not recovered from their surprise, when a second shot was heard, the bullet this time smashing into the sloop and entering a box in the cabin, missing young Mr. Bitancourt, who was at the wheel, by a few inches only. By this time the father and son concluded to seek safety below deck, and did so. The bombardment ceased, however, and they continued their run to the city and lost no time in making their complaint to the authorities.

AH SAM, the latest resident of Chinatown to proclaim himself a victim of highbinder animosity, promises a series of sensational disclosures when the case in which he is complainant comes before the police court to-morrow. Two members of his own class, Ah Fin and Ah Tsui, are now detained in connection with the case, and Ah Sam maintains there are others. According to his tale of woe, the plot of which he was the victim was hatched in the councilroom of the Lee Yup company; he will not discuss details, however, and the police can only deal with the specific offence charged—that the two prisoners were of the party who knocked at Ah Sam's door recently, and on his admitting them gave him an unmerciful beating.

A MOTION for an injunction was made before Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday by the plaintiffs in Hobbs vs. E. & N. Railway to restrain defendants from mining coal on the plaintiff's lands in Douglas and Cranberry districts, plaintiff alleging that he held an agreement of sale in fee simple from defendants for the land, and that therefore defendants have no right to the minerals on the land. Defendants claim, on the other hand, that the agreement of sale contains the usual reservations, including the coal and other minerals. The court ordered that defendants keep account of the coal mined from the land pending the result of the trial which has been brought to settle the question of ownership. Mr. A. E. McPhillips, instructed by Mr. C. C. Pemberton, for plaintiff; Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., for defendants.

THE Omineca Consolidated Mining Co. of this city held their first annual meeting yesterday evening, when a directorate was chosen composed of Messrs. R. P. Rithet, Moses McGregor, R. T. Williams, J. C. Anderson, William Munsie, George L. Courtney, and William Christie. These directors subsequently selected as their officers Messrs. Moses McGregor, president; J. T. Bethune, secretary-treasurer (re-elected); C. W. Black, manager (re-elected); H. G. Hall, solicitor (re-elected); and Robert Erskine, auditor. The manager's report shows a total expenditure of $10,332.19; 11,769 shares sold (of a par value of $1 each); $3,753 cash paid in by shareholders; and $8,043 owing by shareholders. The assets include this sum: the mine property—land and ditch—valued at $38,640; and plant, tools, buildings, samples, etc., bringing the total up to $52,535.44.

REV. DR. LUCAS lectured last evening in the Centennial Methodist church on "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor." He began by referring to the alternations of life, giving its interesting variety. He said that this great fact had been noticed by the ancient writers as well as those of modern days. Solomon, he said, gives a list of those apparent contradictions—the time to be born and to die, to get and to lose, to sow and to reap, to be silent and to speak, to weep and to laugh. The lecturer then proceeded to outline the philosophy of wit and laughter. He gave many amusing illustrations, applying these to the subject in hand to the very great entertainment and edification of his audience. Dr. Lucas next week delivers his famous lecture on the British Empire and Imperial Federation, at which Governor Dewdney will preside.

THE BADGE OF BRAVERY.

Though brave deeds are every day performed by merchant seamen, they do not always find their way to light. The ocean is nowadays so covered with shipping that acts of heroism, quiet performances full of manly spirit and devotion must prove numerous among the many mariners afloat under the red ensign. The merchant sailor as a general rule has no chronicler. Publicity has happily been accorded to one remarkable example of sailorly courage, and as a result Captain Thomas Averett Whistler, of the N. P. R. steamship Tacoma, treasures as one of his most prized possessions the Albert medal of the first class, with which badge of honorable distinction Her Majesty the Queen was pleased to recognize an act of bravery performed by him a few years ago while chief mate of the ship Ennerdale of Liverpool. The incident which the medal commemorates transpired on a bitterly cold night in mid-December, while the homeward bound Ennerdale was passing through the most inhospitable, melancholy, dismal tract of water in the world—off Cape Horn. The hour was 5:30 a.m., called at sea three bells in the second dog-watch, when Duncan McCallum, a young apprentice who was aloft upon some job, fell, struck the rigging and rebounded on board. An able seaman named Pochin witnessed the fall of the lad and without a moment's hesitation sprang after him, but before he could reach McCallum the poor fellow sank. By this time the ship had been brought to the wind, and Poching, fearing the cramp might seize him, hailed the ship for a life buoy. It was at this moment, and while all hands were engaged in lowering a boat to the rescue, the Whistler, who had been asleep in his berth below was awakened by the unusual commotion and ran on deck without stopping to dress. Instantly understanding the matter, he called to the boatswain to heave him a lifebuoy, and jumped overboard. His first business on rising to the surface was to seize the lifebuoy with which he swam to Pochin. The brave sailor was on the point of sinking, but the mate with the aid of the buoy succeeded in keeping him up, even though the water was freezingly cold and there was a small sea running, until the boat came to the rescue and both were brought safely back to the ship.

