

SONGHEES RESERVE
AND KAIEN ISLAND.

It appears to us that a great deal of nervous energy is being wasted in the discussion of the Indian Reserve question during this municipal campaign. The matter has been the football of politicians, municipal and provincial, for a considerable number of years now, and we were about to say that the disposition of the reserve is about as nearly settled as it was a decade since. But that would not be correct. While our municipal fathers and others have been playing with the ancestral home of the Indians, tossing it up on high and catching it dexterously and sending it up again (literally keeping it in the air) and have no doubt hugely enjoyed the perplexity which their juggling has produced upon the minds of the public, the government of Hon. Richard McBride has taken the matter out of all hands and reserved to itself the right to dispose of the reserve to its own satisfaction, and, as will probably appear, to the satisfaction of another party to the transaction.

At the last session of the Provincial Legislature, a bill was introduced "respecting the Songhees Indian Reservation, Vancouver Island." That bill, although it was opposed with determination on the floor of the House by the leader of the opposition, by the representatives of this city and by the opposition generally, finally became law. The government would not listen to the protestations of those who charged that the usurpation of the prerogative of the Legislature was uncalled for, despotic and indefensible—that it was bound to create suspicion that the object of the administration in seeking for such power was inimical to the interests of Victoria. That suspicion will be intensified by revelations as to the manner in which the ministers have dealt with the public patrimony at the point which may be the terminus on the Pacific Coast of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway system. According to the terms of the agreement with the representative of the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, that company is to be endowed with a very handsome estate of ten thousand acres, for which it will be called upon to pay ten thousand dollars. If the company desires to accede to the terms laid before it by the government and the representative of the government or of the railway corporation, as the case may be, it will have received very considerable treatment at the hands of British Columbia. It is talked, there must be something connected with the transaction that is not revealed in the Minute of Council. With the terminus of a railway system with the enormous ramifications and connections of the Grand Trunk situated on Kaien Island, with the Canadian West bound, and rapidly filling up with population, and with Oriental trade rapidly expanding, there should be a city of many thousands on Kaien Island and neighborhood within the space of a comparatively few years. The area of Victoria, with a population which could be easily compressed into half the space, and still there would be ample room for the residents to live and move about freely according to standards established in neighboring cities, is in the neighborhood of five thousand acres. And so it is easily possible to form an approximate idea of the prospective value of the property it is proposed to give away for ten thousand dollars. A reasonable grant for right of way and for terminal purposes no one would offer the slightest objection to, but with taxation piling up year by year to meet the ordinary expenses of government, with necessary public development works denied because there is no money in the treasury, with the burden of education being transferred to the rural districts for the same reason, with no provision being made in accordance with the procedure in other provinces for the establishment of a university—with so much to be done and such an urgent necessity for every provincial resource being wisely and economically administered, it is proposed to practically give away a property which might be made a prolific source of revenue.

And this government which entered into the Kaien Island deal has taken to itself the power to dispose in a summary manner of what will ultimately prove to be the most valuable section of the city of Victoria. While Mayorality and Aldermanic candidates talk in a vague way of what they will do to promote the settlement of the reserve question, it has been enacted that "upon removal by the Dominion government of the Indians from the said land, it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council (which, as we all know, is the government) to dispose of such land, upon such terms and conditions as may be deemed advisable." Thus the disposition of the Songhees reserve is absolutely in the hands of the government which negotiated the Kaien Island deal. And the curious and inexplicable feature of the case is that the City Council, which, served Victoria last year appeared to be favorable to the investment of the McBride government with the power it so arbitrarily assumed. On the 24th of February, 1905, each of the city members of the Legislature received a copy of the following letter:

"Re Songhees Reserve Act, 1905."

"Sir: 'I regard to this bill, I have the honor, by direction, of the Municipal Council, to request that you will be good enough to give the same your

valuable support.

"I have the honor to be,
"Your obedient servant,
"W. J. DOWLER,
"C. M. C."

Another remarkable feature in connection with the passage of that bill, which seemed to be conceived in violation of all the principles of Socialism, was that Messrs. Hawthorthwaite and Williams supported unflinchingly the proposition of the government.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DOCUMENT.

