From THE DAILY COLONIST, February 3. LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Sewerage Bonds. Mr. Jos. Boscowitz was the purchaser of the \$20,000 sewerage bonds of the city of Victoria, already reported in THE COLONIST as having been sold by the city at 95.

The Civic Estimates.

It is estimated that the civic revenue for the current fiscal year will amount to about \$265,000, and the expenditure to about \$290,000, including the payment of the overdraft, making a deficiency of between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Customs Returns.

The amount of dutiable imports received at Victoria during the month of January was \$176,990, and of non-dutiable imports, \$17,119; total, \$194,109; the exports having reached \$411,589, made up of exports, produce of Canada, \$407,520; not the produce of Canada, \$4,069.

A Great Convenience.

The officers' quarters and cells at provin eial police headquarters are now ready for use. They have long been needed and will prove a great convenience. The cells, two in number, are strong and yet comfortable, and the quarters are carefully and suitably

Mandsome Models.

Four handsome ship models, sent from Salem, Mass., by Mr. Joshua Brown, are on exhibition at the office of E. B. Marvin & Co. The working drafts accompanied the models, three of which are of clipper schooners, and one of a fast steam yac. The lines of all four are unusually fine.

A most enjoyable surprise party, under the direction of Miss Summerfield, was, last evening, held at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Heywood, Chesnut avenue. The evening was spent in music and dancing, an excellent supper being provided by the unexpected, but welcome visitors.

Another Strong Combination

At a meeting of this company, held last wening, the annual report was read and dopted. It showed that between the 22d adopted. It showed that between the 22d of February and the 31st of December, 1890, the earnings were \$38,705. The following board of directors were elected: D. W. Higgins, J. Hunter, Theo. Davie, Dr. T. J. Jones, C. T. Dupont and John Coughlan. Messrs. James L. Raymur and R. Erskine were elected auditors.

The Driard.

Yesterday morning, the visitors having been transferred to the Clarence, a commencement was made upon a thorough renovation of that popular and well-kept hostelry, the Driard. Messrs Redon & Hartnagel have a considerable number of workmen engaged in cleaning, kalsomining, painting and thoroughly overhauling the entire establishment. The dining room and office will be elaborately appointed and decorated and also The dining room and once will be elaborately appointed and decorated, and altogether the Driard will present a very much improved appearance when it is re-opened, about March let. Meantime the billiard room is still running as usual. Most of the Driard staff are discharging their accustomed duties in the new quarter.

Weiler Brother The announcement is made this morning of the retirement from business of Mr. John Weiler, who has by industry, energy and square dealing built up one of the largest manufacturing and importing establishments in British Columbia. He is to be succeeded by his four sons, George P., Charles, Otto and Joseph W. Weiler, who Charles, Otto and Joseph W. Weiler, who have grown up in the business and are all practical, popular, painstaking and persevering young men. Each has a separate department in his charge, and thoroughly understands that department, and it is a certainty shat the new firm will not only retain all the patronage held by their futher, but add to it by their own energy and sound business ability.

Good News for Cyclist.

Mr. C. T. W. Piper, of Plymouth, England, who came to this city, about one year ago, in reference to the city sewerage, has been so charmed with Victoria that he has determined to make it his home. He is a great lover of cycling, end is bringing out a large number of English machines, of various makes, direct from the great "Stanley Show," which is held in London every year. The stock will comprise machines with subdued. The fire started in the engine pneumatic and cushion tires, as well as laroom and worked its way into the drying torily for the concert in aid of the families of dies' wheels, and accessories of all sorts.

tended that, in the latter event, an injustice would be worked, since many of the largest herds existed in unorganized districts, in which the only party that could be made and held responsible for the cost would be the Government, whereas elsewhere the municipal authority would be forced to pay. The subject will be again further discussed, when the House goes into committee.

to committee. Business Changes.

T. W. Clarke has bought out the wholesale business formerly owned by A. & J. Struthers, of Vancouver.

J. P. Chilberg, grocer, of Vancouver, has

Messrs McKeron and Hirsch have opened w. D. Deeble, of Nanaimo, has sold out.
S. Walker and W. F. Beggs, of New
Westminster, have formed partnership in
the tailoring business.

the tailoring business.
T. J. Jackson has bought out John Mar wick's saloon at Nanaimo.

