THE CITY COUNCIL

Various Matters Relating to City Streets, Sewers and Drains Discussed.

Reception of the Governor General -The Procedure By-Law Passed.

Ald. Styles was the first to present himself in the council chamber for last evening's meeting, and he was soon followed by the mayor, Ald. Baker, Ledingham, Humphreys, Dwyer and Munn. J. G. Elliott wrote forwarding a reso-

lution passed at the last annual meeting of the board of fire underwriters with reference to the increase of the fire insurance rates. The resolution was as

"That on and after the first of November next, the rates in the city of Victoria be increased ten per cent. on present rates, and remain so until such time as the tax of \$300 on fire insurance companies be reduced to \$150 per annum." Referred to finance committee.

E. Crow Baker addressed the council to the effect that city employees had been utilizing the telephone company's poles for city electric lighting purposes. Referred to electric light committee.

Mr. McGuigan, city clerk of Vancouver. wrote commending the council on their action with reference to the ownership and maintenance of the lazaretto. Harrison & Mortby wrote asking for settlement of their account re McClure street sewer. Laid on the table for further consideration.

The city engineer reported on the cost of several drains projected on various

Building Inspector Northcott drew attention to the fact that the city hall was one of the buildings not in conformity with the Fire Escape Act. The matter was referred to the finance and city hall

Several reports were received and adopted, from the finance committee, aggregating \$4000 odd.

Mr. Dowler reported since the last regular meeting the following communica-tions had been received and referred to the respective committees mentioned: Streets-W. Rockett and 15 others, calling attention to the unfinished state of upper end of Johnson street, from George street to the boundary of Amor Decosmos' property, and requesting that the same be graded and a sidewalk laid

George Calder and 18 others, requesting that a six foot sidewalk be laid on the west side of San Juan avenue from Niagara street to Dallas road.

Henry R. Sellick and 16 others, requesting that a new bridge be constructed across a ditch on Belton street, Burnside road, and suggesting that the timber from the old bridge there be used in erecting the new one.

Sewerage-Wm. A. Franklin, requestup in the construction of sewers be removed from the front of his premises, 175 Superior street, James Bay.

Thomas Potter, calling attention to the necessity for a drain to carry off the surface water, running down Chambers street to the corner of Queen's avenue. Pound-James Fairall, suggesting that a corral be erected in Victoria West, and stating that he would be unable to attend the meeting of the pound committee as requested.

Requisitions duly certified, from the poison had school board, amounting to \$3500, were

The pound committee reported that, in the matter of the charge laid against Poundkeeper Shaw, the committee did not think Mr. Shaw had departed from the by-law.

This closed the formal husiness of the meeting. His worship referred to the meeting held in the council chamber yesterday afterneon with reference to the reception of the governor-general. The idea of that meeting was that the council should vote a sum of money sufficient to properly receive his excellency in keeping with his rank and position. It was not intended to go into any excessive or un-

necessary cost, but to give Lord and Lady Aberdeen a proper reception. The matter was left in the hands of the mayor and finance committee to ar-

Ald. Munn mentioned that he had received a letter from an architect asking why the premiums for the causeway plans had not been paid.

His worship said the only hitch now was that the finance committee would have to talk over the matter of which the money was to come from to pay these premiums.

After some little discussion the matter was still left with the finance commit-

Ald. Ledingham asked, in reference to

day work on the sewers, why should not the superintendent be placed in the same position with regard to authority over his men as a contractor has, both in the matter of the number of hours work a day and engaging and discharging men. Some of the aldermen were of opinion that nine hours a day should constitute a day's labor. A resolution was put and carried drawing the attention of the sewer commissioners to the fact that the wishes of the council were in favor of a working day of nine hours, and also recommending that the superintendent have the power of fixing the daily rate of wages.

The council then resolved itself into committee of the whole to consider the procedure by-liaw, which was dealt with by clauses, and was passed, with the exception of a few clauses left over for amendment on further consideration.

Ald. Munn suggested the advisability of holding meetings once a fortnight instead of once a week as now. He thought there were many minor questions at present referred to the council which could be dealt with by committee. Such an arrangement would be productive of a saving in more senses than one. A number of the aldermen were of

opinion that such a scheme would not work satisfactorily, inasmuch as there were constantly important matters coming up for consideration, and which often required immediate attention, but were of too important a nature to be dealt with by a committee.