A document, technically termed a "Minute of Council," was presented to the legislature Thursday which, we believe, will be the subject of considerable comment during the present session—and after. The full text of the instrument will be found in another column of the Times to-day. We do not profess to be fully conversant with the import of the document. We merely call the attention of our readers and of the public generally, and especially of the Socialist leader, Mr. Hawthorthwaite, to it. A full recital of the relations of the parties of the various parts to it, and of the relations of the people of British Columbia, whom we suppose to be concerned also in an abstract or direct sense, will be of absorbing interest. The methods by which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company are to be introduced to the coast sections of British Columbia, and placed in possession of a most important and prospectively valuable portion of the public domain, are so extraordinary that we believe we shall be excused from comment until a full ministerial explanation is vouchsafed.

We suppose that a surplus must be acknowledged. The eminent financiers of the McBride government have worked it out, and there can be no appeal against their printed judgment. And yet we are troubled about a certain discrepancy between the statements of the members of the government and the statements of the public accounts. We find upon examination that the balance of liabilities over assets on the 30th of June, 1904, was \$8,764,412.09. On the 30th of June, 1905, the balance of liabilities over assets had increased to \$8,788,229.09. These figures would appear to indicate that our liabilities have increased, that we have added to our debt during the period between the 30th of June, 1904, and the same date of 1905. And yet the surplus is there, we are told. Any member of the opposition who is sceptical may go into the treasury and count it over, if he is sincerely desirous of becoming a convert to the surplus theory. That is, he may not be shown so many bundles of bills or certain accumulations of gold. But he may be convinced by a sight of "something just as good."

It appears to us that the things that really matter, the evils it is in the power of the city council to remedy, are not being touched upon in this campaign at all. What about the thousands of dollars' worth of absolutely useless water meters that have been stuck underground apparently for no other purpose than to gratify the whims of corporation officials. Is that policy to be continued until all the services are equipped with regulators of consumption and until the maximum estimate of the cost has been reached? Now is the time for the ratepayers to be informed upon this matter.

A LUCKY WOMAN.

How Good Health Came to Mrs. Deschamps After Much Suffering.

Mrs. Abraham Deschamps, wife of a well-known farmer at St. Leon le Grand, Que., considers herself a lucky woman. And she has good cause for the following interview with us. "I was badly run down and very nervous. Each day brought its share of household duties, but I was too weak to perform them. My nerves were in a terrible condition. I could not sleep and the least sound would startle me. I tried several medicines and tonic wines, but none of them helped me. In fact I was continually growing worse, and began to despair of ever being well again. One day a friend called to see me and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to do so, and it was not long before they began to help me. I gained in strength from day to day; my nerves became strong and quiet, and after using about a half dozen boxes of the pills I was fully restored to my old-time health and cheerfulness. I now think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills an ideal medicine for weak women."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills feed the nerves with new, rich red blood, thus strengthening and soothing them, and curing such nerve troubles as neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis and locomotor ataxia. These pills cure also all troubles due to poor and watery blood, including the special ailments of women. Get the genuine with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around each box. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

—Before the Full court on Monday an application was made for an appeal to the Privy Council in the Hopper-Dunsmuir case. Argument also took place as to costs in the same case. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., Sir Charles H. Tupper, K. C., and Dr. Rogers appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs, and E. F. Davis, K. C., and S. P. Luxton, K. C., for the defendant. The court granted the application for an appeal, but the question of costs reserved judgment.

PROCEEDINGS OF
THE LEGISLATUREBILL PUT THROUGH
AT FIRST SITTING

Municipal Clauses Act Amended to Conform to the New Date of Election.

Victoria, Jan. 11th, 1906.

Visitors to the legislature to-day were given the opportunity of seeing a bill put through every stage, even to the Lieutenant-Governor's assent. This was an act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act. The bill was one which required expedition in passing, as it affects the various municipalities whose elections are now coming on. Last year the Municipal Elections Act was amended, fixing the date of election later than it was formerly. At the same time the Municipal Clauses Act, fixing the date for the first meeting of the new council, was not altered. In consequence the council was required to meet before elected. The amendment introduced to-day rights this and fixes the first meeting so as to conform to the new municipal election date.

The bill was introduced by the attorney-general at the request of John Oliver. The rules were suspended, no objection raised, and the bill put through all its stages without opposition. His Honor then returned to the chamber and gave assent to it.