The Diamond City Furniture company

have opened in Nanaimo.

Wm. McCarthy has opened a leather and finding store in Vancouver.

The police court examination in the Daley case is nearing its end, the prosecution having only one other witness to call. Yesterday, Mr. Frank Gregg gave evidence of witnessing the marriage of his sister to the prisoner, Rev. W. W. Percival performing the ceremony in August 1886, and a copy of the registry of the marriage was mut in Another Strong Combination.

Mr. P. C. MacGregor, the general agent of the Federal Life Company, with offices in this city, has joined the established real estate firm of C. M. Page & Co., of Trounce Alley. There can be no doubt that both Mr. Page and Mr. MacGregor, who now comprise the firm, will keep up that reputation for square dealing, which has characterised the transactions of C. M. Page & Company of the past.

Municipal Changes.

The estimates of civic revenue and extended the care of the ceremony in August 1886, and a copy of the marriage was put in. Mrs. Daley appeared in court for the first time, studiously avoiding the glance cast in her direction by the accused. She seemen her direction by the accused in her hand kerchief. Daley, too, was much moved when his wife appeared, being seized with a fit of trembling, which the first time travelers are in a hurry, or the weather is threatening, fewer stops are made. A "pipe" is, therefore, wholly indeterminate.

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Court Beacon. I.O.F.

Twenty-seven charter members assembled in Spencer's Hall last evening and organized a court of the L.O.F. After considerable discussion the society was called "Beacon" after Beacon Hill Park. Each

Real Estate.

Pemberton & Son, yesterday, closed a sale of fourteen acres, corner Oak Bay avening and Junction road, to an English gentleman, who will erect thereon a handsome residence. The consideration was \$3900 ner. of fourteen acres, corner Oak Bay avenue and Junction road, to an English gentleman, who will erect thereon a handsome residence. The consideration was \$900 per acre.

D. W. Morrow & Co. sold, yesterday, a 60x120 foot lot on Yates street, near Vancouver, for \$4,000.

Irving & Haywood report several further sales of Oak Bay Beach property.

In fact the whole entertainment was suit ably prepared for the occasion Some of the programme. Although a number of concerts are given every powdery," so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery," so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery, so she whisked the case out though a number of concerts are given every powdery. in fact the whole entertainment was suitably prepared for the occasion Some of the very best talent in the city had been called upon, and the evening was an enjoyable one to all who were present. Among those who helped to make it a pleasant one, were Mrs. Clyder, Mrs. Spofford, Mr. Tomlin, Mr. Clyde, Mrs. Adair, Mr. Nash, Miss Powell, Mr. E. Marvin, Miss Beeton, Prof. Strouss, Mr. Barham, Mr. Eelis, and Miss Mouatt.

The Mineral Act.

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Hon. Mr. Robson's bill, introduced yesterday, entitled an "Act Relating to Gold and Other Minerals, Excepting Coal," states that every person over eighteen years of age shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free miner, and every person and joint atock company engaged in mining for minerals other than coal shall take out a miner's certificates, under penalty not exfor minerals other than coal shall take out a miner's certificates, under penalty not exceeding \$25 besides costs. During the pendency of such certificate its holder shall have certain special rights to prospect a mine. The bill provides the method of locating, recording and working, and how to obtain crown grants. It defines mining partnerships and limited liabilities, describes mining recorders and the ministerial powers of gold commissioners, etc., etc. The bill is admirably arranged, and it will be easy for working miners to find any inbe easy for working miners to find any in-formation it contains. It appears that it has been drawn up with the view of making it plain and easy of reference. It is evi-dently a working man's law, and the miners will have no difficulty in finding out exactly what it requires of them, and what its pro-visions are with respect to every stage of

mills, which were on fire there was no question in the minds of the firemen that question in the minds of the firement share in ley work was before them. After a struggle of about two hours, the blaze was completely with subdued. The fire started in the engine

Mr. Piper and his family will reach Victoria some of which had been stored for nine Mr. Piper and his family will reach victoria some of which had been stored for nine early in March, when the wheelmen's flead quarters will be formally opened. Mr. C.W. Miner will, this year, also carry a large stock of cyclists' supplies of every character.

Animals' Contagous Diseases.

