HE SONGHEES INDIANS RESERVE

gotiations Still Going on For Settlement of Long Stand. ing Question.

t is understood that the matter of settlement of the Songhees Indian erve merely awaits the selection of a w site for the little village, when the g-standing question will be solved. e Indians have about accepted as a tainty that they must listen to reason the matter of the final relinquishment their old, but now unsuitable, home, d if report is to be believed, they are te prepared to make concessions in er that the exchange may be effected cefully. This state of things is largeowing to common seuse advice which been been instilled into the Indians those to whom they are accustomed look for counsel. And it is underod that Chief Peter entirely coincides h this method of dealing with the tter.

t may be pointed out that the city all along urged its claims to a porn of the reserve as a public park, and ist correspondence had with Minr Sifton on the subject was a letter which he stated that the city's request uld be taken into consideration be e the final transfer of the reserve to provincial government. On the oth hand, it is stated that the Department of Indian affairs has absolutely used to recognize any such claim, and report is true, has advised the setment of the transfer only on the basis t the city treat with the provincial ernment after the latter have acred the reserve.

he basis on which the Dominion ernment have agreed to settle the tter is that the local government shall vide another reserve satisfactory to Indians, and will see them housed, l comfortably installed in their new arters. The balance of the money sing from the sale of the old reserve, er the expenses of re-habilitating the Indians has been deducted, shall be held trust for the Indians, the province ring a reversionary interest in the ney. On these lines the department signified its consent to arrange deals.

everal sites upon which to locate the e have been proposed, but the matt has not, it is stated, yet been put be e the Indians for their decision, and s generally understood that little or difficulty is likely to be encountered securing their consent to their removprovided due care is taken to select ite at once advantageous and of easy ess. One thing seems certain, and is that the Indians are now thorhly satisfied that the position of their sent reserve is altogether anomalous l that they would be better off on d which they could put to use and ich is better adapted to their support n their present holdings.

A GAS-PIPE CINCH.

empt Made to Cheat Quebec Law Examiners.

he Montreal Herald recently had the owing despatch from Quebec:

he examination for the practice of in this province annually affords neone the opportunity to attempt the monstration that the right to practice learned profession can be obtained a man without knowledge or scruples, with brains.

he attempt has been made this year. joiner from Montreal is in trouble in sequence. His name is Guertin. He rived in town yesterday afternoon, soon after his arrival, accompanied an official stenographer from the rt house, visited the latter building, ticularly examining the room occupied by the council of the Bar. The being a legal holiday, the court se was closed, but the court stenophers, who have their typewriting chines in the building, are allowed to re at all hours of the day and in the nings. Last night the stenographer, appears to have had the managent of the scheme, re-appeared at the rt house about 9 o'clock and asked guardian and nightwatchman, who re at the main door, for permission go on the roof of the building with a nd who was anxious to have a view the river St. Lawrence from that ght. The guardian agreed, but on dition that he accompany the stenopher and his friend. This did not the former's purpose, so he offered guardian a ten-dollar bill to allow m to go up alone; but Guardian blet was not to be bribed, and the tographer left, only to return about o'clock, accompanied by Guertin, was then unknown. However, as stenographer stated he was going to room to work, no objection was de, and both men went upstairs. Mr. montier, the judge's stenographer, typewriting in the council room between 10 and 11 o'clock, when he heard oise over the ceiling of the room, as somebody was boring a hole from ve. He immediately went to the n door and notified the guardian. h proceeding up to the garret, they e dumbfounded to meet Guertin feelhis way in the dark, and carrying augur under his arm. The guardian mediately asked him what he was g there, and as he did not receive satisfactory reply, he captured the er, brought him downstairs and ed him in charge of the watchman. urning to the garret, Guardian Drodiscovered that a door had been en down, and that Guertin had succeded in boring a hole through the ceiland right over the table around ch the examiners were to sit to-day select their questions. An iron pipe also been placed in the hole, and scheme was to have either the ographer or somebody else obtain questions by listening at the hole. ge Chauveau was immediately inned of what had happened, and inicted the guardian to keep Guertin his charge until to-morrow morning, n Sheriff Langelier will be in town, will probably lay a charge against accused of damaging public prop. To-day Guertin was brought be the Bar examiners, and admitted, he bored the hole in the ceiling. he did not know who were the ples who engaged him to do the k, the only party he recognized g the official stenographer who had ompanied him and shown him the through the building and up to the et. The stenographer left town morning for the summer.

