

Merchants of Victoria Form an Agency for Mutual Protection.

A very enthusiastic meeting of merchants was held last night in the Sir William Wallace Hall for the purpose of perfecting a combination of the credit-giving business men of Victoria. The system of the Merchants' Retail Commercial Association of America was adopted and a branch of this agency organized. The system has none of the objectionable methods adopted by a number of agencies, but every delinquent order is given a fair opportunity to be heard. The system is simple and is furnished to each member periodically after the system of notification has been one through, and each member refuses

Others were elected: Rector's warden, W. Weaver Brigidman; people's warden, R. Bommon; churchwardens, W. L. Saunders and James Finnmore; church committee, Hon. Col. Baker, R. Styles, R. J. Russell, F. C. Roberts, L. L. Roberts, Russell Col. Holmes, H. C. Walter Pooler, W. Price and R. H. Harwood; John Holmes, church representatives to the synod, Ellet H. Holmes and J. Weaver Brigidman, B. Hon. Col. Baker, A. Anderson, warden of the new shipyard as passed, and a committee consisting of the rector and two wardens was appointed to receive the new shipyard churches relative to a reception. Notes of thanks to the Ladies' Sewing Society, the Guild and the various donors were also presented and the meeting adjourned.

Initially, the introduction of the domestic reindeer will solve the question of the means of transportation for the present population of that region.

5. One load of supplies for the hunter or traveller requires a second load of food for the two teams of dogs, they make but short distances per day and the transportation has become a great drawback to the development of the country. It has interfered with the plans of the fur trader; has interfered with government taxation. Only three years ago when the U. S. Government Arctic Survey was partly to determine the international boundary between Alaska and British America the small steamer that conveying the supplies up the Yuviver was wrecked, and it was with utmost difficulty that the surveying

London, April 18.—Michael Davitt laid in an interview last evening that Pierce Mahoney, who contested with him unsuccessfully the constituency of North Meath at the last general election, had been ordered to be sequestered, and had a notice of bankruptcy served upon him for costs of an incidental hearing in the courts of the petition against his return to Parliament. Mr. Davitt declared that he would pay that sum enormous as it was, and that the Mahoney case would be a precedent. He was seized, in case he could not get a certificate of release. In such an event he would have to be bankrupt, and would be obliged to resign from Parliament.

The case of Whitaker vs. Chance has

prime minister had a sinister purpose, to take by jury the trouble did not overcome common law common sense. The right honorable legal acumen apparently was not extended to the discovery of a man's nest. (More laughter.) Mr. Morley continued that it was not long since Lord Randolph Churchill had said that the Conservatives were a strong Conservative force. He said of the home rule bills for Ireland which had been brought forward, "I am bringing forward a bill for the local government of Wales, and which perished, he said, amidst the anguish of the Welsh people." Mr. Balfour, however, observed one good purpose. It conceded the Conservative admission that the bill will be a success.

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