PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Sixth Parliament.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, March 1, 1893.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Prayers by Rev. Canon Beanlands.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MR. MARTIN from the Private Bills committee reported the following bills: An Act to incorporate Whetham college. An Act to incorporate the Masonic Temple Association of Victoria, B.C.

QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

MR. EBERTS asked Mr. Speaker's ruling on the following question of procedure: Has the Private Bills committee any power to make any material alteration in a bill before it without giving due notice of the same to all parties interested who may then be present?

MR. SPEAKER after some discussion decided that the committee had not.

The report was withdrawn.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE REPORT.

MR. BOOTH, from the Railway committee, reported the preamble proved of a bill to incorporate the Nakusp and Slocan railway, and submitted the same with amendments. They also drew attention to section 5, which seemed to ask for privileges not contemplated in the notice, and recommended, in the interests of the public, that these privileges be granted.

RULED OUT OF ORDER.

The petition of John Riggs was ruled out of order.

REVELSTOKE TOWNSITE LANDS.

MR. KELLIE moved, seconded by Mr. Cotton, "That whereas no satisfaction can be obtained relating to the purchase or pre-emption of lands in the Twenty-Mile belt; and whereas the inactive policy of the Dominion Government is retarding the settlement of lands in Kootenay; and whereas purchasers of lots made seven years ago in the Revelstoke townsite have been unable, through litigation, to perfect titles to said lots; therefore be it resolved, that an humble address be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to take such steps as will best promote the settlement of said lands, and allow purchasers to perfect titles to said lots in Revelstoke."

MR. KELLIE said that he brought this resolution up in this way for the purpose of getting some information on the matter. The fact was that parties who had tried to get land in the townsite, parties who bought from the Dominion, were unable to perfect their titles. They could not acquire property by purchase or pre-emption, or in any other way, and wished to have the difficulties which were in the way removed as soon as possible. He was sure the Government would do all in its power in this matter, and could assure hon. members of the House that anything done in this direction would be received as a great service by people in that section of the Province.

HON. MR. DAVIE in the course of his remarks said that there was not much more to add to what had been said upon this subject in the debate on the address to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and subsequently. At that time he took occasion to say that the House would be asked to provide the money necessary to uphold the rights of the Province as against the claims of the Dominion before the proper tribunal, the Privy Council. As was stated at that time, the Dominion Government was assuming the status of a freeholder and had undertaken to give grants of land in the Revelstoke townsite and elsewhere in Her Majesty's name. So far as the present motion went, he presumed that the purchasers referred to in it, were purchasers from the Dominion Government. The reason why those land titles could not be registered was that a Crown patent had already been issued by the Province to Mr. Farwell. No steps had been taken to have this patent rescinded, and so long as it was in existence no other title could be registered. Last year an action was begun by the Dominion Government to have this title rescinded, but the judgment of the Exchequer court, in which the case was tried, had not yet been given. When it was given there was little doubt it would be taken further, either by the Dominion Government or by Mr. Farwell. In conclusion, he hoped, now that the information had been obtained, the motion would not be pressed.

The motion was withdrawn.

B. C. SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

MR. SMITH moved the second reading of the bill to amend the B. C. Southern Railway Incorporation act; bill read a second time, to be committeed to-morrow.

RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.

MR. CROFT moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Red Mountain Railway.

HON. MR. BEAVEN suggested that the method of granting railway charters was wrong, as a map of the Province looked like a gridiron, while the actual railways were few and far between.

HON. COL. BAKER drew attention to the fact that the charter was but the initial step in enlisting capital to build roads, which were very much needed in order to develope the Province.

The bill was read a second time; to be committeed on Friday.

VANCOUVER INCORPORATION ACT.

MR. COTTON moved the second reading of the Vancouver Incorporation Act amendment bill, which he briefly reviewed.

HON. MR. DAVIE was not opposed to the bill, but said caution would have to be exercised in the retroactive legislation asked for re the railway bonus.

The bill was read a second time, to be committeed on Friday.

R. C. BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

MR. BROWN moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the R. C. Bishop of New Westminster; read a second time, to be committeed Friday.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

The House went into committee of the whole on the Public Health Act, Mr. Grant in the chair.