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

orian Captures Cup and Honors at Vancouver Tournament.

r. J. O'Rielly returned on Sunday ing from Vancouver, where during week he carried off a number of es in the croquet tournament, includ the championship cup. The final lts were as follows:

pen singles—Mr. Neil beat Mrs. Mcane. Mr. O'Reilly beat Mr. Neil, O'Reilly thus winning the chamship of British Columbia. Open s doubles—Mr. Coleman and Mr. rton beat Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Kirk. ladies' doubles—Mrs. Barnard and Harvey beat Mrs. G. D. Johnston Miss Twigge. Handicap singles— Musgrave beat Mr. Coleman. Mr. illy beat Lady Musgrave. Handiladies' doubles—Mrs. C. G. John e and Miss Hammersley beat Mrs. ow and Miss Robertson. Handicap d doubles—Mrs. Barnard and Mr. ge beat Mrs. G. D. Johnstone and Lewis. The handicap men's dou was won on Friday by Mr. Coleman Mr. Averill. Out of the total events onver players captured four events Victoria four events.

Halifax Terminus

Belief That Fast Line Will Call There Both Winter and Summer.

Minister of Justice to Visit British Columbia in September.

Cattle From the South Being Sent to Territories.—Bishop Consecrated.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—(Special)—It is now said that Halifax will be the winter and summer terminus of the new fast Atlantic line, and that Hon. J. I. Tarte was only bluffing when he energetically supported Quebec.

Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, will visit British Columbia next month.

Quebec, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The dry goods firm of Bedard & Ghouillard, of this city, failed on Friday last, and it now transpires that J. E. Bedard, the financial member of the firm, has been missing since Tuesday.

Woodslee, Ont., Aug. 18.—(Special)—John Brown, of Essex, was struck by a fast express and killed.

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—(Special)—Robert and Harold, the young sons of C. R. Rankin, Killarney, Manitoba, were killed by a cave-in at a sand pit yesterday.

Madame Melba, the great vocalist, passed through Winnipeg on Sunday morning en route to Australia.

Work has been started cleaning up the old right-of-way on the Hudson's Bay line, now controlled by the Canadian Northern. The line will be run through to Lake Manitoba.

United States capitalists will build a half million dollar hotel in the city.

A herd of 10,000 cattle from Mexico and 4,500 from Southern Colorado are being brought into the Cypress Hills country, in Assiniboia and Alberta.

The weather is cool, but grain-cutting has commenced in many places today. Ten thousand farm laborers leave the East tomorrow for Manitoba.

Ven. Archbishop Loftus was consecrated bishop of the new diocese of Keewatin on Sunday.

Cassel Maxwell, of Hallond, Manitoba, accidentally received a rifle bullet in the stomach while handling a gun. He may die.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—(Special)—W. Eckhardt, a veteran Torontonian, is dead.

About ten thousand people, it is expected, will leave Ontario this week for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories to engage in harvesting and threshing operations, and to see the country.

Despondent because she believed there was no cure for an illness of long standing, Mrs. Emma Carnaby, a widow, ended her life on Saturday by a dose of carbolic acid.

The musicians of the Toronto and Grand opera houses have settled their grievances, and have decided to return to work.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 18.—Bark Highlands, reported lost off South Africa, with 23 of her crew, including Captain Smith, was owned by Troop & Son, of this city, was 1,234 tons net, and was built here in 1883. The owners say there is no insurance.

London, Ont., Aug. 18.—Hog cholera is prevalent in this district, and several valuable herds have been killed by order of the veterinary surgeons during the past week. It is estimated that over 400 hogs already have been destroyed.

EXHIBITION IN CAPETOWN

South Africans Anxious to Get a Fine Display From Canada.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 18.—The Ottawa Board of Trade is invited to participate in a big exhibition to be held at Capetown from November, 1903, to February, 1904. They may accept, but nothing is yet decided. The management of the exhibition are very desirous to have a large Canadian exhibit.

City Medical Health Officer Law reports that during the year there have been 372 cases of smallpox in Ottawa, 55 being from outside places. There were four deaths, one at the hospital and three being treated at home. The cases were all of a mild type.

City barbers today raised the price of hair-cutting to 25 cents. There is some talk of bringing in outside barbers to oppose the new rates.

Alex. McLaren, M. P., of Stratford, a big cheese exporter, has just returned from London, says Canada is becoming well known in the Old Country, but more advertising should be done. He also advises Canadians to adopt better cold storage system.

Cyrus Atcheson, head master of the Moncton High school, goes to Pretoria as assistant master of the Normal school, and Miss Anna L. Briggs, of Sussex, N. B., will be assistant at either Pretoria or Johannesburg school.

PLUMBERS IN SESSION.

Annual Meeting of the International Association Opens.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 18.—The annual meeting of the United association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas and Steamfitters of the United States and Canada began in the city today. Many of the delegates were delayed by washouts and did not arrive until late. All of the members of the Grand Lodge came in yesterday.

POLES IN GERMANY.

