C.P.R. VICE-PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN VICTORIA

William Whyte Talks of Company's Plans for Expansion Purse Forwarded by Local Council Women Will Be Made Up Today. and Improvement in the City and on the Island.

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CHARGE AGAINST JAILER. Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 17.—The Hamburg-American line tourist steamer Prinzessin Victoria Louise went ashore last night off Port Royal, whereupon of Christmas holly sent from Victoria and abetting prisoners to dismorbidity and abetting prisoners to dismorbidity.

When the steamer Umatilla sailed for

Francisco on Sunday night there was included in her cargo, fity harries are was included in her cargo, fity harries have been flowed in his brains in his cabin. The steamer's passengers were all safely landed here today.

The vessel was on her return trip to New York, which port she left for Kingston, Dec. 12. She is pounding her, but it is yet hoped she can be saved. She is on a rocky ledge.

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The Victoria Louise went ashore because she had no pilot, and the captain wrong course and piled her up on the rocks near the lighthouse. He locked himself in his cabin two hours afterwards, and killed himself. the German cound here tried valinly to conceal the trage of the body and hold an autopay. The captain will probably be buried in the try wards, and killed himself. The captain will probably be buried in the try wards, and killed himself. The captain will probably be buried in the try wards, and killed himself. The captain will probably be buried in the try wards, and killed himself. The weather blew heavy after the accident.

LAUNCH WEECKED.

EVALUATED LIFE.

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PICQUART SAILS IN AIR.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The LeBaudys Dirigible war-balloon with Minister Picquart on board, made an extended flight today leaving Meuden and maneuvring for more than an hour over Paris.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—About fifteen feet of the roof of part of the conservatory being built at Government House fell on Saturday. The loss will be about \$100, and can be repaired in a day or so, if the material can be obtained. The story of the falling is not correct.

April 2.—Easter Concert, by the choir, assisted by notable musical talent.

While the primary object of the course is to furnish instruction and wholesome entertainment, there is a secondary object, which is to raise funds to assist in paying the church debt.

Foremost Citizens Signing the Roll to Become Charter Members

"Yes, the idea of the Canadian club "Yes, the idea of the Canadian club appears to have caught on in Victoria all right," said J. S. Gibbs, the treasurer of the newly-formed club, yesterday. Mr. Gibbs has charge of the subscription book of the club, which is now kept at the Imperial bank, awaiting the signatures of all who wish to join. The book already bears over fifty names, and Mr. Gibbs states that he expects the property will have been supported.

names, and Mr. Gibbs states that he expects the number will have run up to over one hundred within a few days.

"The present executive of the club," said Mr. Gibbs, "is-a provisional one. The first general meeting of the club will be held on the first Wednesday in February, and then the officers for the ensuing year will be elected."

All those who have signed their names to the roll of the club before the meeting will be charter members, and will be privileged to vote at the meet-

meeting will be charter members, and will be privileged to vote at the meeting. After the meeting, the names of all new members will have to be submitted to ballot.

The rolls of the club at present bear the names of some of Victoria's foremost citizens. Among the names are those of Richard McBride, Capt. Tatlow, Col. Prior, Mr. Justice Irving, Mr. Judge Lampman, Mayor Morlay City. Judge Lampman, Mayor Morley, City Clerk Dowler, C. H. Lugrin, W. Fleet Robertson, Herbert Cuthbert, John Nelson, J. S. Gibbs, H. B. McKenzie, J. A. Sayward, A. W. McCurdy, J. J. Shallcross, Wm. Piggott, Lindley

LIKE THE RAILWAY.

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difficult and waited in what shelter the engineer's messhouse afforded for daylight; never expecting to see the dawn. After midnight when the rush to the starboard boats had been repelled by the officers, two rockets were exploded; but were not seen. At daylight the San Juan appeared, and rescue was quickly effected in the dories of the fishing craft. Men who had been numb, drenched and overcome from their experience of the night were soon dried, reclothed, fed, and in an hour after they reached the San Juan were as well as ever. One man was left at the lighthouse to keep track of any wreckage washed ashore, and at noon, Saturday, the San Juan left for Vancouver to land the survivors.

BRYCE AS AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 17.—It was declared in the lobbies of the House of Commons tonight that James Bryce, chief secre-tary for Ireland, had accepted the post of British ambassador to the United States in succession to Sir Mortimer Durand. Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to Washington.

DEAL IN ESQUIMALT LAND. Twelve Acres on Harbor Acquired Evidently for Mill Purposes.

LIKE THE RAILWAY.

Quebec, Dec. 17.—Quebec Central railway today opened its branch line to St. George, a town of five thousand people, amid great demonstration.

PREMIER AT REVELSTOKE.

Revelstoke, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The site was reported to have been soil by R. P. Rithet & Co., J. H. Law-sool of Revelstoke hall this evening in honor of Premier McBride, C. Holton, resolution or of Premier McBride, C. Holton, as a speech by the premier was received with a speech by the premier was received with a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the chair. The hall was crowded and a speech by the premier was received with the course of farmed in Besquimalt district was sold yesterday through F. B. The received appears to the sall where thrown into the water.

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duced to 40 pounds the below-deck staff remained at work, finally wading to safe-ty with water reaching to their armpits. The engines had been reversed at full speed after the vessel struck, but failed to move her, and then steam was blown off through the safety valves to lower the pressure before the water flooded out the staff. A big hole was torn in the hull forward of the bridge, the forehold filling at once. The hull aft did not break until the vessel had been pounding some time, and then flooding water put out the fires.