NANAIMO, Jan. 12.—The filling in of the Double-Header canyon on the E. & N. railway having been completed, the north bound train made her first trip across on Sunday morning. This does away with the reverse curve double-header trestle, the largest and longest on the line. The new Niagara canyon trestle is completed to the second deck.

TO-DAY TELLS THE TALE

The Calm and Peaceful Municipal Campaign is Now at an End.

And To-night All Guess Work Will Have Ceased Regarding the Outcome.

For tameness and tranquility and utter absence of any nerve-destroying element, the municipal election campaign that closed with last night's meeting at the city hall has been worthy almost of Deidrich Knickerbocker and his associate counsellors of New Amsterdam. There has been a peaceful calm pervading the majority of the few public meetings, and the candidates as a rule seem to have drifted through the formalities in a dream. The only incident marring the serene harmony was the little interchange of compliments at Johns Brothers' hall, when Mayor Beaven gave his application of the sage advice, "go West, young man," with Ald. Macmillan as an illustration. On that occasion the alderman, too, came out of his trance long enough to afford the ratepayers a little entertainment, but on the whole the short campaign has been so utterly barren of anything approaching enthusiasm or excitement that when today it is all over and the people are informed whom they have chosen to be their rulers during 1897, there will be little to remind them that an election has taken place.

And yet in some respects the uncommonly short and uneventful campaign has possessed peculiar interest. It is the first in this city that there has been a suggestion thrown out in, looking to the introduction of party politics, and though this got no further than the suggestion, it shows which way the wind blows in certain quarters. It is the first campaign, too, in which the bicyclists—now a very numerous body—have displayed any inclination to introduce themselves as a factor in municipal politics. "Good roads" is, of course, the watchword, and battlecry in this connection, and although the members of the club did not manifest sufficient interest to attend a meeting called to hear the candidates declare themselves on this subject—which the candidates, too, apparently forgot—The V. W. C. good roads committee yesterday saw fit to mail postal card advice notes to all wheelmen whose names appear on the lists, recommending them, as interested in the important subject of street improvement, to endorse a ticket.

The wheelmen do not express any conviction that they will carry this ticket; they have no organization and have done no work, and their "suggestion to wheelmen" as to how to vote may be taken somewhat in the nature of a notice of motion—the cyclists being liable to play a more important part in the fight a year hence.

In preparation for the polling to-day the exterior of the city hall has already assumed something of the appearance of an over-grown bill board, with its many signs for the benefit of the voter. Within, the police court chambers seem also to have undergone a transformation, the room at present resembling more the poultry annex of an agricultural exhibition than a temple of justice. Here it was that the various deputy returning officers and clerks met at 4 yesterday afternoon to receive their final instructions from Mr. W. W. Northcott—assessor, purchasing agent, building inspector, registrar of voters and now municipal returning officer. For he is something of a Pooh Bah himself.

The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 4 in the afternoon, special precautions being taken to ensure non-interference with the elector as he marks and casts his ballot. Three aldermen are to be elected in each ward, and three of the candidates offering are to be returned as public school trustees. A mayor is also to be chosen, and at the same time the electors will express their opinion on the subject of ward redistribution as outlined in the bylaw to be decided by their ballots. Electors may therefore vote for not more than three candidates in each ward and for not more than three candidates for school trustees, but they may vote for aldermen in all of the wards where their names appear on the voters' lists. Only those entitled to vote for money by-laws may cast their ballots for or against the wards redistribution bylaw. The list of polling places and the complete list of candidates are appended:

For Mayor, School Trustees and the wards redistribution bylaw, polling will take place at the police court chambers, city hall.