The first amendment of importance was by Mr. Brown, to do away with compulsory removal. After some discussion,

HON. MR. DAVIE said that if the House were legislating with feelings of sympathy, regard, etc., for hon. members themselves and their friends with respect to their treatment in all cases of illness, they might be induced to vote for the amendment, but better judgment should not be set aside on account of personal feelings. He drew attention to the language of the report of the recent Royal Commission, which advised compulsory removal in no uncertain language. Having regard to the stern sense of duty and to the best interests of the public health, there must be compulsory removal in cases of virulent and contagious diseases, although he thought that it might be advisable to have a medical certificate that the removal could take place without danger to the life of the patient; and further, that it was necessary in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

The amendment was lost.

The committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

PRIVATE BILLS REPORT.

MR. MARTIN presented the amended report of the Private Bills committee.

The House adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By MR. MCKENZIE: That a select committee composed of Messrs. Fletcher, Stoddart, Semlin, Anderson and the mover be appointed to investigate the case of John Biggs, of Nanaimo, in the matter of the seizure of his cattle in 1879 by the Sheriff of Nanaimo.

From the DAILY COLONIST, March 2.

THE CITY.

Lost a Finger.

A. Anderson, the man who had his hand badly shattered at Sidney, a few weeks ago, has been obliged to have one of his fingers amputated.

Everybody Wants It.

Although the real estate market is more quiet at present than it has been for some time past, Kaslo property continues in demand. The transfers reported yesterday totalled in value $11,650.

The First Trustees.

Dr. Lewis Hall, Mr. James Russel, Mr. Fred. Wright and Mr. John Malcolm have been named as the first trustees of Perseverance lodge, No. 1, I. O. G. T., which last week secured incorporation.

The Feast of Purim.

Purim, or the Feast of Esther, was celebrated by special services in the Jewish Synagogue yesterday. It is commemorative of the release of the Israelites. The origin of the festivities will be found in the Book of Esther.

Victoria's Free Library.

The City Librarian, Dr. James McGregor, reports that during February 2,085 books were issued to borrowers, of whom there were 922 ladies and 1,163 gentlemen. The highest daily issue was 130, the lowest 34, and the average 90. Of the 56 new members 20 are ladies and 36 gentlemen.

Temperance Mass Meeting.

A temperance mass meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance. This society will also give a social concert in the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Tuesday, March 7. A good programme will be presented.

Returns for February.

The inland revenue returns for the month ending February 28 are as follows:

Spirits	$4,805 48
Malt	756 98
Tobacco	2,241 12
Cigars	1,006 80
Petroleum Inspection	190 10
Total	$9,000 48

In Chambers.

In Chambers, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Crease, the case of Lorimer v. Jensen was again adjourned. March 13 was fixed as the date for hearing Wilson v. Perrin before a judge and jury; and an application in Vowell v. the New Westminster & Southern Railway, to fix the 20th inst. as the date of hearing, was postponed.

He Was Surprised.

Mr. Alexander Gilchrist, who was reported in a dispatch from Duncan's to have been married in Victoria to the youngest daughter of Mr. James Nightingale, of McPherson's, was in the city on Monday, and left for home yesterday morning. Talking to a gentlemen whom he met on the way up he expressed his surprise at the report of his marriage, and said he knew nothing about it. It is thought that someone circulated the report as a "joke"—for there was no wedding.

Attempted Burglary.

Shortly before midnight Officer Smith and Night Watchman Huson while on duty heard that a window had been broken at the back of 58 Fort street. On proceeding there they hunted round and discovered a man hidden in the yard, who was unable to give an account of himself and pretended to be drunk. It was found that one window had been smashed and another pried up. The man, who gave his name as Sam Leggatt, said he had come up from San Francisco on the last trip of the Walla Walla. He was taken to the Police station for safe keeping.

Coal Shipments.