Demonstration in Their Favor in Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 18.—A fervid assemblage of 2,000 Poles here yesterday cheered what was called the Polish demonstration. There was a scene of extraordinary enthusiasm. Herr Wrobel, editor of a Polish newspaper published in Berlin during the course of a speech exclaimed "Prussia will disappear from the map before they succeed in Germanizing the Poles, and destroying their hope of the resurrection of Poland. The new Poland will be not the prey of the aristocracy and clergy, but free, democratic, real." The speaker added that all Germans were the hereditary foes of the Poles, including every political party, even the Socialists.

Tracy seems to be holding out about as well as any of the nation's enemies.

The first duty of the Congress will be to adopt the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

J. P. Morgan never played poker. Do you likewise, young man, and make $1,000,000,000 by your savings.

Alfred Austin will put his next coronation ode on ice and keep the key of the refrigerator in his pockets till after the coronation.

David B. Hill went all the way to Oyster Bay and then didn't see President Roosevelt. Probably the President heard him coming.

BANK WRECKER SENTENCED.

Andrews Gets Fifteen Years With Hard Labor.

Detroit, Aug. 18.—Judge Murphy, in the recorder's court, today sentenced Frank C. Andrews, who was found guilty on Saturday of having mis-appropriated funds of the wrecked City Savings bank, to 15 years at hard labor in Jackson prison. Andrews never winced when sentenced. He was taken back to jail immediately.

CLOSING THE SCHOOLS.

Authorities Gradually Having Their Way.

Brest, France, Aug. 18.—After a long resistance, the closing of the school at Ploudaniel was effected by the authorities today. The school at Gogolet was also closed.

The Temps says that Commandant Le Roy Ledurac, of the 19th infantry, who refused to obey an order to aid in closing unauthorized schools, has been placed under arrest.

After their repulse at the garden wall at the school at Ploudaniel, the commissiaries retired to wait reinforcements. In the meantime Senator Pichon and Counsellor-General Subigou persuaded the defenders of the school to open the doors. After this had been done, the sisters walked to the church, accompanied by the ovations of the crowd. The commissiaries entered the school and made an inventory of the property. They then sealed the doors.

In the course of the rioting two gendarmes were slightly wounded. The leading inhabitants of Ploudaniel have taken the expelled sisters to their homes. Similar, though less violent, scenes attended the closing of the schools and the expulsion of the sisters at Polgoet and Saint Mon.

Salmon Are Still Running

But Catch on Fraser Was Not Large on Sunday Night.

Prince Chen Received In Vancouver—Japanese Fisherman Drowned.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Aug. 18.—Owing to last night being a bright moonlight night the fish avoided the nets. They were running freely in English bay, but were difficult to gill. The average on the river was 20 to the boat. Nine canneries reported as follows: English Bay, average 10; Richmond, average 10; Celtic, average 30; Dinsmore, average 33; Phoenix, average 16; Beaver, average 21; Gulf of Georgia, average 29; Cleeve, average 18; Wellington, average 17.

Prince Chen, of the reigning house of China, is here. In a speech, answering petitions presented by the Chinese Reform association, the prince said he favored the Chinese reform movement in North America.

Another drowning accident on the Fraser river is reported. A Japanese fisherman fell from his boat at Eagle pass cannery and disappeared before he could be rescued.

The crab industry is becoming quite important in Vancouver. A crab cannery, of which no public notice has been taken, is running full blast near the sugar refinery. Ten fishermen supply the cannery, getting 25 cents a dozen for all crabs, caught big or little. Other independent fishermen are making good money by selling direct to hotels and fish depots. One of these fishermen said to the Colonist correspondent that he had come to Vancouver three months ago, and having nothing to do and no friends, was told half jocularly by one man to whom he applied for work, that he had nothing for him, but that no man need be idle in the country. He could go out and catch crabs and make a living. Taking take advice literally, he went out and caught crabs. He caught three dozen in half an hour, and taking them to the Hotel Vaucouver, got 40 cents a dozen for them. This opened his eyes, and he canvassed the city for orders. He has now another man engaged and is doing a large business, selling all he catches at 40 cents. He states that he calculates to catch $5 worth in an hour and a half, and he is so well acquainted with the haunts of the crabs and the best time to catch them, that he could supply five times as large a market as he does.

Y. M. C. A.

World's Congress Will Open in Christiania Today.

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 18.—About 1,000 foreign delegates, representing many nations, are here to attend the Young Men's Christian association, the World's Congress, which will open tomorrow and last until August 24.

INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

Case Against McKenzie & Mann About Elevator.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Judge Falconbridge today gave judgment dissolving the injunction granted some time ago in the case of Jamieson v. Mackenzie & Mann. Plaintiff, who, as a contractor built an elevator for defendants at Fort Arthur, is suing them for $27,000, and sought to have defendants restrained from making changes on the elevator.

REPORT DENIED.

No Attempt Made to Blow Up Emperor's Yacht.