The remaining clauses left for amend nent were then considered and passed, and the committee rose, reported the bylaw complete with amendments, when the report was adopted and the by-law passed. It was 10:15 o'clock when the council

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL

Sound Papers Object to the Use of Our Coal for the U. S. Navy.

A special dispatch from Port Townsend to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, says: "The navy department persists in discriminating against the Washington coal mines and in the interest of the British Columbia collieries. The ship Highland Light has been engaged by the government to take 300 tons from Comox and 1700 tons of coal from the Departure Bay mines to Honolulu for the use of the United States naval vessel: The lowest amount of wages paid to laborers to get 2000 tons of coal from the mine to tide water for shipment, as estimated by numerous experts, is \$3.15 a ton. That means that over \$6000 is virtually taken away from the coal miners of the State of Washington by the United States government and is given to the cheap labor classes of British Columbia, which includes a large number of Japs and Chinese, who work for wages that are 15 per cent, lower than is paid in the Puget Sound collieries.

W. B. Dunning, past assistant engineer, United States navy, was sent north by Secretary of the Navy Herbert to negotiate for several thousand tons of 1 salmon, that is twenty-five pound fish, coal to be shipped to Honolulu and Mare Island for naval purposes. For the Behring Sea naval fleet alone the United States paid the owners of the Comox mine \$100,000 for coal. The consumption of British Columbia coal at the Mare Island navy yard increased that sum to \$600,000. Had an American policy been pursued, of that sum fully \$40,000 would have been expended among the miners of the State of Washington.'

BOTH WERE UNCONSCIOUS.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knox Found in an Insensible Condition at Their Home

Mr. William Knox, who keeps a tea store on Government street and resides on Collison street, did not attend at his place of business yesterday morning, so one of his business neighbors, Mr. Fawcett, became uneasy and went to Mr. Knox's residence to see if anything was wrong. He found formed the police, and at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, in company with Officer Carson, paid a second visit to the house. The officer Sewerage—Wm. A. Franklin, requesting the removal of clay, which was taken he found Mrs. Knox lying on the bed and Mr. Knox on the floor, both in an uncon-scious condition. Mrs. Knox was foaming at the mouth and, the officer thinking the couple had been poisoned in some way, sent for a doctor. Doctors Duncan and Watt responded and by administering restora-tives soon soon brought the couple back to consciousness. Mr. Knox recovered completely, but it was found necessary to renow is.

The case turned out to be a very pecu-

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED

Terrible Result of a Fire in a Clergyman's Residence.

Nyack, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The residence was burned shortly after four o'clock this The cause of the fire is not known. The maining eight months of the year the funeral of the four victims was held at fish appear almost to leave the coast, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church and the price runs up to 17c., 15c., and this morning. The four bodies were 12c. for "chicken," "white" and "grey," placed in one casket. Rev. Ross Taylor, respectively. These are the figures Marks.

RECEIVED SAILING ORDERS.

H. M. S. Champion Will Probably Go to Peru to Protect Britishers.

Orders were this morning received from the admiralty for H. M. S. Champion to prepare for sea immediately. She is taking on provisions for 40 days. It is thought that she will be sent to Peru where a revolution has been brewing for some time with occasional outbreaks. In all probability the admiralty has been advised that a more serious outbreak is expected and have consequently thought it advisable to send the Champion there to protect British inter-The Champion was to have gone ests. to Vancouver with the Pheasant's old crew. The Royal Arthur will now execute this commission. The carpenters who have been at work on the Champion have been recalled.

John Trudeau, aged 22, was compelled in the police court at Montreal to marry Miss S. Pinkey, aged 20, whom he had seduced complete mercy of the eastern consignee Chatham was sentenced to 15 years at

UNDEVELOPED B. C FISHERIES

Opportunity for Victoria to Become the Gloucester of the Pacific.

Suggestions for the Handling and Marketing of the Different Fish.