The following is the New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co.'s statement of foreign shipments for February last past:

	Tons.
3—Ship Hawaiian Isles, San Francisco	3,350
7—Str. Haytian Republic, Portland	102
8—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	52
9—Str. Hounslow, Yokohama	150
9—Str. Bawnmore, San Diego	2,966
10—Str. Tyee, Port Townsend	84
11—Str. Montserrat, San Francisco	1,429
11—Str. Holyoke, Port Townsend	39
13—Str. Sea Lion, Port Townsend	39
13—Str. Tacoma, Port Townsend	36
16—Str. Jeanie, San Francisco	1,288
16—Str. Romulus, San Francisco	4,120
18—Ship Wachusett, San Pedro	2,450
18—Str. Tyee, Port Townsend	42
22—Str. Wanderer, Port Townsend	47
22—Bark Oregon, San Pedro	2,273
24—Bark Sea King, San Francisco	2,291
24—Ship India, San Francisco	2,020
22—Str. Montserrat, San Francisco	1,475
Total	24,732

Columbia's Pioneers.

At a special meeting of the British Columbia Pioneer Society last evening His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney was admitted to membership. During the evening the society was also presented with the original log book of the old steamer Otter, containing the report of her voyage to this country from England in '52, in command of Capt. Miller and Mate H. G. Lewis, now Victoria's shipping master. The record of the trip was kept by the late City Clerk, Mr. W. Leigh, and is very interesting reading. The society's library has also been recently increased by the addition of the Victoria directory of 1863, the first volume of the kind to be issued in the Province. Mr. John Fannin takes the place of the late T. Harding on the directorate.

Wife: "John, you slept with your clothes on last night." Husband: "I know it. I didn't want to tie that necktie over again."

"I think that young man's conduct is simply shocking." "That's all right; it's professional with him. He's an electrician."

He: "We are now coming to a tunnel. Are you not nervous?" She: "Not a bit, if you will take that cigar out of your mouth."

Closing a Thoroughfare.

Courtenay street, leading from Government to Wharf street, was yesterday closed to traffic on account of the dangerous condition of the thoroughfare. The road is fast falling into the excavation intended for the Canada Western hotel.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

House to House Connection to Be Made With the Present System of Sewers.

The School Board Submit a Report of the Amount Required for 1893.

The City Council held its regular weekly meeting last night. There were present His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and a full aldermanic board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

The Finance committee recommended the issuing of warrants to the amount of $2,969.03 for various purposes. Carried.

The Finance committee reported several technical transfers, which were approved.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee the Council resolved not to enter into several literary schemes in which they had been invited to take part.

The Finance committee recommended that steps be taken to carry out the proposition made some time ago to widen out the upper end of View street. Several communications from those interested in the scheme were read. The committee suggested that the work be carried out, and that the necessary debentures be issued to pay for the same. The claim of Capt. Rudlin was touched upon.

ALD. BELYEA—This claim is properly a debt of the old Council and should be paid up.

ALD. BAKER—Why should we buy out parties on View street when we tax them to open Broad street. The street can only be opened a few hundred feet.

ALD. MCKILLICAN—These are liabilities entered into by previous Councils, and should be carried out. The matter should be settled once and for all.

Considerable discussion followed in which all the board took part.

ALD. BELYEA—I take the view that this is an obligation which we are bound to fulfil. Sooner or later it must be settled. These people even went so far as to prepare conveyances.

That portion of the report which referred to the payment of $2,000 to Capt. Rudlin and $1,000 to Mr. Dooley for their property on the street, was adopted, and the amounts will be paid.

ALD. BELYEA—We should have some estimate from the Finance committee as to the probable cost of the work.

On motion, that portion of the report was referred back to the Finance committee for a more detailed statement.

The Park committe suggested that about seventy-five horse chestnut trees be purchased to replace those destroyed during the year past. Also that some wood be disposed of. Adopted.

The Street committee then submitted a report dealing with a number of minor items in their department.

The Council then spent some time in trying to get a definition of the term "new sidewalk." Nothing very satisfactory was arrived at.

Ald. Bragg's by-law relating to the building of a sidewalk on the south side of Oak Bay avenue was introduced and read a first time. The same course was taken with Ald. Baker's by-law for the purpose of supplying certain streets with surface drains at a total cost of $125,000.

ALD. BELYEA—The framer of that by-law should take note of the fact that if such work is done it must be under the provisions of the Local Improvement by-law.