Vienna, Aug. 18.—The report that an attempt had been made to blow up the German Emperor's imperial yacht Hohenzollern, off Reval, Russia, recently, while Emperor William of Germany and the Czar of Russia were on board, originated in an irresponsible newspaper published in Buda Pesth. The story is discredited by all the newspapers of Vienna today, including Neus Wienner, the journal which published the report on August 16.

OBITUARY.

Former Chief Engineer of Grand Trunk —Lady Tupper's Mother.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—E. P. Hannaford, for many years prior to 1896 identified with the Grand Trunk railway as chief engineer, died suddenly about noon today. Since 1896 he had lived a retired life. Mr. Hannaford was one of the best known railway engineers in Canada, and under his regime many of the largest works on the big railway were carried out.

Halifax, Aug. 18.—Jane Mortimore, wife of Chief Justice McDonald, died today, aged 78. She was the mother of Lady Hibbert Tupper.

Weary Willie—"I got put in a good day's work in thirty minutes."

Frayed Fagin—"Explain yerself."

Weary Willie—"Well, I put in six pies, a pan av doughnuts, an' four jars av preserves. Dat's a good day's work for any woman."—Judge.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

L. A. Rostein & Co., 115 Government street, are prepared to loan money from private trust funds, on real estate or mortgage, notes discounted for any amount. All business strictly confidential and no waiting for money.

Murdered By Insane Mother

Coroner's Jury Return the Only Possible Verdict in Saturday's Tragedy.

Touching Tribute Paid to Deceased Girl by Sundy School Workers.

Coroner Hart held an inquest yesterday morning into the death of Pearl Fleming, the particulars of whose awful death at the hands of her demented mother were given in Sunday's paper. The verdict arrived at was the only one possible under the circumstances, that Miss Fleming had been murdered by her mother, who was insane.

At the Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday special reference was made to the tragedy of the previous day. Miss Fleming had been a member and helpful worker both in the church and Sunday school, and the Rev. Mr. Vichert, during the morning service, paid a tribute to the departed, while, instead of the regular Sunday school, gave place to a memorial service. Addresses were made by the superintendent, A. Huggett, and W. Marchant, both bearing tribute to the faithful work done for the school by Miss Fleming during her connection with the church. The two hymns, "Shall We Gather at the River?" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," were sung, and a melancholy interest attached to the singing of these particular verses, inasmuch as they had been sung by the deceased at a picnic of the Sunday school held on the Arm a few days before her untimely tragic death.

The coroner's jury having viewed the remains, the first witness called was Dr. Ernest Hall. Upon being sworn, he stated that on Saturday morning, between 6 and 7, he was called to 34 North Chatham street. He found a number of neighbors there and Mrs. Fleming in bed in a room at the rear part of the house. She was quiet and looked placid. In the sleeping apartment of the mother and daughter, in the front part of the house, on a double bed, which could be approached from either side, he found Pearl Fleming on the left side of the bed. There was no indication of any struggle. The bed clothes were not disturbed, and the disorder in the room was evidently caused by the preparations for the daughter's departure. He found a great mass of blood on the pillow and some on the adjoining wall. He found several slanting wounds about an inch above the left eye-brow. The wounds were about an inch apart, and the skull was fractured. She was living at this time, the pulse being fairly good and bounding. The respiration was irregular, and the surface of the body pale. It was evident she had lost a great deal of blood. She was suffering from compression of the brain. There was not the slightest indication that she had moved about. Witness sent for the ambulance and notified the police. Death occurred just as the ambulance arrived, while Constable O'Leary reached the scene about the time she died.

The witness repeated that there was no evidence that the girl had recovered consciousness. The pillow itself was not disturbed. His opinion was that she had passed from sleep into unconsciousness. He had held a post mortem on the body and found every organ normal outside the condition of the skull and brain. There were eight cuts on the scalp, seven being parallel. There were at least seven distinct blows with a moderately sharp instrument, and the whole left side of the skull was practically smashed in. Seventeen pieces of the skull came out in the post mortem, another oeing quite loose. There had been extensive bleeding. Death was caused by the injuries deceased received. In his opinion the wounds were caused by the sharp side of an axe like the one produced.

He was acquainted with the deceased, and could identify the body. The injuries in any case would have caused death.

To the Chief of Police—Mrs. Fleming was absolutely irrational. She could remember nothing after the time she and her daughter went to bed. She did not recognize Mrs. Graham, and said she thought she was "mamma." She also said she had not slept for 10 weeks. Her conversation was very disconnected, while her manner was that of childish innocence. In answer to questions by witness, she said a "nigger hit her," causing the marks on her head. She further said that "a big thing like a monkey wrench, as bid as a house, pressed down upon papa. Pearl and I tried to lift it up, but could not. There was a great big nigger in the sand pit."