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In committee of the Legislature, yesterday, the Animals' Contagious Diseases Bill was amended so as to cover contagious and infectious diseases—a number of which were specified. There was considerable discussion as to who should bear the cost of remunerating the owners of animals which were destroyed—whether it should be the province or the municipality. It was conproved the municipality. It was conproved the municipality of the contagious and serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill employes did good work in keeping the flames in check. With the hose kept on the premark of the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained and the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill employee did good work in keeping the flames in check. With the hose kept on the pre-mill employee did good work in keeping the flames in check. With the hose kept on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill-hands on the read. Fortunately, no serious injuries were sustained. Before the mill employee did good work in keeping the flames in check. With the hose kept on the pre-mi

INDIAN MEASUREMENTS.

How Distances Are Computed by the Red Men of the West. Savage people are content with units of measure which, though indefinite, answer the purpose of men who have no use for exact knowledge, but who de want to know what comes within the scope of their vision, or of their ability to travel on foot or on horseback. Their ideas of distance will conform to the way in which that distance is to be cov-

We know how natural it is for us to speak of places as being so many days' journey away, and in crossing the ocean place was so many weeks' sail dis tant until recent times. In the East distances are reckoned by the hour, an hour being about three miles. It is not at all strange, then, to find the Indians eckoning in a similar manner.

It is said that the Indian and half-

breed cance-men compute distances on the water by pipes. One pipe is the distance they can paddle in the inter-val between the haltings they are allowed to make in order to have a smoke. Permission for this halt is given by the erson in charge at intervals which vary according to circumstances. If the guide is indulgent, he makes the pauses

certain. - Youth's Companion

GOT EVEN WITH HER. Small Boy's Trick on an Elder Sister

Who Had Slighted Him.

That was a mean joke played on a young lady of Washington avenue the able discussion the society was called lowing board of directors were elected:
D. W. Higgins, J. Hunter, Theo. Davie,
Dr. T. J. Jones, C. T. Dupont and
John Coughlan. Messrs. James L. Raymur and R. Erskine were elected auditors.

The Esyalty Clause.

At a public meeting held at Ainsworth on
Tuesday night, it is reported that resolutions were passed calling on Mr. Kellie to
work and vote for the repeal of the royalty
clause in the Railway Aid Act and to use
every effort possible with the government to make it compel the Columbia & Kootensy Railway Company to select its land
grant from unoccupied lands. They also
favored a separate appropriation for a trail
up the Lardeaux from Kootensy Lake to
connect with one already built from the

All 1890, the earnings were \$38,705. The following after Beacon Hill Park. Each
Bach

"There is something wrong," he muttered. "Your-your nose is-is gray-

decidedly gray. The member in question on the pretty face received a decided upward turn as she exclaimed: "My nose is not gray. "But-but it-it really is gray-de-cidedly gray-deucedly gray; excuse the expression—the grayest l'ever saw in my life."

"You are insane, sir; please take me me." And she rose with a haughty resture. Together they left the theate but, womanlike, passing the mirror near the entrance, she took a sly glance at her reflection. Horrors! She paused. 'Why, you are right," she gasped; "my nose is gray. What can it be? Oh, that wretched boy!" The small boy got his revenge—but he goes to a distant col-

lege early next week. The Partingtons. The Maine Mr. and Mrs. Partington are still on deck, says the Lewiston (Me.) Journal. One lady just returned from Boston informs the neighbors that she rode "upstairs in a refrigerator and had her clothes washed at a foundry." A Maine man recently rose in a munici pal meeting and solemnly announced visions are with respect to every stage of Bath recently mortified her relatives intensely. At a grand dinner shareware he desired to resign." An old lady in tensely. At a grand dinner she over-heard a lady guest politely answer to the wielder of the carving knife that it was immaterial which portion she had." A 'uscious slice was passed up to At almost 1 o'clock, yesterday afternoon, the fire alarm sounded, and when the bri had." A 'uscious slice was passed up to gade reached Muirhead & Mann's planing there, and our old lady, after an appreciate the state of the st iative glance, "guessed that she would have a small hunk off n the immaterial."

WHELAN SENTENCED.

The Last Act in the Tragedy Which Resulted in the Death of D. F. Fee. Jr.

Imprisonment for Life is the Penalty Imposed-The Prisoner Utterly Breaks Down.