The opening was referred to briefly in yesterday's Times. His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere entered the chamber, attended by his private secretary, Mr. Musket; his aide-de-camp, Capt. B. Drake, and a personal staff of about 35 officers, representing the navy, the army and the local militia. There were absent from their places: Mr. Hail, J. Murphy, S. Jones, Hon. F. Carter, Cotton, W. J. Bowser, John Harrison, Critchell, J. Gordon, Dr. Young, Alex. McDonald and William Manson. The last named entered later, and was introduced to the Speaker amid the applause of the government side.

Among those who occupied prominent places on the floor of the House were: His Grace Archbishop Oth, His Lordship Bishop Perrin, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, J. Wulfsch, of Vancouver, German consul; M. Moutkawa, Vancouver Japanese consul; Chas. McIntosh, ex-Lieut.-Governor of the Northwest Territories; Senator Macdonald, Col. Prior, Judge Harrison, and J. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police. Seated side by side in rear of the opposition sat two former attorney-generals of the province, D. M. Eberts and A. E. McPhillips.

As usual there were a large number of ladies present, including the wives of the members and their friends. A number of the members from outside of Victoria are accompanied by their wives this winter, and these added to the new faces present at the ceremony. Mrs. Macdonald, of Rossland, the wife of the leader of the opposition, was among these latter who graced the opening to-day.

Punctually at 10 o'clock the Speaker and members began to file into the chamber from the lobby. Shortly after the brilliant uniforms of the Lieutenant-Governor's staff appeared at the main entrance, and took up their positions, followed by His Honor.

After the address had been read His Honor retired and the chair was taken by Speaker Pooley.

Prayers were read by Bishop Perrin. The clerk read the House, then Hon. F. Carter, read the return for the by-election in Alberni.

W. Manson, the member elect, was then introduced, and the regular business proceeded with.

On motion of the premier the formal resolutions relative to standing committees, printing the proceedings and the dire results of conviction for corrupt proceedings at election were submitted.

The attorney-general moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce a bill entitled an act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act already referred to. Hon. F. Carter explained that it was thought necessary to pass the bill through all its stages at once.

John Oliver, on whose initiative the bill was introduced, concurred in this. It passed its first and second readings, and was committed with T. W. Paterson in the chair.

The report of the committee was adopted, and the bill passed its third reading.

His Honor then returned to the House and gave the bill his assent so that it became law in less than fifteen minutes after its introduction.

The attorney-general gave notice of a bill to amend the B. C. Securities Act, which was read a first time. J. H. Hawthorthwaite proposed to introduce a bill to grant the franchise to women.

The Speaker ruled him out of order, notice being required before such a bill could be brought in.

Hon. R. F. Green presented a return to the House relative to the land concession to the Grand Trunk Pacific for terminal purposes.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow presented the public accounts for the year.

On motion of Premier McBride it was agreed that the government should be considered on Monday next. W. C. Wells asked if the government agreed that the speech of His Honor had sent a representative to Ottawa to attend the forestry convention now in session at Quebec. This was a most important gathering, and the subject was one closely connected with British Columbia's interests. He thought the province should be represented at that convention, the results of which were likely to be great.

The Speaker intimated that this question could not be asked without notice being given.

Premier McBride expressed his readiness to answer the question, so that it was allowed.

The premier read that arrangements had been made by the government by which ample representation would be made. Hon. Mr. Green, who had been

invited to attend, found it impossible to do so, but R. M. Palmer, provincial statistician, would arrive in time to attend and take a part in the proceedings. Others from the province would take a part in it also. The government was anxious that the best results should attend the convention. In Mr. Palmer they had one who was well qualified for the position.

Mr. Wells was well satisfied with the announcement. The convention was a very important one, and the preservation of the forests of British Columbia was of the greatest importance to the province.

The House then adjourned until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

John Oliver on Monday will move the following resolution:

"That an order of the House be granted for the return forthwith of copies of all orders in council, agreements, grants, maps, letters, telegrams or other papers in possession of the government relative to the acquisition by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. of lands at Kaien Island or elsewhere in British Columbia, whether for right-of-way, terminal or townsite purposes, or by way of subsidy."