The fisheries will always be one of the chief sources of wealth to British Columbia, and at no very distant day promise to assume an importance at present un-dreamed of. Up to the present time operations have been strictly confined to the salmon industry, but there are many other varieties of fish in great abundance which only need placing upon the markets of the middle and Atlantic States to return large profits to the skip-We have, besides salmon, halibut, per. smelt, cod, sturgeon, herring and sar-dines, all excellent food fish, and halibut and smelt are in great demand in the cities of the States and fetch capital It is, therefore, the duty of all who are interested in the progress and prosperity of Victoria to examine this supremely important subject of developing the fisheries with a view of ultimately making Victoria the Gloucester of the Pacific.

It may, perhaps, be of interest to your readers to take each variety separately and describe, as near as I can, the methods employed in the east in catching and shipping the fish; and also afford what information I can regarding prices and profits.

SALMON.

I need not, of course, mention anything in connection with the salmon fishing excepting the fact that large No. cleanly split, with the blood thoroughly pressed from the veins in the nape, and packed in tierces, command good prices in Mediterranean markets. All information regarding demand and price may be obtained from the British consuls at Zante, Naples, Palermo, Marseilles and other ports.

HALIBUT. The continued scarcity of halibut on the Atlantic coast is forcing the eastern fish dealers to look towards the Pacific for supplies, and several enquiries have been made with the object of opening up business. Companies are forming in both Vancouver and Westminster, with a view of shipping halibut fresh on ice to the eastern markets. Victoria, alone, appears oblivious to the importance of the question. The fish are on the coast in vast quantities. There are a score fishing smacks in the harbor. The United States will take all the halibut the house looked up, but listening at the we can ship them, therefore capital and door, heard groans. He immediately inenterprise are all that are needed to commence operations. Gloucester, Massachusetts, is the great fishing port of the Atlantic and has a fleet of mearly seven hundred fishing schooners. About 120 of these are employed in the halibut fishing from the cape shore to the Banqueró. The fish are, however, so scarce that for the past few seasons the number of schooners going to Greenland and Iceland after halibut have largely increased. These catches are fletched and salted for smoking purposes, therefore move Mrs. Knox to the hospital, where she do not affect the fresh halibut market. The vessels employed in fresh halibut fishing meet with varying success, one liar one. The theory of the officer that poison had been accidentally taken was wrong. Mr. Knox states that during the sometimes for weeks at a time a dozen night this wife took a fit and while he night his wife took a fit, and while he was of those magnificent clipper schooners attending to her, he was also attacked by may be seem in the provincial harbors British Ship Clan Robertson Ready to waiting for herring. between owners and crews is always upon the "lay" system, the "quarter lay" being the most popular. The owners furnish the vessels and receive a quarter of the catch, while the crews furnish their own food and trawls, pay a portion of the ice and bait bill, and divide the remaining three-quarters catch Marks. of Rev. Ross Taylor, Bishop of Africa, among themselves. A trip usually occupies six to seven weeks, but most of the morning. Mrs. Taylor awakened to find time is frequently wasted searching for the lower portion of the house in flames. bait, about twelve tons of ice and 15 She aroused her husband, and they, with to 20 barrels of herring being the comtwo of their children, succeeded in reaching the ground in safety. Four other the costs \$2 per ton, bait (herring) \$1 0 1,287. men employed in the finishing house, should she catch a favorable marketwhich was a new one, and who slept on the third floor, had to jump for their to \$200 each for the trip. But during lives. All were badly injured. The the short period that halibut are fairly four children were Arthur, Harriet, Ada plentiful—April, May, June and July and Schultz, whose ages ranged from five the price varies from 6c. to 8c., and freto eleven years. Stewart, the eldest, and quently the catch of a schooner does not William, a younger brother, escaped. exceed 15,000 pounds. During the re-

Victoria to Minneapolis and St. Paul

of any such rings as the Atlantic Hali-

York direct from Victoria. Agents of

the company could be placed at different

points so as to be free from all commis-

sion dealers. For any single individual

success a strong company with say a capital of \$100,000, in shares of \$5 each, and with power to increase such capital-prudently managed by experienced business men would pay large dividends besides distributing money and employing labor. Halibut is not the only fish that it will pay to ship fresh.