ALD. BAKER—The by-law looks to the taking off the streets of the water. How could the city, which owns the streets, levy an assessment against itself.

The question of connection of private residences with local sewers was then discussed.

ALD. BRAGG—The Sanitary Engineer has taken a very reprehensible course in not doing more practical work in drafting plans. We have six and a half miles of sewers all buried in the ground, while only seventeen connections have been made. The only honest way to test the sewers is to give them house to house connections. The ratepayers will not grant any more money until the present system has been tested.

On motion it was resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to notify those living on the line of the sewers that they must make house to house connections at once.

Messrs. Eberts & Taylor notified the city that the repairs of damages to streets caused by the excavation of the Canada Western hotel had been referred to the secretary of the company, and would receive immediate attention.

Yates, Jay & Russell, on behalf of Mrs. Jensen, called attention to the claim of their client for $2,000 damages to her property done by water. Referred to the City Barristers for an opinion as to the liability of the city in this case.

The Board of School Trustees then submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria, B. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to forward you, in accordance with section 34 of the Public School Act Amendment, 1892, the following estimate of the sum required by this board for public school expenditure for the ensuing year:

For the actual working expenses of the schools, the sum of $15,500.

For the procuring of sites, erecting school buildings and making improvements to ventilation in existing buildings, $110,000, as follows:

Erection new graded school, North ward	$25,000
Erection school, Central ward	20,000
Erection school, South ward	25,000
Improvements to ventilation, existing buildings	5,000
Purchase of sites	35,000
	$110,000

Grand total, $125,000.

(Signed.) B. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

ALD. BELYEA—There should be an understanding as to what steps the Government will take with regard to the buildings which are now their property. What terms do they wish to make for turning these properties over to the city?

THE MAYOR—The trustees are a corporation and the Government, it is supposed, will transfer the property to them.

ALD. MUNN—The Council should meet the trustees and find just what they must have—perhaps they can do with less. Certainly the Council must do something toward erecting new buildings.

ALD. BRAGG—It is principally the ward schools that need attention.

On motion the report of the trustees was laid on the table, and it was resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with the trustees and report to the Council.

Mr. E. C. Baker explained that the bad weather had prevented the erection of the large poles of the Telephone Co.

The B. C. Terra Cotta Co. asked for the acceptance of bonds instead of a cash deposit of $2,600 for the completion of their sewerage pipe contract, as the city did not wish the pipe delivered at present.

ALD. BELYEA—Both in this case and that of the Albion Iron Works the money should be refunded and suitable bonds be accepted in lieu thereof.

Referred to the Finance committee for a report.

ALD. MILLER—The seats should be so arranged that the members of the board can see each other.

A motion to that effect was carried and the Council adjourned.

HEARD ON THE HOTELS.

They were seven—all old-timers—telling yarns about quartz mining. Jim had just finished a tale of some hard but very rich rock which he had worked up over in West Kootenay.

"That rock," said he, "was hard'er than the famous bread baked for the section men on the Pontiac railroad."

"Speaking of hard rock," chipped in a grizzly veteran, "there's some rock up on Carpenter creek that beats anything I have ever seen or heard of. Me and my partner had a contract to drive a 100 feet in the 'Wild West,' and for the first twenty feet all went well, and we were making money fast. Then we struck a strata of the hardest rock I ever fell foul of. It was a dark blue rock, with a grain like chilled steel. We sized up the new find and resolved to let it go for the day. Next morning we wheeled in two carloads of drills and began. Slug! slug! the sledge fell on the drills, and one by one the drills grew too blunt to cut—and still no impression. Each time we picked up a new drill we had to hold a finger on the spot to keep from losing it. Well, this went on for several days, each taking turns in going out to sharpen drills and catch a few hours sleep while the other kept a finger on the place where the drill had been at work. Well, human nature can't stand everything, and one day Bill fell asleep and lost the place. We had no heart to begin such a dreary task again and threw up the contract. I don't think the 'Wild West' tunnel has ever been driven one inch further than where we left it."

"That's purty hard rock," said Jim, "but I know something harder," and he fixed his eye on the narrator's cheek.