By John Oliver on Tuesday, will move the following resolution:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return showing the number of timber licenses granted under the authority of section 8 of the chap. 20, 1904, together with the area and location of the lands covered by such licenses, the time for which such licenses were issued, the amounts received in each case, the name of the licensee, and also showing the licenses for which new fees have been applied for under the provisions of sub-section 2 of section 3, chap. 38, 1905."

By John Oliver on Wednesday, will move the following resolution:

"That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between the government or any member thereof, and any other person relative to alleged defective cattle guards along the line of the New Western Southern Railway."

Sessional Notes.

There were an unusual number of absentee members yesterday. Nearly a dozen desks were vacant. They included Dr. Young, of Athol, Messrs. Carter Cotton and Bowser, of Vancouver; Messrs. Jones and Murphy, of Cariboo; Critchell, of Nelson; and Tonopah. The latter member was in the city, but refused to be "battered" to make the premier's holiday.

James Murphy, who sits for Cariboo, but whose residence is at Armstrong, Okanagan, reached the city last evening. Mr. Murphy disposes of so much per to the five hundred thirty-burgers of Armstrong and the hundreds of apple growers in the municipality of Spallumcheen, in which Armstrong is situated. When Mr. Murphy wanted a constituency he mounted a cayuse and sought a seat in Cariboo. His colleague from Cariboo, Mr. Jones, accompanied him as far as Vancouver, but stayed over there for a few days.

The courtly Speaker unconsciously incurred the deep displeasure of many of the ladies present. After His Honor had given his assent to the municipal bill and had withdrawn, the Speaker, Mr. Hawthorthwaite sprang to his feet and asked leave to introduce a bill conferring the franchise on women. He was met by approving glances, directed in the direction of the member for Kamloops, who was suddenly changed to scowls of horror as Mr. Speaker muttering what seemed to be malediction, fled from his seat. The reason for his precipitous flight was that at that moment later His Honor entered and took the vacant chair.

Promotion comes rapidly to some members. After the introduction of the bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act, the Speaker, a gentleman, guided by a general sweep of the arm which the premier employed in directing him to his seat, walked down the ministerial benches and modestly sank into the vacant chair of the first minister. The post of premier has always hitherto been left to W. J. Bowser.

The bill which Mr. Hawthorthwaite vainly endeavored to introduce yesterday provides that every woman, married or spinster, of twenty one years or more, shall have the same privilege with regard to the franchise as mere men. This bill will be introduced on Monday.

MCBRIDE WOULD SELL OUT.

Lays a Proposition Before Dominion Government For Disposition of Provincial Fisheries.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Dominion government has now before it a proposition from Premier McBride to buy out whatever interests the province has in the fisheries. This includes the hatchery which the province has built on the Fraser river. The matter has not yet come under consideration, but it will one of these days. This is the result of Mr. McBride's visit to Ottawa.

There is no truth in the report that the Dominion is going to stop granting licenses to United States citizens under the modus vivendi.

MISERABLE NIGHTS.

Nothing so demoralizes an infant as to enslave the parents as to take a cross or wakeful baby from the bed and walk him up and down the floor during the night. The baby cries because it is not well—generally because its stomach is sour, its little bowels congested and its skin hot and feverish. Relieve this and baby will sleep soundly all night, growing stronger and better every day. Just what mothers need to keep baby healthy and make him sleep soundly is Baby's Own Tablets, which cure all stomach, bowel and teething troubles and thus promote natural health-giving sleep. Mrs. Wm. Holmby, of Brockville, Ont., says: "My baby was troubled with stomach and was constipated most of the time, and was always cross and restless. I gave him Baby's Own Tablets and found them a complete success and would not be without them. You can get Baby's Own Tablets from any druggist, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

—E. P. Wall, who was among the candidates in the field for the aldermanic honors, has retired from the contest.

NOMINATION
OF CANDIDATESPOLLING WILL TAKE
PLACE ON THURSDAY

Two Aspirants For Mayorality, Twenty-One For Aldermanic and Ten For Trustee Honors.

The municipal nominations took place Monday, and everyone now is in the thick of the contest. The candidates, however, made a somewhat belated appearance, many applying for their papers only in time to save the fatal limit.

This year the total number of voters is somewhat in excess of last year, the number on the mayor's list showing 4,131, as compared with 4,061 on the previous occasion.

The voters for school trustees are the same as those for the office of mayor.