SMELTS. From the present time up to the 1st of March number one smelts will fetch, from 10c. to 12 1-2c. per pound in Chicago and New York. Such smelts as 1 have seen exposed for sale in Victoria will fetch 15c. per pound. These fish, however, must be frozen hard and packed straight and clean in boxes of 50 pounds capacity. There are three qualities, xxx, xx and x; that is, eight inches and upwards are xxx, under eight inches xx, under six inches x. Before the smelt business could be carried on the fish would have to be frozen by artificial means, therefore, to be thoroughly independent and thoroughly equipped an iceplant refrigerator and cold storage would have to be built. The smelt are caught in the east through the ice in bag nets as they flow up and down the rivers with the tide. From two to six tons are taken in one haul. It is an important industry in New Brunswick, and train loads are sent along to New York daily during the season. Seines are not permitted except in the Bay of Cha-The season for bag net fishing leur. opens December 1 and closes February 15, but they may be hooked at any time. Fishermen east sell the fish, on the ice, at 11-2c. to 2c. per pound to the ship-

COD. Beyond a local trade there does not appear to be much chance at present in profitably exporting cod fresh. could, however, be salted and dried. It ould, also, be shreded, cut and boxed and prepared in many ways and shipped Hitherto the humidity of our limate has prevented the drying of fish in the open air; but the fish drying apparatus invented by Mr. Thomas Whitman in Nova Scotia has removed all obstacles to the drying of fish in any climate. Fish dried by this patent machinery has turned out better in Porto evening in the spacious dining room of Rico, Cuba and Demerara than fish dried in the sun.

STURGEON. Sometimes there would be a fair margin in shipping sturgeon east; but smok-lng it and shipping inland would be a safer plan.

SARDINES.

Put up in tins with mustard and tomatoes, and handled in a similar way to which they are handled in Eastport, Maine, there appears no reason why the market this side of Chicago could not sider their work. Mayor Teague presidbe captured.

HERRING. As a bait fish for the prosecution of the halibut fishery they are invaluable. There are many other ways in which they could be handled. Smoked round, kippered, spiced and salted there is no doubt a market could be found for them. Seines and traps could be employed in

catching them. It will therefore be seen that nearly every branch of the fishing industry could be developed by a joint stock company, and by placing the shares low enough to be within the reach of all, the capital would be rapidly subscribed. These few suggestions are thrown out with the hope of seeing some move made

OHABLIS-SHIRAZ.

SALMON FOR ENGLAND.

The British ship Clan Robertson is ready to sail for London from the Fraser river with a cargo of salmon, the manifest of which is as follows: Cases Salmon, Value.

SHIPPED BY ROBT. WARD & CO., LID. 6,245 9,000 20 "B" 1,000 3,875
"B" 2,000 7,750
"H" 1,000 3,875
P S—L (2 lots) 4,249 21,245 P L—S 2,001 10,005 R (3 lots) 3,000 15,000 G (labels) 5... 350 ву J. н. торь & гол. Marks.

BY G. I. WILSON.

> Victoria to Minneapolis and St. Paul "L" 1,000 6,000 can be secured at 1 1-4 cents per pound; "L" 1,000 5,000 Chicago, 1 1-2 cents; Boston, New York "P 8" 5,000 25,000 Chicago, 1.1.2 cents; Boston, New York and Philadelphia, 2 cents. The fish must be well iced and shipped in boxes of five hundred pounds capacity. There is a clear 100 per cent. profit to be obtained, besides the benefits it would confer upon the city. The chief elements of success are complete and perfect arrangements east, so as to be independent.
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.....\$350,583 or commission agent. To make it a Kingston.

STURDY IMMIGRANTS.

The First Contingent of Norwegians for Bella Coola.