One of the neighbors spoke about Pearl, and Mrs. Fleming said: "I did not want her to go away." Witness asked her when she saw Pearl last, and she replied: "We slept together last night. I told her I wished she did not have to go, and she said she must go." Then Mrs. Fleming said: "I asked that man a while ago how if Pearl should die up there, how would they get her down to her papa?"

Witness had asked her what she did with the axe, and she said: "I did not see an axe since yesterday." Witness then asked what she had done to Pearl, and she replied: "The porridge in the back of my head stirred me up. Many nights have I had to put my head down to let the porridge stir and stir." Her hands were stained with blood. The blood on her head was caused by slight cuts which might have been done as she was lifting the axe to strike.

Dilmore Graham, of 36 North Chatham, the next witness, was acquainted with the deceased, who lived next door. He also knew the mother, who had lived alone with her daughter the last few months. On Saturday morning about 20 minutes to 6 he heard intermittent knocking at his back door. He arose and, looking, saw Mrs. Fleming running up and down in her nightdress, brandishing the axe (produced) and shouting "Oh! Oh! Oh!" Witness returned to his room and dressed, coming out with Mrs. Graham. Mrs. Fleming continued to run up and down the yard. Mrs. Graham shouted: "Put the axe down" and Mrs. Fleming rushed away, falling as she did so. Witness picked up the axe and hid it, Mrs. Graham at the same time catching hold of Mrs. Fleming. The latter was excited and said she "wanted to make a hole to get into it." His wife asked where Pearl was, and Mrs. Fleming gazed wildly about and cried, "Pearl! Pearl! Papa wanted her and I killed her." There were blood-stains on Mrs. Fleming's night dress.

Mr. Pickard, who arrived on the scene, went for a doctor, and witness called Mr. Agnew, who asked Mrs. Fleming what had become of Pearl, and received the same answer as Mrs. Graham. Mr. Agnew went into the house and, returning, told them what had occurred. Mrs. Fleming was quieted down shortly afterwards and taken into the house. Witness then went into the deceased's room. She was lying very quietly and breathing. He saw a mass of blood on her head and pillow, but not the slightest indication of a struggle. The doctor and police arrived shortly afterwards. Witness saw Miss Fleming about 8 o'clock the night before. She was very cheerful, and talked about going away the next day. He saw Mrs. Fleming previous to the evening, either Friday morning or Thursday evening, he wasn't sure. He had seen Mrs. Fleming quite frequently. She was often melancholy, but apparently all right when he saw her last before the murder.

Mrs. Graham was next sworn. She had known Miss Fleming about four years. She last saw her alive on Friday evening about 8 o'clock, when she came in to say good-bye. During the hot spell last week she said to witness, "I'm so sorry the re-opening of school has been postponed, for I shall be glad to get away from mamma. I don't know what to do with her." She then told witness of her mother asking her to lie down with her and die together. On Friday Mrs. Fleming was in witness' house and talked rationally. She complained of her head troubling her and said, "Sometimes it feels as if it would burst." Witness afterwards saw her walk up and down the yard holding her hand to her head. Then she disappeared down the cellar.

The witness added that Miss Fleming had advised her not to let her daughter go in and stay with her mother for anything, and it was quite evident she was afraid of her.

Coroner Hart, in summing up, pointed out to the jury that the present case permitted of there being no doubt as to the manner of the girl's taking off, and of necessity a verdict against the mother must be returned, as the law presupposes that such crimes, when committed by people who were afterwards adjudged insane, were done in lucid intervals. Another jury would decide the question of criminal responsibility. After a short consultation, the jury returned a verdict as indicated above.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the remains of the dead girl were removed from the rooms of W. J. Hanna to the late home on North Chatham street, where a short service was held. Thence the cortege proceeded to Emmanuel Baptist church, when the Rev. Mr. McEwen, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Blyth, conducted services. The church was crowded to overflowing. The choir, with Mr. Hitt as organist, assisted with appropriate music. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Percy Noot, Ernest Gallop, F. G. Hitt, Harry Wilson, Russell Wescott and Percy Marchant. Many beautiful floral emblems were presented.

Re-Opening Of Public Schools

Commencement Day Exercises at South Park as Usual Very Interesting.

Prospects That All City's Schools Will Be Crowded This Term.

Yesterday was "commencement day" for the city's graded schools, and the renewal of the struggle on the part of superintendent and teachers as to how to make the pint school accommodations absorb the gallon school attendance. From all three of the main schools of the city yesterday came the first note of warning to the ratepayers that before another six months additions will have to be made to the teaching staff and more class rooms provided. This term has seen an addition of three teachers to the pedagogic forces under the direction of Supt. Eaton, which gives three more classes at the Central school. But it is very probable that one or two of the class rooms of the just completed High school may have to be borrowed in order to ease the pressure in the adjacent old buildings.