The last chapter in the now celebrated Fee murder trial was concluded at noon esterday, when the homicide, Lawrence Whelan, had passed upon him the sen-

His Lordship, the Chief Justice havng taken his seat, the court was formally

went off. He had no desire to injure danyone, and on the night of the shooting prized lambs." "But," pleads the had been drunk. He prayed the court to wolf, "I did not know whether they

ne possible for any court, after receiving such a verdict, to decide what the jury meant by "unpremeditated,"—per-haps they did not know themselves.

It was understood that, though sentence should be passed now, the right would be reserved for counsel for the Crown to argue his point before the Court of Crown Cases Reserve. His Lordship then proceeded to pass sentence, not a sound being heard in the

court-room, except that of the judge's voice. The prisoner, he said, had been found guilty by a jury of his peers of the crime of manslau her; a crime with which a judge had an unequalled extent of discretion allowed him in dealing. In other cases penalties were provided, and the discretion of the judge was, therefore, limited. As to manslaughter, the judge might commit to prison for an hour or a day, or impose penal servitude for life. In passing sentence in a case of manslaughter it was therefore more in manslaughter, it was, therefore, more in-cumbent upon the judge to give his reasons in particular. The jury were charged by me upon the facts, which I carefully stated, and it is upon these same carefully stated, and it is upon these same facts that I am to base my sentence. I will again review those facts, to show you how you stand. Ill feeling had been manifested, a month or so before Christmas, in connection with the hoisting of some foolish flag, when you exhibited yourself as a quarrelsome man, suxiou to have trouble, desirous of making a cause for you to show your resentment. Nothing more is known of you than that you are a drunken, quarrelsome fellow, and came here from Seattle. You are selected, nevertheless, by Mr. McDonald to act as watchman, and see that some valuable marble pillars that have just been placed in position, are not molested. At the same time stories are current about the trouble that befell a former watchman—also a drunken, cowardly fellow, who smashed his lamp at the head of his own foreman. You heard what he had said would have happened if he had had a gun, and you heard the chaffing that he had to put up with. When you were nade watchman, you therefore, thought made watchman, you therefore, thought that you wouldn't stand any such chaff— you would show them, if they meddled vou. As soon as it was your friend, and went to your friend, and tried to get a gun and ammunition. You got the gun, but no ammunition. What did you want a gun and ammunition for? Only you can say. At nine. o'clock in the evening, when you should have been on watch, doing your duty, you are found drinking at the Dominion Hotel. Four times McDonald looked for you where you should have

cident: looked for you where you should have been, but you were not to be found. You had your gun with you at the Do-minion Hotel, and aunounced that you were going to shoot someone—you said you would give one person, whom you named, a charge of shot in the person. At that time, however, your gun was empty. Crawford opened the breech and found that it was empty. and found that it was empty. The next time your conduct is brought forward in evidence is about an hour ater, when you go to Silk's, and ask him for ammunition, and he ttells you he has none. You are not satisfied; you know tached to the feline, he stood still to where his cartridges are kept, and you look for yourself. You find two that are look for yourself. You find two that are all loaded, with the exception of the misand forth, the cat continued to creep siles. You take these; Silk says those slowly forward. Its eyes were fixed on won't hurt anything, for there is those of the snake, as though the two no shot in them, but you take were testing their powers of mesmerthem. "Never mind, they'll do so ism. Slowly and cautiously the cat no shot in them, but you take were testing their powers of messue-them. "Never mind, they'll do so ism. Slowly and cautiously the cat far." Now you have gun and crept closer and closer to the coiled rep-powder and caps. Next Crawford and tile, and it really seemed for awhile his friend meet you and Silk atthe church that it had fallen a victim to the door. You have the gun; you have charming powers of the rattler. never let it go out of your possession, and within four feet of the snake it stopped, you refuse to let Crawford take it. placed its feet in position for a spring, Crawford did lay hold of it, and opened and remained motionless for an instant. the breech and saw that you The snake seemed surprised, and then had cartridges in it. Silk changed its position slightly. This was rells Crawford not to meddle with you, the opportunity the cat was waiting for. that you have a loaded gun. He replies, Quick as lightning the feline leaped it's not loaded; I was looking at it and caught the snake by the neck with

njoined.) Silk knew it was loaded, too. walked away. would occasionally look When you took the blank cartridges at back to see if there was any suspicious is place, he was careless and indifferent; movement. he knew they were not dangerous. Now.