Mr. G. W. Cook, of the firm of Dunlop, Cook & Co., fur buyers and dealers, is at present sojourning at the Driard, and spending his leisure time in taking "snap shots" of the glorious climate. His business hours he employs in negotiating for a share of the Victoria seal catch, a portion of which he has already secured, including the "take" of Carne & Munsie's fleet. Mr. Cook's firm is perhaps the largest in its line in Canada, the headquarter offices being at Amherst, N. S., with branches at London, Halifax, Vancouver, and several other important points.

"I like your city; I like your quiet, orderly people, and I like your newspapers," observed Henry S. Smart, of the Los Angeles Times, last evening. Mr. Smart has been spending a brief holiday here, and regrets that its end is approaching. Resuming the subject of Victoria newspapers he continued: "Considering the telegraphic facilities—the absence of any competitive lines, I mean—you give good variety as well as good quantity of foreign news; your local is strictly all right; and your editorials argumentative and fair. What more could the public want? I was very much interested in your statistics for the month—it's a good feature; but I say, February wasn't a very 'phat' month for the parsons, was it? Only four marriages!"

THE JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

Busy Session of the Board of Directors—Faithful and Heroic Service Acknowledged.

The Care of Sick Mariners—Adoption of the Checking System.

The regular business of the Jubilee Hospital occupied the attention of the Board of Directors for three busy hours at the usual monthly meeting just held. President Joshua Davies filled the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Charles Hayward, George Byrnes, W. M. Chudley, I. Braverman, G. Brown, E. Crow Baker, Alexander Wilson, H. D. Helmcken, J. Stuart Yates and John Braden. The meeting was held in the offices of Messrs. Yates, Jay & Russell.

The first business of the evening was the consideration of the Visiting committee's reports for January and February, which were passed.

It was decided not to present the nurses' medals and diplomas until it can be ascertained if the Government will allow the use of the Provincial coat-of-arms on the latter. The matter of presenting special certificates or diplomas to the nurses who volunteered for duty and served the suffering so faithfully during the smallpox epidemic, was also deferred, the presentations to be made at one and the same time.

The heating of the hospital, alterations to the kitchen, separate quarters for the resident medical officer, and the subject matter of the recent controversy between the Municipal Council and the Hospital Board were next dealt with, and finally referred to the committee formerly appointed.

Messrs. Joshua Davies, W. M. Chudley and J. Stuart Yates were named as a special committee to wait upon the Government with a view to securing a more adequate subsidy to meet the necessary expenditures of the hospital.

In keeping with the recommendation of the medical superintendent, it was decided to try the experiment of the checking system now in vogue at the Royal Naval Hospital, in recording the receipt and distribution of provisions, etc. It was also decided that the supervision of the cooking shall in future be part of the matron's duties, the steward, relieved of this responsibility, being secured more time for purveying and issuing supplies.

The other prominent item of the evening's business was the passage of the January accounts, which amounted in the aggregate to something over $1,500.

It is understood that the Dominion Government have decided to close with the offer of the Board in regard to the care of sick mariners, and that the latter will hereafter be taken direct to the Jubilee upon entering port, the Marine hospital to be closed.

The Entertainment Saturday Evening.

It is safe to predict that the entertainment to be given by the Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society in Philharmonic hall on Saturday evening will be a success. The good cause for which it is gotten up should make people patronize it, if nothing else. And there is a very large "else."

"I wouldn't mind my wife's having the last word," said Mr. Meekins, "if she would only hurry up and get to it."

A WOMAN OF AFFAIRS.

The Wife of Manager Palmer Has Remarkable Executive Ability.

Mrs. Laura A. Palmer, wife of the well known theatrical manager, is a remarkable example of feminine executive ability. The lady is of English birth, but came to this country when a tiny child, and while some family ties still endear the older country to her heart her tastes, interests and sentiments proclaim her loyalty to American customs and institutions.