In the wards the number of voters is also in excess of last year. A comparative list follows: 1905, North Ward, 2,077; South Ward, 1,313; Centre Ward, 745; 1906, North Ward, 2,040; South Ward, 1,324; Centre Ward, 697.

The polling places are the following: For mayor and school trustees, the police court, city hall.

For alderman, North Ward, room No. 9, market buildings; Centre Ward, room No. 7, market buildings; South Ward, room No. 1, market buildings.

Polling will take place on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The returning officer for the city is W. W. Northcott. The deputy returning officers are the following: For mayor, W. Dalby; school trustees, Jas. Bell; aldermen, North Ward, H. H. Hobbs; Centre Ward, T. G. Raynor; South Ward, G. H. Maynard.

The candidates are as follows:

MAYOR.

Chas. Hayward, contractor—Proposer; L. Goodacre, seconder, Capt. Grant.

Alfred James Morley, merchant—Proposer; Geo. P. Weller, seconder, Sidney Shore.

ALDERMEN.

North Ward.

Dr. Lewis Hall, dentist—Proposer, Capt. W. Grant; seconder, Fred Norris. Edward Bragg, contractor—Proposer, James Baker; seconder, Wm. Turpel.

Frederick Davy, secretary—Proposer, P. A. Babbington; seconder, A. Sheret.

Wm. F. Fullerton, carpenter—Proposer, J. D. McNeven; seconder, A. Brakes.

Wm. J. Hanna, undertaker—Proposer, W. J. Mable; seconder, K. D. Finlayson.

David Sprague, oil merchant—Proposer, Thos. W. Paterson; seconder, John G. Cox.

George Penketh—Proposer, W. J. Mable; seconder, J. Greenhalgh.

Cent.

E. H. Anderson, cl.—Proposer, F. A. Pauline; seconder, Simon Leiser.

John P. Elford, contractor—Proposer, Ernest Smith; seconder, B. S. Oddy.

L. J. Quinlan, gentleman—Proposer, Richard Hall; seconder, A. J. W. Bridgman.

Lawrence Goodacre, butcher—Proposer, Sidney Shore; seconder, John Meakin.

Alexander Stewart, monumental dealer—Proposer, John Piercy; seconder, Simon Leiser.

James Stuart Yates, barrister—Proposer, J. G. Hay; seconder, Harrie G. Ross.

H. E. Levy, hotel keeper—Proposer, Joshua Kingham; seconder, Robt. H. Swinerton.

William Henry Smith, gardener—Proposer, G. L. Milne; seconder, Joseph Brown.

Francis W. Vincent, accountant—Proposer, H. J. Lawson; seconder, H. J. Scott.

W. A. Douglas, property owner—Proposer, R. Jones; seconder, H. P. Bishop.

Thorton Fell, barrister—Proposer, W. L. Chalonner; seconder, C. A. Holland.

South Ward.

Andrew Blyth, furniture dealer—Proposer, G. L. Milne; seconder, Elliott S. Rowe.

William Brodick, naval contractor—Proposer, D. E. Campbell; seconder, R. B. McKicking.

William Humphrey, gentleman—Proposer, Thos. Shotbolt; seconder, W. G. Cameron.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

A. B. McNeill, insurance agent—Proposer, C. A. Holland; seconder, J. D. McNeven.

R. Mowat, merchant—Proposer, L. G. McQuade; seconder, John Nelson.

Mrs. Margaret Jenkins, housewife—Proposer, J. D. McNeven; seconder, L. Goodacre.

E. Arman Lewis, painter—Proposer, James Forman; seconder, Arthur Forman.

F. J. Riddell, superintendent construction work, B. C. E. R.—Proposer, S. W. Edwards; seconder, W. J. Mable.

Beaumont Boggs, broker—Proposer, M. Henderson; seconder, L. G. McQuade.

Agnes Deans Cameron, spinster—Proposer, J. S. Helmecken; seconder, Robt. Beaven.

John Sam'l H. Mason, broker—Proposer, L. G. McQuade; seconder, C. A. Holland.

Wm. McKay, stonecutter—Proposer, A. J. Bechtel; seconder, Fred. Cauce.

Geo. R. Sulder, contractor—Proposer, Jas. Baker; seconder, C. A. Holland.

It will be seen from the foregoing figures that the number of candidates amounts to the following respectively: For the office of mayor, 2; for school trustees, 10; for aldermen, 22.