the weapon was not dangerous an hour be-

fore; he knew it was dangerous then. It had been loaded, and by you. (Again the prisoner attemp (again the prisoner attempted a de-nial, but the judge continued). Do not attempt to lie to me. I am as convinced that you stand there, guilty of a wilful murder, premeditated all along, as I am of my own existence. I say you got the missile, and you deliberately loaded the gun. The answer is, "No one saw it with a new the bullet enter." gun. The answer is, "No one saw to put in." No one saw the bullet enter the body of poor young Fee; and yet it was there. The bullet was not in the gun at 10 o'clock; it was there at 11. You put it there. You knew it was there. No one can say where you got that bullet, or how. That you alone have You you had be a said you would where he law. To the last, the public manifested the greatest interest in the case, and the opinion of the mass of the people seems to be that the full penalty was richly deserved.

know. Your counsel has said you would have been better able to defend yourself had you been allowed to testify in your own behalf. He says that because you cannot, he knows, be examined. If the law allowed it, as it does in France and Germany, and before now have told where know. Your counsel has said you would you would before now have told where you got that bullet. You would not have opened at 12.15, and the case of Reg. vs. been put on your trial before you had told it. It is the last excuse that should Whelan, was called. The prisoner was be made for you—that you cannot testify asked if he had aught to say why the sen- in your own behalf. Your counsel argues tence of the law should not be passed in your own behalf. Your counsel argues that you are entitled to credit for having gone to the police and surrendered your spended that the prisoner was in such a nervous condition that he could not speak, and he (Mr. Eberts) had, theretore, been asked to say a few words for him. The prisoner had not known the gun was loaded, and did not know how it went off. He had no desire to injure destroying all my best sheep, my most had been drunk. He prayed the court to consider every circumstance mitigating in his behalf, and exercise all the elemency compatible with justice.

The Attorney-General claimed that there had been a mistrial; the jury had not acquitted the prisoner of murder, before finding him guilty of manslaughter. He thought that the verdict of murder, but unpremeditated, might have been accounted a verdict against vou. If the farepted.

His Lordship did not think it would the possible for any court, after receivsend you to a menagerie." How long would he send him for? Would it be for would be serd him for? Would it be for a week or a month or a year, so that the wolf might come back agam and kill his sheep, destroy the favorites of his flock? No; certainly not. He would place the wolf where he could do no more harm. So I must deal with you. Never again will you be allowed to call yourself a free man; never again will you be allowed to.

has been fully carried out on the part of the Kootenay syndicate, limited, and the said W. A. Baille-Grohman. Such committee to have power to send for papers, will you shoot down, like a dox, an estimable voung man, a worthy citizen. I able young man, a worthy citizen. I Hon. Mr. Davie introduced a bill rehave not in thirty-two years upon this bench, been called upon to pronounce the sentence which in this case I must. Bebe torn in pieces by your indig-nant fellow citizens. You shall go from here to be made miserable, to be a slave for the rest of your life. You are not going to a home, an asylum, a refuge; but to prison, where you shall work without hope of freedom or reward, for all the days of your life. You must live as an example that men most defective. Under it the presump-tion was that a libel was, in every case, macannot carry on their drunken lawlessness

sentence was pronounced, and, when His Lordship stated that he had known of the loading of the gun, his face became crimson and then paled as quickly. Whelan will be taken to Westminster, some day this week.

A FELINE SNAKE-KILLER.

An Alabama Cat That Was Death on "Rattlesnakes may charm birds, rab-

its and dogs, but they can't charm cats. The speaker was George Stearnes, a farmer from Walker County, who was telling snake stories while waiting for a train at the depot. To prove his assertions Stearnes related the following in

He owns a large black cat, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, which kills every snake and lizard it can find. The other day he saw the cat creeping through the grass toward some kind of prey and watched it. A few feet away he discovered a large rattlesnake coiled ready to strike and its bead-like eyes fixed on those of the cat. The head of the snake was making the peculiar swaying motion which is a part of the charm that brings birds and rabbits willing victims to the mouth of the hideous reptiles. Stearnes says he saw at a giance the snake was trying to charm the cat, and, as he was not much at ssion and within four feet of the snake it stopped. awhile ago at the hotel," and you reply, teeth and claws, and, after rolling over "No, but it is loaded now." You knew and over on the ground for two minutes, No, but it is loaded now." You knew and over on the ground for two minutes, twas not loaded at 10 o'clock; you the snake was dead. The cat did not knew it was loaded at 11. (The prisoner relase its hold until long after the snake ceased to move, and then, as it may be supported by the snake ceased to move, and then, as it walked away, would occasionally look

he paid little attention to the conversa-tion that took place with Crawford. Why? Because he said all his anxiety was to get the cartridges out of the gun. He knew

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. First Session of the Sixth Parliament. NINTH DAY.