If all future immigrants are of the same desirable class as the fine healthy lot of fellows who arrived in Victoria on Saturday, and who are at present domiciled at the Dominion Hotel, the province may safely congratulate itself upon the selection. There are eighty three in the party and they are bound for Bella Coola. During a conversation with the leaders this morning they expressed themselves satisfied with terms and conditions of settlement and spoke in high praise of the kind and counteous treatment received en route. The conditions of settlement are as folows: A settlement must consist of not ess than thirty families, and each family must have at least \$300 in money. The government will lease for a period of five years 160 acres of land to each family, rent free. If at the end of five years improvements have been undertaken amounting to \$5 per acre each fam ly will receive a free crown grant of 160 acres. The government also pledges itself to construct a wagon road through each settlement. The terms are of the most liberal and satisfactory character. and the advantages which must ultimately accrue to the province will be substantial. Recruiting settlers from the Northwestern States is an excellen move, since families coming from Dakoto, Minnesota and Wisconsin are very much to be preferred to those coming from Europe direct. They are already inured to the hardships of climate and pioneer life, and are, therefore, exactly the material needed to develop the resources of British Columbia. They are farmers, lumbermen and fishermen therefore no more desirable a locality than the Bella Coola could have been selected. Should their new home come up to their expectations-and the Rev. Mr. Sangstadt assures them it will-another batch of three hundred will follow in the spring. They all appear to be "well fixed," and many possess a couple of thousand dollars. Sangstadt held the Lutheran service last the Dominion Hotel, at which several Norwegian citizens attended.

BALL AND CONCERT.

Partial Programme Decided for Lord Aberdeen's Reception.

The committee named at the public meeting held last Saturday to make arrangements for the reception of Lord and Lady Aberdeen met yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the city hall to con-

ed, and the gathering was a decidedly representative one, Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and a large number of repre sentative citizens being present. The lieut.-governor said it was very doubtful that H. M. S. Champion with the distinguished visitors aboard would

arrive before dark, and the formal address of welcome might be made at the drill shed. Mayor Teague said the aldermen were waiting for the committee to map out

a programme before making an appropriation, as they did not know how much was required. Lieut.-Colonel Prior said he hoped the

city would give a ball and make every effort to give the governor-general : hearty welcome. Ald. Munn expressed the opinion that the citizens should pay for the ball them-

selves. The city might make an appropriation for the reception, but a subscription list should be taken around for the Senator Macdonald said that if the city gave \$500 the sale of tickets in

addition would give sufficient money for a creditable ball. Mr. Justice Crease agreed with the senator, and Major Dupont and Lieut.-Col. Prior suggested that the naval officers be guests on the occasion.

Major Dupont said he believed some thing besides a ball should be given. The B. C. B. G. A. band was a good one, and a promenade concert free to all would meet with general approval. Justice Crease moved that the council 1,870 place \$700 at the disposal of the commit-

was carried. The following committee was named to carry out the arrangements for the ball: Lieut.-Colonel Prior, Dr. Milne, Ald.

Harris, C. E. Renouf, A. C. Flumerfelt, L. Crease and D. R. Ker. A letter was read from the W. C. T. IJ. stating that Lady Aberdeen had agreed to deliver an address while here, afternoon.

made some touching remarks. He said the last act of the children before retiring was to prey. The interment took place at the Nyack rural cemetery.

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Quoted mroin the wholesate commission me in Boston and New York at presentation of civil the pres Saturday evening-Presentation of civic and societies' addresses in the drill hall, to be followed by a promenade completing arrangements east. The fish could be purchased here for 2c. per pound. Freight in carload lots from Victoria to Minneapolis and St. Paul The following were appointed a decoration and promenade concert committee: Ald. Munn, Ald. Humphrey, T. S. Futcher, A. H. Scaife, A. M. Muir, Major Dupont, Lieut.-Colonel Prior, Dr. Milne. Ald. Keith-Wilson, W. Jensen, George Powell, F. B. Gregory, A. C. Martin. H. Barnard, A. S. Potts, J. H. Falconer and H. E. A. Robertson.

The appointment of the reception committee was left to the mayor. Condensed Disparches.

The Marchioness of Queensberry has lodged a petition for the nullification of her marriage. The case will shortly be heard in chancery.

Then Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

EUROPEA Annual German Frankfort

London, Oct. 22.the Times says that cabinet sat for fir further meetings final decision in remeasures against S Among the measur ed is a strict pres provisions against crimes and crimine that two versions a passage in the livered at the con on Thursday, and ed a lively contro makes the passag sion of confidence talions for which ed would, if requir cessful as whole version makes the pression of the h talions would soc whole battalions. tion is correct, mense increase in which would occ in the reichstag. cial papers omit was mysterious a The annual Ger opened Sunday ev Bornheim, a subu presence of an workingmen. Th ed by 200 delega cluding nearly al bers of the reich ony, Baden and also many Austri

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