For Aldermen in the North Ward—Room 11, market building, Cormorant street.

For Aldermen in the Central Ward—Southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For Aldermen in the South Ward—27 Government street.

THE CANDIDATES.

FOR THE MAYORALTY.

Hon. Robert Beaven and Mr. Charles E. Redfern.

FOR THE ALDERMANIC BOARD.

North Ward—A. G. McCandless, John Kinsman, David H. Riddell, Moses McGregor, William J. Dwyer and John Macmillan.

Central Ward—John Partridge, Louis Vigelius, William Humphrey, and Alexander Stewart.

South Ward—John Hall, J. B. Harrison, John G. Tiarks, and W. Wilson.

FOR THE TRUSTEE BOARD.

Dr. Lewis Hall, Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, R. L. Drury, Charles Hayward, E. A. Lewis and William McKay.

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AN UPROARIOUS MEETING.

Ratepayers Have Loads of Fun at the Gathering in the City Hall.

There was uproarious fun at the city hall last night, where the ratepayers met to hear the last speeches of the civic campaign. The council chamber was jammed, it being anticipated that Ald. Macmillan and the Mayor would pay their respects to one another; and these expectations were fully realized. In fact, so noisy did the audience become at one time that Mr. John Jardine had almost more than he could do to quell the tumult and it was only on threatening to leave the chair that he at last secured order.

Mayor Beaven being called to the platform at once entered upon the waterworks question, and explained that the report that the reservoir had been taken off the contractors' hands was not so, for the agreement with the contractors only relieved them from finishing the slopes of the reservoir, but still held them responsible for the other work. This took up the speaker's time allowance of fifteen minutes, but the audience accorded him an extension of time. His worship touched on financial questions, claiming that economy had been used in the civic affairs, and denied the statement circulated that the special rate of three mills on improvements had been illegally levied.

Just as his worship was leaving the platform a long list of questions handed to him at Victoria West by Mr. W. J. Ledingham were again presented.

His worship read them over and remarked:

"They don't amount to much anyway," and gave them over to the chairman to read, amid shouts of "read them," and counter shouts of "Throw them away, they are all nonsense."

One facetious gentleman when the chairman paused for breath in the middle of a long-winded sentence, asked inquiringly, "Shakespeare?" and the crowd roared with laughter.

The uproar became even more hilarious when an old man arose from the audience and producing a black bottle from his pocket, drew the cork with his teeth advanced to the platform and cordially offered it to the Mayor and then to the chairman to brace them for their work. The offer being declined the old man took a hearty pull at the bottle and thus refreshed returned to his seat.

The questions were finally read, but nobody could understand them.

"Is there any signature?" asked one of the audience.

The Chairman—"No."

"Then don't answer them."

"If I am to deal with all the subjects of those ridiculous questions," said the mayor, "prepared by a man who certainly ought not to be at large, I want half an hour more."

"Time," "time," came from all parts of the hall and his worship recognizing the wishes of the audience refrained from attempting to deal with the question.

Mr. Redfern, who came next, referred in reference to the waterworks, that while the Mayor had said the waterworks could not be tested till the road at the lake was finished, his worship had not explained why the road had not been built sooner. Mr. Redfern went over his views briefly as expressed at other meetings.

In answer to a list of questions put into his hands Mr. Redfern said he was not in favor of giving public money for sectarian purposes; he would give residents the first show in city work and he was not in favor of having the police and water commissioners chosen annually, as they should be removed from popular influence. He believed in doing street and sewer work under labor under proper superintendence.

Mr. Alex. Wilson wanted to know if Mr. Redfern was in favor of closing saloons at a reasonable hour.

Mr. Redfern said he was if it was the wish of the people. He would try and have all the existing bylaws carried out.

"Are you in favor of moving the hack stand from Government street?" asked Mr. Wilson amid much confusion, the audience not wanting to hear him.