In addition to her personal supervision of her home at the corner of Madison avenue and Sixty-fifth street, New York, where four children receive her affectionate care, she is an active worker in the charities connected with Holy Trinity church, of which she is a member, a director of the Hahnemann hospital, the Woman's guild, the Ladies' Health Protective association, the Little Mothers' and the Blue Anchor societies. Mrs. Palmer also fills the chair of philanthropy of Sorosis, and her cordial spirit and breezy welcome to new members in the Goethe society, of which her husband is president, has breathed new life into that intellectual club, which was languishing from suffocating conservatism. Her literary gifts are of an uncommon order, and her facile pen has been employed with signal success in translating and dramatizing plays presented at her husband's theaters.

LAURA A. PALMER.

To her ability to plan and execute, to drill and command a legion of workers, is largely due the trophy of $175,000 netted by the Actors' Fund fair to the treasury of the association. The latest project of her busy brain, an idea conceived during the progress of the fair, is the recently organized Professional Woman's league, a benevolent, protective and philanthropic society that is designed to throw its sheltering arms about girls and women engaged in professional pursuits. Mrs. Palmer was elected to the presidency of this organization by unanimous acclamation, and it may be noted that her executive abilities have been more widely recognized when it is stated that to her was tendered space, with the charge and control of a dramatic exhibit, at the World's fair, an honor she was compelled to regretfully decline for want of time and strength to devote to so vast an undertaking.

ADA CRISP MARSH.

Infant's Crib Set.

The infant's crib set here illustrated is made of that new and exquisite fabric, china linen, which is soft and fine as silk. The pillow is about 15 inches wide and 20 long and is stuffed with eider down. The edge is daintily finished with a full frill of silk lace. The designs worked upon the piflow are close wreaths of forgetmenots, tied with loops of very narrow blue ribbon. The flowers are done in two shades of filo floss in satin stitch, and the ribbon in blue filo floss in short and long buttonhole stitch.

THE PILLOW.

The cover is about 35 by 45, and the top is turned over about five inches to form a sham. This sham is edged with silk lace frilled on to correspond with the pillow. The design on the cover is worked in the same manner as the pillow.

THE COVER.

India silk, china silk or even some more inexpensive material would make a very pretty crib set if made in this way.

GERTRUDE WILLETT.

Women as Senatorial Candidates.

It is a significant fact that for the first time in the history of the country women have this winter received complimentary votes for United States senator. Two women have had this honor. When North Dakota was balloting for United States senator, Mrs. M. L. McCormack, wife of one the Democratic state senators, received 30 Democratic and Populist votes. In Wyoming the legislature gave Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett of Cheyenne 7 votes for senator.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Troubles in St. Andrew's Church Brought Up and Referred.

Close of the Presbytery—Rev. Thomas Scoullar Elected Moderator of Synod.

The Presbytery of Vancouver Island resumed business yesterday morning at 9:30 in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's church, when, besides the ministers and elders who were present on the previous day, there was a large attendance of interested members of the St. Andrew's congregation. Rev. P. McF. Macleod, as moderator, took the chair and the proceedings were opened by singing the fifth hymn, reading the fifty-seventh Psalm, and prayer.

A communication was read from Rev. Alexander Young, Wellington, asking leave to retire, after forty years' service in the church. The reverend gentleman reviewed his connection with the church, and stated that he did not desire to be put on the pension list.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Campbell it was decided to accept the resignation and forward the same to the General Assembly.

Rev. Dr. Campbell explained why there was no report from the Legislative committee. Dr. Milne, Mr. Thornton Fell and he had been appointed a committee to look after legislation in church matters, but they agreed that such a committee might not have proper authority—that action would come better from the Synod or General Assembly. They consequently had not moved in the matter.

Rev. Mr. Macleod concurred. It was an easy matter for the Episcopalians or Methodists to incorporate in this province, but with the Presbyterians it was different.

The next matter up for discussion was the differences which have arisen between Rev. Mr. Macleod and a portion of his congregation regarding the question of stipend.

Rev. Mr. Macleod said that as he was personally involved in this matter he would leave the chair. He moved that Rev. Dr. Campbell preside.

Rev. Dr. Campbell suggested that as it was a local matter it would perhaps be better that some of the other clergymen present be called to the chair.

No other name, however, was mentioned, and the reverend gentleman consented to preside.