Listed about thirty degrees to port with tons of water pounding over the weather side, the crew found movement difficult and waited in what shelter the engineer's messhouse afforded for daylight; never expecting to see the dawn. After midnight when the rush to the starboard boats had been repelled by the officers, two rockets were exploded; but were not seen. At daylight the San Juan appeared, and rescue was quickly effected in the dories of the fishing craft. Men who had been numb, drenched and overcome from their experience of the night were soon dried, rectothed, fed, and in the first product of the seed of the fishing craft. Men who had been numb, drenched and overcome from their experience of the night were soon dried, rectothed, fed, and in

STRAUSS IN OFFICE.

Present Conditions in This City Are Contrasted With Those of 1883.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Oscar Strauss of New York, today was inducted into the office of secretary of the department of commerce and labor.

Later, Charles J. Bonaparte, the retiring secretary of the navy, took the prescribed oath as attorney general. W. H. Moody, his predecessor today entered upon his duties as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States thus bringing the court up to its full membership.

George M. Taylor, the consulting mechanical engineer of Vancouver, came to Victoria a couple of nights ago to spend a day or two in the city. "What a change," he said, "victoria presents from he first time I saw it, in 1883! Then no bailding was over two storeys in height, the store windows were all small the city generally presented the appearance of a sleepy, provincial town in the city generally presented the appearance of a sleepy, provincial town in the city generally presented the appearance of a sleepy, provincial town in the city. "What a day or two in the city. "I have some the first time I saw it, in 1883! Then no bailding was over two storeys in the city generally presented the appearance of a sleepy, provincial town in the city. "What a day or two in the city. "What a

NINE SAILORS DROWNED.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 17.—Nine sailors, belonging to the crew of the battleship Hindustan were drowned today owing to the upsetting of a cutter in which they were returning to the warship.

There were forty men in the cutter, and all were thrown into the water.

Owing to a heavy fog the boats in the vicinity had difficulty in rescuing 31 of the sailors. Many of the latter were unconscious when picked up.

DRY AT NORTH SAAMED.

REJECTS SUGGESTI OF PROPERTY

City Council Feels That sity Exists for Pro Referendum

The city council and to property Owners' Association of each other at the regimeeting of the former bod evening. The property owarded a lengthy communitions, duly set forth, be put the ratepayers for a refer at the coming election; alution which the council wadopt. The aldermen prommunication, turned downestions and passed the results. the property owners, Alerose and read a letter fr arose and read a letter free. Sorby, the secretary of the tion, in which he insinuate council had failed to keep the electors, and had gone pre-election vows. The questions on which to Owners' Association wished vote to be taken were (1) Shall an independent

itor be appointed, as the Municipal Clauses Act? the High School be made seing, as provided in the act? the indemnity to aldermen A letter was received

A letter was received Mason, stating that in tundertaken by the city to payment of a licence by all practising in the city, a decit the city had been return Honor Judge Lampman. To decision was returned been disagreement between the copies of the revenue by-lamendment of the law, as a tion of the word "any." advertence is-regretable," seter, "but it is the opinion barrister that the court of give the construction of give the construction of desired by the city, and con have given notice of appea court, which will be held Notice was received fro

tors of Rebecca Jane McLa court she intended applying the subdivision of lots 3 ection 75.

Hon. F. Gourdeau, depu

of marine and fisheries, we making that the patents for lots on Rock Bay could not until the necessary fees had It was decided to pay the fee ing to \$23, at once.

A letter was read from F. bury, architect, asking that be granted him to add a sto building on the southeast Yates and Broad streets, tenbury pointed out that i possible for him to conform the building regulations on possible for him to conform the building regulations on the structure of the building consequently Building Inspectot had consistently refuse the permit. Mr. Rattenbut ostrengthen the building and concrete; and as Mr. who was present, stated the printion such action, won.

sion to proceed.

Messrs. Bamby & Shuttle are fitting up amusement prished with electrical cin was found that they made no fany licence for a place ment unprovided with seat most looked as if Messrs. I Shuttleworth might have parlor without paying any he they so wished. It was drefer the matter to the cit with instructions to levy a

Christmas. The Mayor statusual handsome donation read a letter from the city

read a letter from the city s regard to the claim of M worthy for damages to other garments spoiled by f muddy holes. Ald. Yates o the reading of the letter:

"I don't think such letters be read," said he. "We mu these claimants know wna going to do with their claim.

"Well, it doesn't matter in anyway," replied the Mayor. "Well, it doesn't matter in anyway," replied the Mayor. solicitor recommends that vatiention to the claim."
Ald. Yates—There you at this I think that such letter be shown to the aldermer being read in public.

It was decided to leave the the Mayor.

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Much heated discussion Much heated discussion or of Ald. Fell arose out of the the city solicitor regarding ity of the city in regard to t Mr. Clark, the present occup park land recently purchase city. The solicitor pointed in relinquishing the term of Mr. Clark had surrendered a make claims for his crop solicy decide to use the lar under the necessity of destrerops.

Ald. Yates was of the opin the city destroyed the crops, pensation should be made

pal auditor, all right," said "This man has got a claim we are not liable, and here recommending that we make liable to him. That's wha

ery loose way of dealing public money."

The council finally got ou difficulty by leaving the mat next council.

City Assessor Northcott wing that he had received as \$105 for certain properties of He stated that in his opinio

were worth \$250. He was to write stating that the purchaser could have the lots on for \$250.

A petition was received frequency and forty others, rethat a light be placed at the Wilson and Catherine streetight committee will report.

The tender of Walter S. France and the street of the stree

for supplying pipe and bras for the water works departn accepted. The amount was For the wire fence around t the tender of Thomas T 14 cents a foot was accepted rineer having stated that