Returns of the attendance from the principals of the schools was not available yesterday, the staff being more concerned with organizing the pupils than with their enumeration, but both North Ward, Central, and South Park report a larger number present yesterday than is usual at the opening of the term, with every indication that as soon as known absentees are reported present there will be the old cry for more room.

The opening day was not observed with any particular formalities at either of the two first-named schools, but at South Park it was different. At 2 p. m. South Park school held its annual commencement day exercises in the assembly room of the school. Among the many present were City Superintendent Eaton, Trustees Drury and Mrs. Jenkins, ex-Mayor Redfern, Mr. Starr and Mr. Samuel Baxter.

A short programme was rendered by Wilhelmina Baxter and Jean Goodman Roberts, piano; Francis John Armstrong, violin; and Georgina Bebbington, vocal.

The following 20 pupils from this school succeeded in passing the recent High school entrance examination, (names in order of merit):

Wilhelmina Baxter, Eugene Stanislaus Lopatecki, R. Winifred Josephine Gabriel, David Wm. McKay, Constance Amy Hildige, Jean Goodman Roberts, Fritz Homan, Evelyn May Abbey, Maurice Foster Burham, Joseph Henry Lawry, Francis Jno. Armstrong, Grace Eleanor Cross, Gilbert Lancaster Sparrow, Robert S. R. Whyte, Marion Constance Kains, Loretta Banner, Nelson Scott, Geo. Herbert Pottinger, Leon Dassonville, Ethel Pearl Davis.

The presentation of their entrance certificates was made by City Superintendent Eaton, who told the graduates of look forward to hard and earnest work in the High school.

The principal presented volumes of Shakespeare to certain of the first division pupils, Trustee Mrs. Jenkins handing the successful pupils their prizes, and accompanying each prize with a kindly word of encouragement and good cheer. The prize list follows:

First Division—Wilhelmina Baxter, first in proficiency, arithmetic and bookkeeping, Canadian history, geography and drawing; Eugene Stanislaws Lopatecki, second in proficiency, first in reading, literature, nature study and hygiene; Winnifred Josephine Gabriel, third in proficiency, first in English grammar and composition; David William McKay, fourth in proficiency, second in algebra; Constance Amy Hildage, first in British history, second in Canadian history; Jean Goodman Roberts, first in spelling, second in drawing; Fritz Homan, first in algebra; Evelyn May Abbey, second in writing; Maurice Foster Barham, English literature; Joseph Henry Lawry, second in nature study and hygiene; Francis John Armstrong, English literature; Grace Eleanor Cross, second in reading; Gilbert Lancaster Sparrow, algebra; Robert S. R. Whyte, algebra, arithmetic and bookkeeping; Marion Constance Kains, drawing; Loretta Banner, second in writing; Nelson Scott, geography; Leon Dassonville, first in reading; Ethel Pearl Davis, first in reading, second in writing; Mildred A. E. Sweet, first in writing; Walter Clifton Cameron, second in British history; Winnifred Violet Redfern, second in reading.

Provincial Rolls of Honor—Proficiency, Wilhelmina Baxter; deportment, Fritz Homan; regular attendance, Francis John Armstrong and Robert S. R. Whyte.

Other presentations were made. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P., has placed a fine picture of the King and Queen on the school walls; and Mr. Redfern, with his usual generosity has promised to duplicate next year the 1902 Redfern medal.

An honor roll board will be a new South Park feature. On it will appear the names of all the head pupils since the inception of the school.

"The" feature of the afternoon's function was the presentation of the Governor-General's medal and the Redfern medal to Wilhelmina Baxter, daughter of Samuel Baxter, provincial inspector of boilers and machinery. The presentation was made by H. D. Helmcken, K. C., M. P. P., who in his own kindly and whole-souled way gave to the whole school a word of good cheer.

During the eight years South Park school has been in existence, it has won four out of the eight medals presented, the former winners of this honor being Ethel Eleanor Devlin, Fanny Gill C. Pope, and Mabel Agnes Cameron.

In the last three departmental examinations a South Park pupil has headed the whole province; at last midsummer, Mabel Agnes Cameron; at Christmas, James Henry Gordon, and now again, Wilhelmina Baxter.

With the Board Of Aldermen

The Weekly Session of the City Council Held Last Night.

Attention Directed to Claim of Land Jumping at Ross Bay.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

"The minutes of our last meeting are the longest on record," was the remark of His Worship to the assembled aldermen last night. "Take them as read," came the response, and accordingly the board passed on to the more immediate business of the evening.

The first business on file was a letter from the Commissioner of Immigration for the province of Manitoba, who advised the aldermen of the approaching visit of the party of British journalists, as given in Sunday's Colonist, and asking the Mayor and Council to do the amiable as might appear necessary.

His Worship—These are a party of leading British journalists.

Ald. Yates (sotto voce)—Are they a desirable class of visitors?