Rev. D. MacRae, as clerk to the Presbytery, then proceeded to read voluminous statements bearing on the point at issue, which were forwarded by W. J. Finlayson, secretary of the board of managers. The first was in the form of a petition signed by Mr. A. N. Henderson and nine others, chiefly members of the old board of management, who prayed that the differences existing between the pastor and the congregation, which injuriously affected the "usefulness of the pastor, session and office-bearers of the church and the temporal interests of the congregation, prevent the spiritual growth of the people and bring discredit upon the Presbyterian Church in Canada," might form the subject of investigation. The petitioners reviewed the whole circumstances of the case, which they alleged was the direct cause of the resignation of two-thirds of the members of the session and many members of the congregation. They set forth that as the church was in debt, they proposed to reduce the salary of the pastor to $2,000 per annum, and that their action had been twice sustained by a majority vote of the congregation assembled in public meeting.

There was also a report from the members of the present session, in which the case was fully reviewed from their standpoint. They asked that the petition be dismissed, and denied the right of the petitioners to represent the congregation, a majority of whom, it was claimed, were in favor of the pastor, and were willing that his salary should be $3,000 per annum—a sum agreed to by Rev. Mr. Macleod. They further claimed that the public meetings alluded to, being held under disadvantageous circumstances, could not be considered representative. To decide this point satisfactorily they had a circular issued and sent to every member of the congregation, asking an expression of opinion on the subject of the pastor's stipend. The result was that 150 voted in favor of the retention of Rev. Mr. Macleod's services at $3,000 per annum, and but six voted against it. Under these circumstances the Presbytery were asked to dismiss the petition.

There was also a "reference" from the session, asking the Presbytery to decide the question whether it was in the power of the congregation to reduce the salary of the pastor without his consent.

The Chairman suggested that the petitioners, all of whom occupied seats at the end of the hall, should come to the front. The invitation was promptly accepted.

Rev. Mr. Winchester moved that the reference from the session be first disposed of. The decision on the point then raised might put an end to all discussion.

The Chairman suggested the propriety of members of the session refraining from voting or speaking on the subject.

Rev. Mr. Macleod contended that Mr. Winchester was acting quite within his province in moving such a resolution. What that gentleman desired was a ruling on a legal point, which might settle the whole matter.

A long discussion ensued as to the precedence to be given to the documents read.

Rev. Mr. Young declared that he would be unable to give an intelligent vote unless he heard the whole case. He therefore was in favor of hearing both parties.

Rev. Mr. Winchester contended that the question asked in the reference might be raised altogether apart from the present issue; it might arise at any meeting of the Presbytery.

It was ultimately decided to take up the documents in the order in which they were read. It was, however, found that there was but one copy of each, and the petitioners asked an opportunity of considering the report of the session. The request was granted and, armed with the documents, they retired. Upon their return, after about three-quarters of an hour's absence,

Rev. Mr. Young moved that the whole matter be referred to the Synod to be dealt with.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Mr. MacRae, and carried without any opposition. It was announced that the Synod would meet in the evening at 7:30, when a time would be fixed for dealing with the subject. The petitioners here withdrew, as did also the majority of the audience.

The Presbytery then proceeded to discuss home mission work, with Rev. Mr. Macleod presiding.

Rev. Mr. Young explained that owing to the severity of the weather, he had been unable to visit some of the missionary stations which he intended calling upon. He would, however, make his contemplated tour at as early a date as possible.

The Moderator suggested that something should be done to provide a missionary for Denman's and Hornsby Islands. At present there was a monthly service held at these places by the Methodists; but there were several Presbyterian families on the islands who should not be neglected.

"We will lose a number of our people," added the Moderator, "unless we look after them."

Rev. Mr. Fraser said that there were six families on these islands and he doubted if they would support a missionary. He, however, undertook to make inquiries into the matter.

Rev. Mr. MacRae said that the two important stations of Metchosin and Cedar Hill were now unprovided for. He suggested that Mr. Campbell might attend to them for the summer months, if he did not intend to resume his studies at college.

Mr. Campbell said he would undertake the duties.

Rev. Dr. Campbell resumed the debate on his motion that the Synod overtures, the General Assembly to place foreign missionaries on the same footing to the home Presbytery as home missionaries are at present.