REGIMENTAL ORDER.

Issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall, Commanding Officer of the Fifth Regiment.

A regimental order, issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, under date, the 10th January, is to the following effect:

Recruits will parade under Master

The Dress Makers Favorite Spool Silk

Every stitch is a stitch of strength when you sew with BELDING'S SILK. Garments won't rip—seams won't ravel—because Belding's Silk is strong and tough.

Belding's Spool Silk

is best for machine, plain sewing, embroidery and all fancy work because it is the strongest. Made in all shades to match everything you make by hand or machine.

Leading dry goods and fancy goods stores have Belding's Silk.

The Acme of Perfection in the Delicate Art of Tea Blending is only reached after years of patient study and the choice of products from the Richest Tea Gardens of India and Ceylon; resulting in

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35c per lb. and 50c per lb.

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Gunner A. Mulcahy, B. C. U., every Wednesday at 6 p.m., commencing January 17th.

A small class of instruction in musketry, under Regimental Sergt.-Major E. McDougall, will be held on Friday evenings at the drill hall. Members wishing to join this class will parade on January 19th at 8 p.m., when a limited number of recruits will be selected.

Officers commanding companies under the old establishment will immediately return the pay sheets 1904-5 to the acting adjutant.

The regimental efficiency shield, in accordance with the arrangement as to officers' marks is awarded to No. 1 company.

All haversacks will be immediately returned to quartermaster's stores.

THE YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

Election of Officers on Friday Night Followed by Enjoyable Entertainment.

The Yorkshire Society of British Columbia held its annual meeting last Friday night in the A. O. U. W. hall with Col. R. Wolfenden, I. S. O. president, in the chair. The preliminary routine business being gone through, the following were re-elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Col. R. Wolfenden, I. S. O.; vice-presidents, Rev. Canon Beauland, M. A., and H. S. Henderson; secretary-treasurer, Joseph Peterson, J. P., and committee: Ald. W. F. Fullerton, Richard Merritt, W. J. Wriglesworth, Fred Richardson and W. E. Winsby.

Notice was given that at next annual meeting the propriety of reducing the fee of membership to 50c. a year is to be considered, and it was resolved that a central registry of Yorkshire people be opened at the secretary's office, where it is hoped that all Yorkshire folk, whether they become members or not, will call and add their names to the list. The desire is to ascertain about the number of persons hailing from the old country, so that kindred spirits may be put in touch with each other.

The meeting was followed by one of the most pleasing social entertainments ever held, with veteran Col. R. Wolfenden and patriarchal Secretary Pierson apparently rejuvenated for the occasion, laying themselves out to ensure enjoyment for the younger people and joining in the dance. Wm. Beaumont gave one of his good old-time songs. Fred Richardson was there to entertain, whilst Mrs. F. Richardson pleasantly rendered several pieces on the piano. Miss Acton and Miss Luney completely charmed the audience with a duet. Canon Beauland delivered a

short but most interesting address referring to some of the quaint doings and customs of the good old country during the thirteenth century. Mr. Pierson also made a few remarks, urging duty and good fellowship to the discardment of those, too common, foolish stand-off conventionalities.

Dancing ran merrily to the accompaniment of Messrs. A. and J. Loufield, whilst some of the fathers and more sedate part of the company occupied side tables with quiet games and chit-chat. Abundance of refreshments were served during the evening and a surplus was sent to the orphanage.

Amongst those present besides those mentioned above were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Holmes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Humphrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Master Brayshaw, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg and family, Mrs. and Miss Sherburn, Mrs. W. Acton, Mrs. March, Ald. Fullerton, R. Merritt, W. P. Winsby, W. J. Hardaker and R. Margison. The singing of "God Save the King" about 2 o'clock next morning brought to a close the most enjoyable reunion of the season.

NEW LABOR ORGANIZATION.

Burlington, Vt., Jan. 13.—A new labor organization to be known as the International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers was organized here to-day at a convention of 42 delegates representing 7,000 sulphite and paper workers.

The new body, composed of various local unions, have withdrawn from the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, which is allied with the American Federation of Labor. The reason given for the withdrawal is the alleged lack of proper consideration by the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers to the local unions. John Fitzgerald, of Fort Edwards, N. Y.,