Ald. Williams moved, and it was carried, that the matter be referred to the Mayor and the editors of the two city papers perchance with power to act.

R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., wrote as follows:

SEA INSURANCE COMPANY.

We acknowledge your notice of the 29th ult., to this company, as also to other marine companies that we represent, asking for a license fee for the half year ending 15th January, 1903, and amounting to $10. We must advise that this is the first intimation that we, as agents, or our companies, have ever received of such a charge. Before we can pay the same it will be necessary that we submit the matter to our respective offices, and in doing so, we should be furnished with a copy of the Act, or the resolution of your board making the charge compulsory, and we would ask you to kindly send us such a document for each company for whom we have received a notice, to whom we must send the same before we can assume any liability in the matter.

As the business of our offices is small (especially that portion entirely emanating and terminating in this city) we are inclined to think they will demur at the charge, and probably withdraw from writing such lines.

Our understanding and opinion has always been that the license we pay as commission and insurance agents, quite justifies us in conducting marine agencies, which do a very much smaller business than fire companies. As the insurance is practically not Victoria business individually, we think the tax you ask for is inconsistent. We feel that we must also point out in making a specific charge of this nature against marine insurance companies, it is a direct charge against the commerce of our city, and is one which will tend to depreciate it. It is usually the aim of corporations to induce marine insurance companies to establish agencies, for the purpose of securing merchants, banks and all interested in commerce, with such security as they require to enable them to secure protection in the different classes of adventure they are interested in, which tends to bring custom and finance to our shores, and which, without the facilities of marine insurance, would scarcely be undertaken.

We might add that this is the first instance we have been asked for a direct city tax or license, and we have marine agencies at Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Wash.; Tacoma, Wash.; Vancouver, Nanaimo, New Westminster, and in this city.

After consideration of these facts, we trust to learn the charge will be rescinded by your goodselves.

We remain your faithfully,

R. P. RITHET & CO. LTD.
R. SMARDOON,
Vice-President.

From Joseph Loewen came an offer of the lot on Pandora street above Douglas, for the sum of $2,500, as a site for the Carnegie library. Laid on the table.

The James Bay Athletic association thanked the corporation for the attendance of the City band at the reception of the association's four-oared crew. Filed.

A. J. Payne wrote, asking that the repairs on Toronto street be carried out before wet weather set in. Received and nied.

E. North reported the dangerous state of the sidewalk on Victoria Crescent. City engineer will report.

E. M. Johnson wrote re lot of the Beswick estate, next to the City hall, and stating that he was now able to offer the same for $8,500. Laid on the table, to be considered with other site propositions.

The condition of an alley on the Work Estate between First and Second streets was pointed out by George W. Anderson. The city engineer will report as to cost of repairs.

A. Toller offered further suggestions as to the water supply on the high levels as follows:

1. Referring to Mr. Raymur's communication of a week ago, with reference to water on higher levels, "that it would only supply a portion of the high levels." This I hold is absolutely incorrect and misleading, for the 50,000 gallon reservoir would supply 417 people at 120 gallons apiece, or say 100 families at least, which would be very many more than we have up on the higher levels; it would do this and have lots of water to spare.

2. Mr. Raymur says "the reservoir could not be instaled until the rainy season." This is incorrect, for the rainy season will not commence for three months, for statistics show that the rainy season does not commence until the 1st of December, taking an average of 19 years, and the reservoir would not take more than three weeks at the most to erect and put in order (as I have the figures with me now to that effect) that, about the rainy season has been the "put off" for the last ten years and more.

3. Mr. Raymur says, "I would advise putting this off until next year." Now, where is the advantage in this? Next year we shall be very much worse off than this, and the demand for water will be greater and the supply less.

4. Mr. Raymur "would not recommend the Council to build a reservoir on leased land." Well, that's good, but if the Council have no money and the people will not vote money for complete overhauling, costing say ¾ millions, we are in the same condition as when we started, when for less than $2,000 the reservoir, as suggested, would give complete satisfaction, not only to the higher but lower levels, for when the reservoir was filled by pumping through the night, the lower levels would be left with all the power throughout the day.

The commissioner has, for the last five years, promised us an improvement in the supply on the higher levels, with just the opposite result. Five years ago we had a good supply and could sprinkle our gardens; now we have none at all for sprinkling purposes. Three years ago I was urged to put in a tank costing upwards of $184, and now I am urged to put in a new pipe; the end will be the same, no water. The water is full of sediment, which quickly stops up the pipe; my tank has to be cleaned out every six months, being coated with mud in consequence of the water being imperfectly filtered. What we need is a 50,000 gallon reservoir on leased land for the time being, costing less than $2,000. This would give an ample supply of water to higher levels, and would supply the whole of the people on the higher levels with all the water necessary and could be erected in less than three weeks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT TOLLER.

