A NAVAL RESERVE WILL BE FORMED

SPLENDID MEETING TO CONSIDER MATTER

Seafaring Men Endorsed the Movement and Membership Roll Well Signed -Addresses by Citizens.

A preliminary meeting of those inter ested in the formation of a British Col-umbia branch of the Royal Navy Reserve was held in the board of trade rooms last evening with very encouraging success, there being present a good per of prominent citizens on the platthe seafaring fraternity of the city.

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In the unavoidable absence of the president, Sir Henry Grease, the chair was taken by Capt. Barkley, who in opening the proceedings said the meeting was of great importance not only to the welfare of British Columbia, but to the whole Empires. It was called for the purpose of ascertaining the feeling of the seafaring community on the forming of a reserve here. It was hardly necessarily to say anything of the advantage of a naval reserve and the assistance such would be to the navy. He thought sealers themselves, and felt assured from his knowledge of them that they would readily and heartily endorse the more ment. The meeting was simply a pre-liminary one, and nothing more could be done than to learn their views.

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dollar towards the support of the navy. He, for one, would be willing to enlist. H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., heart-H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., heartily endorsed the scheme as it was of supreme importance not only to Canada but to ourselves, and he believed that the movement would give the sealers an opportunity to reciprocate for that protection which they themselves enjoy while on the high seas. The resolution ought to be strongly supported, and he was the more firmly convinced of this when he looked about him and saw on every hand the manifold evidences for the need of a navy reserve here.

Capt, Roberts, still another old navy reserve man, reminded the sealers that they were on the eve of going to sea, and he impressed upon all the importance of talking the subject over with their shipmates, so that on their return the question could be taken up more energetically and enthusiastically.

Mr. Wallace gave a stirring address, moralizing his theme with stories of Capt. Jack Crofford and the siege of Gibraltar. British Columbians should not allow the glorious achievements of the British navy to be tarnished; they should be fired with the zeal and enthusiasm of the occasion, and make themselves known.

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W. H. Langley pointed out that the seamen here could drill during their idle scason, and showed what could be done in this way by referring to the Fifth Regiment encampment movements last summer. The pay question was one which the Dominion might well take up and adjust.

Wm. Freeman saw a few advantages

Alexandra and Pride of the Island lodges, S. O. E., held their 27th annual banquet last evening at the Victoria cafe. The walls of the building had been adorned with national emblems, and pictures of His Majesty, of Queen Victoria and others of the Royal house. In spite of the enforced absence through illness of some of those whose good offices are always relied upon to make these affairs a success, the event went.

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orked for the province, and not for imself. (Laughter.) Why fley wouldn't even accept portfolios here. Touching al-lusion was made to the death of Mc-Kinley, and to the "deep damnation of his taking off," and appreciative refer-ence to the career of the present Presi-

church and state were one. The church really existed before the state. He was present at St. Paul's at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, when one of the members of the House of Lords complained that he might have had a seat on the steps had it not been for the "Antipodian" bishops.

He hoped some day there would be a genuine as well as an external unity of churches. However, people might speak of empire and commerce and municipal institutions, Religion after all was the great thing, and he hoped it would never be divorced from the everyday life of a people. Only one thing could exalt a nation, and that was truth, honor and righteousness.

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Bro. A. Lee proposed "The Visitors" in a pleasant way. This twenty-seventh anniversary, he said, found them with a bigging a pulphysip, they are resulting the said. bigger membership than ever. The organization was for the purpose of helping those who were unable to help themselves. The S. O. F. sign was up to

E. E. Wooton responded, voicing the

submission to the ratepayers was fixed for December 30th. This was in compliance with a petition bearing 334 signatures, the petitioners guaranteeing to bear the expense incurred should the by-law not carry.

The city auditor certified to the cost of submitting the by-law, \$275, and the city assessor reported that the number of signatories was considerably in excess of that required by law. It was the consensus of opinion that while the present time is somewhat inopportune for the presentation of this by-law, in the event of its ratification the work could be commenced in the very near future. Furthermore, in view of the petition of the ratepayers the council are bound to submit the by-law at this time.

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The council was in the most amicable mood, not a shadow of the recent unpleasantness being evident.

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way Construction.

in which he visited all the great busi ness and political centres in the East sioner of lands and works, last night re turned to the capital. His trip was prolonged beyond the limit he had fixed owing to a number of matters which he had in hand not being adjusted as quickly as he had anticipated,
Regarding the railway policy, with which his visit East has been connected,
Mr. Wells states that developments have been fully covered in the press dispatches from the East. Mackenzie & Mann, or at least one of them, will be here early in the new year to take up with the executive the prolongation of the Canadian Northern railway to the East, and its diversion along the projected route of the old British Pacific, namely, by Bute Inlet and Seymour Narrows to Vancouver Island, making connection with the extension of the E. & N. to the north of the Island.