Mr. Redfern did not think that Government street should be taken up by a long string of hacks, but it might be better to have a few. The interests of people and hackmen would be considered if the question came up.

"Are you in favor of closing the gambling houses?" came from Mr. Wilson amid more shouts and confusion.

Mr. Redfern replied that he was in favor of carrying out all existing bylaws.

Mr. Wilson seemed ready with some more questions but the crowd would not have it, and he was howled down.

"Ald. Macmillan," called the chairman, and there was a shout of gratification from the crowd, for they were out for fun—and they got it.

As soon as the Alderman reached the platform, some-one asked him amid laughter, "Where are your Chinaman?"

"They are washing your shirts," replied the Alderman, and the people laughed again. Other people explained that the aldermen employed Chinamen, but he had never given a cent to a Chinaman.

"What, not to your brother?" someone inquired, and the hilarity was renewed.

"If I was a Chinaman I would feel disgraced if I was called your brother," answered Alderman Macmillan.

He then went on to explain that he believed that the Mayor levelled at him the little bit of sarcasm at Johns' hall because Chatham the place from which he (Ald. Macmillan) was said by the mayor to have emigrated was the "nigger town of Canada."

Ald. Macmillan had still another explanation to make. The reason, he explained, why he had not published a card in the COLONIST this year for the election was because he had to pay cash for his advertisement last year, so he decided not to have one this time.

He went on at some length to devote his attention to Mayor Beaven, whom he accused of trying to run the council. He claimed that the mayor had misled them when he said the council had passed the three mills on improvements. The only thing on which he was in accord with Mayor Beaven was "continuity of office," and therefore he hoped they would elect him again. He went on speaking till twenty minutes had been consumed and then there were cries of "Time!" "Time!" but at the request of the chairman the audience consented to hear the alderman a little longer. He stated that the agreement spoken of by the mayor in regard to the reservoir really did take the work of the contractors' hands as the contractors were liable only for three months after their work was finished, and the defects did not show up till after the three months expired.

Ald. Macmillan got a couple more extensions of time, but at last the audience became so impatient that they would listen to him no longer, so he accepted the verdict and stopped.

Mr. Dwyer was called for next, but Mayor Beaven, in the midst of a storm of applause and counter shouts of disapproval and hisses, claimed a reply to Ald. Macmillan.

The shouts were "Dwyer!" "Dwyer!" and "Beaven!" "Beaven!" and even the chairman was powerless to restore order.

Finally a little quiet was had and the Mayor did get a hearing.

He flatly contradicted Ald. Macmillan in regard to the reservoir, saying the alderman did not know enough about the contract to know that the three months' limit had not yet begun.

"As to the places that Ald. Macmillan came from," said the mayor, "I perhaps did make a mistake when I said he came from Chatham, for I find out that he came from Windmill Point." (Roars of laughter.)

Ald. Macmillan wanted to get in his reply to this, and climbed up on the platform with the result that the same howls and shouts were raised every time he tried to speak.

Ald. Macmillan—"I say—(howls).

"You dare not listen"—(more howls and hisses.)

"I will have a hearing"—(renewed tumult and sarcastic cries of "Stay with it.")

"I insist upon my—" (hoorooo.)

Gentlemen I will—("Sit down.")

All this time Mr. Dwyer stood quietly in the background, and coming forward asked the chairman to decide the question as to who was to be heard.

The Chairman roared out at the top of his lusty voice that was heard above the tumult, "My decision is that Ald. Macmillan be heard."

Ald. Macmillan tried again but without effect to make himself heard and the chairman at last rose from the chair and said:

"I consider this contemptible. I ask for British fair play and that Ald. Macmillan be heard."

The audience at last gave way to the chair and the alderman was given two minutes, in which he devoted himself to saying the mayor's statements with regard to that contract were false.

Half of the audience now seemed to think that the fun was all over and took their departure as Ald. Dwyer began to speak, some of the ratepayers expressing themselves as disappointed that the Centre ward candidates had not been given a chance to speak first.

Ald. Dwyer spoke about waterworks, and though he did not think that the money had been very well expended hoped that the works would turn out better than was expected. He explained his position as at former meetings. He was not, he said, a revolutionist, but a reformer, and would act in what he believed was the best interests of the people.