MONDAY, Feb. 2. The speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. After routine, the following PETITIONS

Mr. Cotton-From the Corporation of Vancouver to amend the Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Corron-From Henry Abbott and and others, for a bill to incorporate the Liverpool and Canoe Pass Railway com-

any.
MR. Corron—From John Hendry and others to incorporate the Vancouver, Northern and Alaska Railway and Navi-

Land and Development company, Limited, for a private bill.

and others, for a bill to incorporate the Burrard Iulet and Fraser Valley Rail-

MR KITCHEN-From the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway company and the New Westminster Street Railway, for an act to amalgate them as the Westmins ter and Vancouver Tramway Co.

THE KOOTENAY SYNDICATE.

MR. KELLIE moved that a select committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs. Baker, Booth, Kellie, Hunter whether the condition of said lease objected to the removal of the place of has been fully carried out on the part of

LIBEL. HON. MR. BEAVEN, in moving the sec-ond reading of his libel bill, began by speaking of the respective applications of the Dominion and Provincial laws and and authority, with respect to libel. The

existing law of libel was, in his opinion,

cannot carry on their drunken lawlessness with impunity; a man's life shall be protected. The sentence of this court is that you be sent to penal servitude for the rest of your natural life.

Whelan broke down completely as the sentence was completed, and the order was given, "Remove the prisoner." He is a young man in good health, 26 years of age, and life imprisonment, in all probability, means to him, imprisonment for forty, or, perhaps, fifty years.

Silk was in the court-room when the sentence was pronounced, and, when His tion of an apology given as wide a cir-culation as the original libel should prevent all possibility of a prosecution. Then the law ought to provide that the publication of reports of public meetings should be privileged, while a fair report of proceedings in a court of justice should render it impossible to enter a should render it impossible to enter a prosecution. Newspapers were obliged to gather news, or they would be behind in the race, and should be protected in carrying on their legitimate business. It ought, too, to be rendered impossible to drag a newspaper proprietor to a town, other than the one in which his paper other than the one in which his paper was published, to undergo his trial, and, moreover, the newspaper man should have a right to demand security for costs, so as to prevent him being frivolously and vexatiously prosecuted on charges which would not stand investigation. Since this bill had been introduced he (Mr. Beaven) had notized a bill which was before the State Taxislature of Washington. before the State Legislature of Washington that went still further than this bill. It provided that where a charge was not proved the person so making accusation rendered himself liable in damages. The public demanded news, the telegrams came in to the editor's office, the other news arrived through various channels, and if the proprietor delayed to make minute examinations into every detail the information would be published elsewhere in advance of him. The presumption of the libel law, to-day, was that in every instance the offence was malicious. He desired to change the presumption and to HON. MR. DAVIE said he noticed that this bill had been, in a measure, taken from the libel law of Ontario, and had the member rested there, the bill would have been what was desired. He admitted that it was only just to allow a city of Victoria of the land known as the m tted that it was only just to allow a newspaper proprietor to plead that the libel was not malicious, and was an honest mistake. But this was already the law in this country, being, moreov covered by what was known as Fox's act. So much of a mischievous nature was contained in this bill that if it were defested, as he hoped it would be, he should be in a position to bring in a new measure to follow closely the lines laid down by the law of Ontario. He contended that unless, in many cases, malice were inferred it would be impossible to convict an offender, whether against life or when the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and the material welfare and the mater property. The same principles applied in connection with libel. By a man's character he was able to live, and therefore the law considered the offence a remedy which is truly pleasing and re-

there no presumption of malice, what possibility could there be of redress The publishers, however, could prove, under Fox's Act, that there had had neither malice nor negligence, in the same way as the individual charged with taking a life or stealing a watch, could defend himself. The second clause of this Act fell with the first, but the third was positively ludicrous-to compel the plaintiff to request a retraction or correction, when, as every one was aware in making such correction it frequently happened that the publisher took the others, to incorporate the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway Co.