He feels assured, from conversations he had with the ministers at Ottawa, that the Federal authorities will subsidize such a line as well as the provincial government, thus insuring its early comhad in hand not being adjusted as quick-

The same remark applies to the Coast Kootenay line, his conferences with members at Ottawa convincing him that the cabinet is fully aware of the urgent need of vigorous railway construction in this province, and that they will be prepared to assist in carrying it out. Regarding the Fraser river bridge, he also Regarding the Fraser river bridge, he also thinks the outlook is good for assistance at Ottawa, although no specific sum for that enterprise was mentioned. However, it is usual for the Dominion authorities to aid in such a large bridge undertaking, and the government at Ottawa practically recognized the principle in his conversations with them.

Other important matters were dealt with in his trip East, but he did not feel prepared this morning to go into them

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bers this morning, when the following matters were disposed of:

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Most of yesterday's sittings of the County court was taken up by the trial of Prior & Co, vs. Burt et al, in which judgment was finally given for the plaintiff. A. E. McPhillips for plaintiffs, G. E. Powell for defendants. When the court sat again this morning the case of Shiers vs. Moody was called, and a question arising in same argued as to whether discontinuance of the action

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MAN FOUND DEAD NEAR HIS HOME

OODS IN QUEBEC CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE

the Electric Light Company Sued For \$25,000-Chorus Girls Go On Strike at Toronto.

ers on the eastern division of the fferences, and the engineers have back to their homes satisfied with n made by the company.

Minister Dead, Rev. William Black, former pastor of Mark's Presbyterian church, died to-y at the residence of his sister, Mrs. in Greenshields, aged 62.

Logs Swept Away. ichmond, Que., Dec. 16.—Floods on St. Francis river broke the booms the Royal Pulp and Paper Mills at the Royal Tape and raper tangs at Angus on Saturday night, and reed a million feet of logs. They are passing Richmond, and will probe be saved by the booms of the neeville Lumber. Company at the thof the St. Francis river. Other also lost a large quantity of loss will be heavy.

Boats Damaged. Que., Dec. 16.—Damage Sincennes, McLaughlin and sicheneu & Ontario fleets by the ice noving on Saturday night, are more xtensive than at first reported. The ormer company's loss will be at least 50,000, while that of the R. & O. will erhaps come to \$10,000.

Killed By Gas. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—Wm. Moran, 25 years old, was killed this morning at Sydney by a blast of gas from a

Chas. Lundy Dead. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.-Charles W

Lived Over a Century.

Electricians Death. Vinnipeg, Dec. 16.—Rev. Canon vidson, of Frelighsburg, near Monal, is suing the Selkirk Electric Light mpany for \$25,000 damages. A little or a year ago his son, a bright and efendants deny there were any defects at the works or machinery, or that there is any negligence on their part, and lege that if there was any defect avidson knew of the same, and failed by give notice thereof to defendants; hey allege that Davidson represented to hem that he was a skilled electrician, and competent to manage the electric

ng the same to see if any part was out f order, and, if so, to have repaired the Another Death.

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E. Holmes, badly burned in a gaso-ne explosion at Hargrave on Saturday, led at the Brandon hospital this even-

returns for the week ending De-The returns for the week ending De-ember 14th of grain inspected at Winni-leg and Emerson were issued to-day by frain Inspector Horn. According to hese returns the total amount of grain inspected during the week was 1,943 ars, of which 1,764 were wheat, 155 hats, eight barley and 16 flaxseed. The otal amount of grain inspected during he week was: Wheat, 1,464,120; oats, 186,000; barley, 8,000; flaxseed, 16,000 hushels; total, 1,674,120 bushels.

Found Dead. Dutton, Ont., Dec. 16.—On Sunday dorning the dead body of William G. Irlin was found lying in a chicken coop a the rear of his residence, with two ullet wounds back of the ear. The reumstances were such that Dr. Long, or or Dutton, decided to hold an equest, which was opened this after-pon, but adjourned pending the result a post mortem.

Granted Increase. Toronto, Dec. 10.—A novelty in strikes onight was that of 40 chorus girls of The Burgomaster" company at the rincess theatre. After the play they raited on the manager and told him if hey did not get \$5 a week each of an acrease they would not appear again. He manager wired to New York a few ays ago when he first heard of the ming demand to get chorus girls but. Oming demand, to get chorus girls, but e could not, so he compromised and hded the strike by granting a material

Instantly Killed. Wiarton, Ont., Dec. 16.—While gatherg beech nuts on Saturday a manamed Ball, of Adamsville, was struck
a the head by a falling limb, and his
kull was fractured, resulting in instant
eath.

SIR F. DE WINTON DEAD. London, Dec. 17.—The death is announced Major-General (retired) Sir Francis de Inton. He was born in 1835.

Russia has 624 women doctors, while arry, 1,000 students are enrolled in the regial Medical Institute for Women.