Out of deference to the audience Centre Ward was called on next, Mr. Alex. Stewart being the first speaker. He dealt at once with the questions that had been asked. He believed that the heads of departments should receive their instructions from the council, but after that they should not be interfered with by individual aldermen. He was not at all in favor of electing the street foremen. In conclusion he said that he believed the council should carry on their work with fewer meetings and less talk.

Ald. Humphrey, talking of the streets, said they were gradually being improved and he hoped the next council would continue the work. He was opposed to borrowing money for that purpose, however, the only thing he was in favor of borrowing money being for James Bay bridge. Some $5,000 more would put the electric light in a position equal to the best on the Coast, and at present it was run as economically as possible. He thought money was being thrown away in putting the ward by-law before the people, and then he went on to defend the council in regard to the Point Ellice bridge, closing by saying that he might make mistakes, but his record, he believed, would show that he had done his duty.

Mr. McCandless was decidedly and sensibly brief in his remarks as a candidate for North Ward. The audience, he believed, did not want long speeches, so he would just make his bow, thank them and hope they would vote for him in the morning.

Mr. D. H. Riddell was equally short, contenting himself with saying that he would do his best for them if they gave him their confidence.

Ex-Ald. Vigelius candidate for Centre Ward said he was not in favor of high taxation. He had considerable property here and believed that "when you touch a man's purse you touch his heart; so if you touch my purse you touch my heart." As to the waterworks the council ought "get a move on" and finish them. He was not a new man, he was a pioneer—his record was well known and he felt satisfied that at the end of the voting he would be at the head of the poll.

Mr. E. A. Lewis for the benefit of all stated that he was a candidate for school trustee and if they elected him he would do all he could for the efficiency of the schools on economical lines.

The meeting broke up after 11 o'clock the audience being highly delighted with their evening's entertainment.

If sick headache is misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak frankly of their worth. They are small and easy to take

BIRTHS.

PALMER—In this city, on the 13th inst., the wife of R. M. Palmer, of a son.

KALBERG—In this city at 27 First street, on the 9th instant the wife of Chas. Kalberg of a daughter.

DIED.

LAWSON—At 76 Cook street, on the 9th instant, Henry Lawson, a native of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island; aged 62 years.

ESMOUT—At No. 90 Fort street, on the 7th inst., Annie, beloved wife of R. S. Esmout.

LAING—At 20 Erie street, Victoria, on the 9th inst., Andrew Dean Laing, a native of St. Andrews, Fifeshire, Scotland, aged 48 years. (St. Andrews, Fifeshire, papers copy.)

BOURNE—In Oakland, at 9 a.m., December 25 1896, aged 26 years and one month, Mary Matilda, the beloved wife of Frederick M. Bourne, of Bolinas, Cal. (London Times and N.B. papers please copy.)

DAVIE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 11th inst., Alexander Waldron, infant son of Horace and Alice M. Davie, aged 14 months.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

An Advance in Meats Looked for in Consequence of Expensive Feeding.

Business is fairly good this week, but money is a little tight in the retail trade. There are few changes affecting quotations, the only prospective movement being in meats. Here stall feeding is making a difference in values, and as a result butchers will soon be obliged to make the prices accordingly. Eggs have taken another drop and are now selling at from 25 to 35 cents per dozen.