Mr. Cotron—From H. V. Edmonds vince gave ample opportunity to the publisher to apologize, retract or correct. Again, as to making reports of publi meetings privileged, it not unfrequently happened that irresponsible persons were put up to make scandalous statements in order, if possible, that they might find MR. MARTIN—From F. C. Innes and others to incorporate the Vernon and Okanagon Railway.

MR. MARTIN—From the Okanagon Land and Development company limits the reports of proceedings in the courts of justice privileged, inasmuch as, if published, they were calculated to a single courts of justice privileged. and and Development company, Limitand, for a private bill.

Mr. Cotton—From the Corporation of

Judice cases when the matters were not really subject for public discussion, upon which it would not be right to comment. Proceedings before the courts, especially Vancouver, opposing the bill to amend the Vancouver Water-works Act.

Mr. Kitchen—From R. H. Alexander guarded, or mischief might ensue. There are no instice he went on to say in vivo was no justice, he went on to say, in pro-viding that a libel suit should take place in a city or town where the paper had the power to prejudice the public mind adversely to the party aggrieved, neverthe less, there was no provision in the pre-sent Bill made for a change of venue. He it passed, not even life would be safe the public would be so calumniated, and it would be an evil day, indeed, for Brit-ish Columbia, were this Bill to become

> MR. BOOTH suggested that this bill be withdrawn and the Ontario Act substi tuted.
> Mr. Corron strongly deprecated the

placing of a newspaper on the same footing as taking a man's life or property. Supposing a newspaper published a fair report of a public meeting, duly called and advertised, and something had been

strongly deprecated anything approach bench, been called upon to pronounce the sentence which in this case I must. Believing you guilty of wilful murder, I will protect you from the dogs. You shall not interest be a complete the protect you from the dogs. You shall not interest be a complete the protect of the complete the protect of the complete the protect of the complete the promises of the Attorney-General to

bring down a measure be should vote against this bill.

HON. MR. POOLEY would not support a bill which would tend to make the press irresponsible. Were this bill passed any proprietor of a newspaper could pub-lish any libel on the ground that it had been spoken at a public meeting. But were such statements published in the press they could be turned u He characterized the present bill as tend-ing to prevent a poor man from defend-ing his good name, if he had not the power to put up the costs. It was im-Had we not a stringent libel law we should soon see, as was the case in cer-tain parts of the United States, life not

Hon. Mr. Braven-And the English libel law prevails there.

Mr. Semlin asked if the Attorney. General would introduce a bill based on he law of Ontario, were this measure

ejected? He could not say from his own experience whether or not the la of Ontario were more liberal than this. members to vote down this Bill because to make no promises on this subject, nor had he any desire to influence the votes of nembers by any pledges he might make It was perfectly competent for any mem-ber to introduce another Bill on the sub-

ject.
The motion was then put and lost, ing being:
Ayes—Beaven, Milne, Semlin, Mac-

Nays-Pooley, Turner, Martin, Croft, Hunter, Rogers, Anderson, Fletcher, Robson, Davie, Vernon, Eberts, Stoddart, Booth, Nason, Smith, Forster, Keith, Baker, Sword, Kitchen, Cotton, Kellie—23. On motion of Hon. Mr. Davie the

House went into Committee on the Animals' Contagious Diseases Bill, Mr. Smith in the chair. The committee rose reporting progress and the House adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION. By Mr. Sword—To introduce a bill to amend the Railway Act.

By Mr. Milne—To introduce a bill to

By Mr. MILNE-To ask for a return of James' Bay mud flats.

QUESTION. MR. MILNE-To ask the Provincial Secretary, "Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum on the esti school in Victoria.

The World Enriched.

The facilities of the present day for the production of everything that will conduce to the material welfare and comfort when Syrup of Figs was first produced more heinous one than even taking away a man's purse. A newspaper got hold of effectual to cleanse the system gently in a piece of information from the enemy of an individual. The editor published it the Spring time or, in fact, at any time and under the presumption of malice the party agrieved could either pun sh the offender civilly or criminally. But, were ja20-tm-d&w

orporation four per cent. bonds by the Mr. Joseph Boscowitz a \$10,000 five per cent. at par. Outward Bound. The following is a complet cabin passengers who left on Umatilla, yesterday morning Francisco: W. A. Lennie, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. F. H. Hart, Mrs. Figural and Mrs. rd, Peter Birrel, and Mrs.