The city clerk advised the council that he had received the ordinances of Los Angeles city, bearing on bicycles, and that there was in it nothing compelling riders to carry lamps. This letter was laid on the table.

The city solicitor recommended the following investigations:

RE REMOVAL OF SAND, ETC., FROM BEACH.

I desire to recommend that the city engineer with Mr. Hargreaves, be forthwith instructed to prepare for the Council a plan showing the position of the roadway and lands along the coastline on the Straits from the Dallas hotel to the city boundary on Foul Bay, and showing and reporting upon the following particulars:

The original title to the land on which the roads were made; when and by what authority the roads were made; the boundaries of the coast line as shown on the original title deeds or the official plans, with proper references to dates and whereabouts of the deeds and plans; also showing any encroachments made on the sea front by the action of the sea, and any interference by owners or others with the original space dedicated or left for roadway.

With regard to the lands granted to or owned by the city, these should be specially shown. The plan should give the approximate level without survey, of the cliff or land above highwater mark and, where the highway immediately abuts on the shore, should show (without survey) approximately the grade and extent of the beach to low water mark, and the nature of the sea boundary, whether shingle or rock. And any information to place on record for all time what now is the protection to the highway and shore line against encroachments from the sea.

Mr. Bradburn stated in explanation that there would not be any difficulty about the water front of the Park, but from Clover Point to Foul Bay more than half of the roadway had been recently taken up by private owners.

Ald. Cameron was in favor of the idea, but would like to know what it would cost. He therefore moved that the city engineer report as to the approximate cost of the investigation. Carried.

The city engineer reported as follows:

1. Communication from O. F. Goldsmith re drainage nuisance on Dallas road from Erie street southerly, a distance of 125 feet. On looking over the locality in question I find a short piece of box would be a great convenience. I would therefore recommend the work to be done. Estimated cost $20.

2. Communication from A. J. Morley, secretary Voters' League, asking that the system of underground wiring be taken into consideration across James Bay causeway. I may say this matter has been under consideration for at least nine months, and all companies have promised to meet the wishes of the city in every particular except the trolly wire, which, of course, cannot be avoided. I would therefore recommend that the Voters' League be informed accordingly.

3. I have the honor to report the plans and specifications of the superstructure of the proposed steel bridge at Point Ellice, which were handed to me by Mr. H. C. Bell, are now complete, and in my opinion, ready for the inviting of tenders.

The city carpenter reports and recommends the renewal of the following plank sidewalks:

McClure street, east side, between South Park and Superior streets. Estimated cost $52.

Chatham street, north side, from Quadra easterly. Estimated cost $268.

Chatham street, south side, between Quadra and Cook streets. Estimated cost $296.

The first of these items were adopted and the balance were referred to the Streets committee.

The sanitary inspector recalled the fact that some months ago he had reported several old shacks as being unsanitary, since which time he had heard nothing in that connection. A conference with the owners will be forthwith called.

The Finance committee, in connection with the proposed incorporation of the Home for the Aged and Infirm Women, recommended the donation of $25 to the funds of the home.

The Finance committee reported accounts amounting to $1,562, which were ordered paid.

A second report from the same committee recommended the payment of $500 out of the Point Ellice bridge loan funds for plans prepared by H. P. Bell.

The report of the Streets and Bridges committee was then read. This covered the business transacted at the meeting last Friday, and which has already been reported in these columns. The report was adopted.

This exhausted the business of the evening, and the council adjourned.

NEW DESKS DELAYED.

Opening of High School Next Monday, But Ceremonies Postponed.

Yesterday reorganization was about completed at most of the city schools, but it will be a few days yet before all are shaken down again into the regular routine of school work.

It now transpires that owing to the non-arrival of the desks and other furniture for the High school, that institution when opened next week will in all probability have to commence work with a complement of old desks borrowed from the former High school building for the time being. It is the intention of the trustees to mark the formal opening of the new building by an appropriate state function, but this will have to be postponed until the new furniture has been installed, as it would hardly look comme il faut to hold a house-warming except with new furniture in evidence.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Annual Fete of Ladies' of St. Saviour's, Victoria West.

"Wolston," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Penwill, James street, off Esquimalt road, was the scene yesterday of the annual garden fete of the ladies of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West. A prettier place for such an event could not be found in this city of beautiful homes, the grounds overlooking the harbor and straits, with Work Point barracks for a background. There was a good attendance during the afternoon, and the various stalls were well patronized, particularly that at which ice cream was dispensed by Mrs. Penwill. The other stalls were: Work stall, in charge of Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Jenkinson and Mrs. Nicholson; candy, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Sladen; flowers, Mrs. Barnard and the Misses Loewen; and tea, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss K. Gaudin.

In the evening a concert was given by the Cecilian orchestra.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Among the guests at the Vernon hotel is Mr. George H. Thomas, of Liverpool, England, a son of William Thomas, founder