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)	6.50
Victoria XXX	5.50
Lion	5.50
Portland roller	5.75
Salem	5.75
Rainier	6.25
Snowflake	5.75
Premier	5.75
Three Star	5.75
Superfine	4.75
Hungarian (Armstrong)	5.50
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs	40
Wheat, per ton	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs	50
Oats, per ton	25.00@30.00
Barley, per ton	30.00@32.00
Middlings, per ton	22.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	19.00@20.00
Ground Feed, per ton	25.00
" " California per ton	25.00@30.00
Corn, whole, per ton	30.00@32.50
" cracked, per ton	32.00@35.00
Cornmeal, per 10 lbs	35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45@50
Rolled oats, per lb	4
Potatoes, per lb	1¼
" sweet, per lb	4
Cabbages, per lb	2
Hay, baled, per ton	14 00
Straw, per bale	50@75
Onions, per lb	2½@4
Cheese, per lb	15@20
Eggs, island, per doz	30@35
" imported, per doz	25
Butter, fresh, per lb	50
" Creamery, per lb	35
" Dairy, per lb	25
" Delta, per lb	35
Honey (Chilliwack) per lb	25
Hams, American, per lb	16@18
" Canadian, "	16
" Boneless, "	18@20
" Glasgow beef, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	16@18
" Rolled "	14@16
" Long clear "	10
" Canadian "	14@16
Shoulders, per lb	12½
Lard, per lb	12½
Golden Cottolene, per lb	12½
MEATS—Beef, per lb	5@12½
Sides, per lb	7½@8
Veal "	10@15
Mutton, "	5@12½
Pork, fresh, per lb	9@12½
Turkeys, per lb	16@22
" " (Eastern)	16
Geese, per lb	15@20
Chickens, each	50@75
Pigeons, per brace	50@60
Grouse, per brace	1 00
Duck, Mallard, per brace	75@1 00
FRUITS—California apples, per lb	5
Eastern apples, per lb	5
Lemons, California, per doz	25@35
Bananas, per doz	35@40
Pears, per lb	3@2
Grapes, per lb	10@12
Cranberries, per lb	10@15
Oranges, Australian, per doz	40@50
Japanese oranges, per doz	40@50
FISH—Salmon, spring, per lb	10@12
Halibut, per lb	10@12
Rock Cod, per lb	8@10
Smoked Salmon, per lb	20
Herring, per lb	12@15
Kippered Herring, per lb	12½
Haddock, Finnan, per lb	12½
Floaters, per lb	10
Eastern oysters, per tin	75

HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS.

The great and ever-growing interest manifested by the investing public in British Columbia's varied and important natural resources, more especially her gold and silver mines, has no more forcible or eloquent illustration than the number and importance of the stock companies organized during 1896 to develop and realize upon these resources. The combined capital stock of these commercial organizations represents an amount so large that one is lost in astonishment at the magnitude—for the aggregate capitalization runs high in the nine figures.

"Two hundred and fifty or three hundred million dollars," the total is expressed, for in approximating in this country of tremendous business enterprises as well as of magnificent distances a margin of fifty millions is accepted as permissible.

And this immense sum represents no more than the aggregate capitalization of the many companies, domestic and foreign, licensed to do business in the province during this one year of 1896.

To the list of incorporations registered under the Companies Act, published in the COLONIST'S statistical supplement of New Year's Day, aggregating $250,000,000 in capital stock, must also be added the companies registered here under the Imperial Act, of 1862, sixteen in number, which bring the total capitalization up to $266,719,075. These companies, all limited liability concerns, were registered during last year as follows:

Anacortes Packing Co., Victoria, $30,000.

B. C. Development Association, England, £10,000.

Cariboo and Williams Creek Consolidated Mining Co., Wellington, $500,000.

Canadian Gold Fields Syndicate, Rossland, $1,000,000.

Elise Gold Mining Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Gold Star Mining Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Imerial Gold Mining Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Keely Creek Gold Mining & Milling Co., Vancouver, $1,000,000.

Lookout Mountain Mining & Milling Co., Trail, $1,250,000.

Morning Star Gold Mining Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Mugwump Gold Mining Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Monitor Gold Mining Co., Rossland, $750,000.

Mary May Mining Co., Rossland, $600,000.

Montreal, Red Mountain Gold Fields Co., Rossland, $1,000,000.

Nickel Plate Gold Mining Co. of B. C., Rossland, $750,000.

Omineca Prospecting Co., Victoria, $6,000.

One company has been registered under the Imperial Act here this year. It is the Trout Lake Mining Co., Ltd., with principal place of business at Trail and a capital stock of $1,000,000.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SOUTHERN.

MONTREAL, Jan. 13—(Special)—It was reported to-day that the charter of the British Columbia Southern Railway, which controls several million acres of land, including the coal deposits in the Crow's Nest Pass, had passed into the hands of an Eastern syndicate, at the head of which are Hon. George A. Cox and Robert Jaffray, of Toronto. They are now in negotiation with the Government and Montreal capitalists.