From THE DAILY COLONIST,

It is stated that the entire

LOCAL AND PROVIN

Corporation Bonds.

The Late Frank J. Cur The arrival of the Walla We Francisco has settled all quest honesty of Frank J. Curtin, pu Umatilla, who shot himself in room, a fortnight ago. The V brought down a clean bill for the in the shape of coin for the u counts which left his standing in

Outer Wharf Improvem
It is understood that the wa
commodation at the present Out
to be immediately increased by alon of the buildings for a constance shorewards. The wharf of shifted to near Bornstein's war there is a probability of the streem extended to this point a Contributors to Provincial I For the month of January:
W. A. Robertson, C. Monk, F.
Walter Adams, Dr. Hasell, Geo.
H. Gray, Robert Butler, Peter
H. Danby, Ashdown Green. E.
Hatt. Shawnigan—J. E. Haug
ton—Frank M. Stephenson. C.

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Four men lett Victoria, yeste
ing, for the Otter district for the
starting a lumber camp in th
The lumber prospects in the l
good. In the spring it is though
be a large number of men emple
as Mr. W. P. Sayward intends
eamp on a large scale and mak
the sources of his principal lum

The Comus club held their las fore Lent, last evening, in Philhas Although other dances were eity, about the usual number were present. Prof. Pferdner occupied the stand and the mus plied with his usual good tast was partaken of about midnight dance under the auspices of elub will take place after Easter. Half Fare to Anacorte

Take advantage of the low rate ortes by all Sound steamers, five days ending Feb. 6. Ticket return till the 9th.

The Northern Pacific propert cortes, just placed on the mark most valuable section of the city the first five days of the sale a re

Where is the Hail Bag
Detectives have, for the past
been working quietly upon a pe
bery, which is alleged to have
mitted on the steamer Olympian
weeks ago. A registered letter
destined for Port Townsend, was
board the steamer at Seattle, but
ed before Townsend was reac
said that there were but few let
bag, and that the police have a
sase.

British Vessels Can Enter at Po
It will be a satisfaction to all
in commerce to learn that Brit
can enter and clear at Port Ange
to Collector Milne, who has by
correspondence succeeded in g
point. The following is a telegra
by the collector yesterday:

Port Townsend, Feb.
Collector of Customs, Victoria.

Port Angeles can enter and cle
vessels from Victoria.

Chas. M. Bradshaw, C

The "Empress of India The Canadian Gazette of Ja The Canadian Gazette of Jacontains a complete list of the who will make the globe-encired on the new Canadian Pacific I steamer Empress of India. I number of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were to embark at Liverpool of the passengers (127) were the passengers (31st, but a few who are now nent will join the steamer later a and Naples. From Liverpool, be the last British port touched a press of India will proceed to Marseilles, Naples, Port Said, Penang and Singapore, and thenc Kong, Yokohama, and Vancouve

Recenciled. The Salvation Army barracks scene, a few evenings ago, of a reconciliation between husband who, after living happily togethe quarrelled, and took their diffe quarrelled, and took their diffethe police court for adjustment, band was bound over to keep the friendly feeling was far from bein Husband and wife chanced to army meeting on the same even were very much impressed, and husband made his way to the and embraced her, and their were forgotten. They left the b gether, while an enthusiastic "h followed them.

Improvement Needed That the architect of the new l That the architect of the new la made a serious mistake in not p private passage from the cells to was shown clearly during the Lawrence Whelan. In order to take out the prisoner, it was ne the police to squeeze and push hin an almost solid mass of spectators they been friendly to him and proper fear of the law, might's encompassed his escape. The method of bringing in a prisoner improved upon, before the next to court room, as it was during the the Whelan case.

One of the most successful dan season took place in Harmony evening, under the auspices of th Young Ladies Benevolent Assoc the benefit of the charitable the E Manuel congregation. The filled to overflowing, and no dout ladies known so many couples werthey would have secured a large the occasion. There were fully 10 present, and all enjoyed themsel fullest extent. A costly supper wat 11 o'clock, and on account of success of the dance, the ladies E'Manuel Dance.