Rev. Mr. MacRae supported the motion, and pointed out the peculiar position which Victoria occupied in this connection. The Indians resident in and about the city could scarcely be looked upon as foreigners, nor could the Chinese, seeing that they lived in the city.

The motion carried after a long discussion.

The question of changing the name of the Presbytery was next debated, Rev. Mr. MacRae moving that it be in future called the Victoria Presbytery, instead of as at present the Presbytery of Vancouver Island. He explained that the Island Presbytery was often confounded with the Vancouver Presbytery on the Mainland, and disagreeable mistakes were the result. The reason it was not called the Victoria Presbytery in the first instance was that there was at the time a Victoria in the East. This Presbytery, however, had now adopted the name of Inverness.

The motion carried.

The following were appointed commissioners to the General Assembly: Rev. A. Fraser, Rev. D. MacRae and Rev. Dr. Campbell.

It was decided to support the nomination of Rev. D. M. Gordon, Halifax, for the moderatorship of the General Assembly.

Dr. Milne, Mr. Thornton Fell and Mr. Robertson, Brantford, Ont., were appointed elders.

Having decided upon Nanaimo as the next place of meeting, and the date first Wednesday in September, the business of the Presbytery concluded.

THE SYNOD MEETING.

There was divine service in the First Presbyterian church in the evening when the Synod assembled. Rev. Dr. MacRae, the retiring moderator, occupied the pulpit and preached from Romans 1—13-16.

In the course of his remarks the reverend gentleman gave a brief sketch of the origin and progress of the church in British Columbia, down to the formation of the Presbytery of Columbia in 1886, and its division in July last into the three Presbyteries now existing. The Presbytery of Columbia reported for the first year nine ministers on the roll, forty-five churches and mission stations, 245 communicants, and $11,024 was raised for all purposes. For the year just closed there were reported twenty-three ministers on the roll, sixty-nine churches and mission stations, 2,168 communicants, and $69,754 raised for church purposes.

At the conclusion of his sermon Rev. Mr. MacRae called upon the Synod to appoint his successor in the moderator's chair, and expressed his thanks for the honor which he had enjoyed and the support accorded him.

Rev. Mr. Macleod nominated the Rev. Thos. Scoullar, New Westminster.

The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Campbell and carried unanimously.

The newly elected moderator was then escorted to the vestry room and invested with the robes of office. On taking the chair he expressed his thanks for the honor conferred on him.

Rev. E. D. McLaren moved a vote of thanks to the retiring moderator, which was seconded by Rev. G. R. Maxwell and carried.

Rev. Mr. MacRae briefly replied.

Arrangements for the conduct of the business of the session were then proceeded with. It was decided that the Synod should meet each morning at 10 o'clock and adjourn at 1 o'clock till 2:30; then sit till 6 o'clock and resume work again at 7:30 until 10 o'clock p.m.

Rev. J. M. McLeod, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Alex. Young and Rev. D. MacRae were appointed a committee on business. They will meet at 9 o'clock this morning.

The roll of the Synod was called over, and the following responded:—

From Westminster—Revs. J. M. McLeod, E. D. McLaren, Thos. Scoullar, W. G. Mills, J. W. McMillan, Jas. Buchanan and John A. Logan.

From Vancouver Island—Revs. Alex. Young, P. McF. McLeod, D. MacRae, Alex. Fraser, R. J. Adamson, A. B. Winchester, J. A. McDonald, W. G. Smith. Elders: Dr. G. L. Milne, Mr. Thornton Fell and Mr. A. Shaw.

Neither Calgary nor Kamloops is represented.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Snow obstructs the street car and other traffic in St. Paul.

Twenty-two inches of snow fell in the vicinity of Hudson, Wis., on Monday night.

Monroe's publishing house in New York city, has been gutted by fire. The loss was $75,000.

Peter de Lacey, the New York bookmaker, it was reported yesterday, has offered the Bergen county syndicate $75,000 for the Dundee race track.

A number of Waldenses, descendants of the famous sect so cruelly persecuted for centuries on account of their religious opinions, who still inhabit the mountain district on the Italian side of the Cottian Alps, are preparing to emigrate to the United States. Their chief business, cloth making, has become so depressed that even with their frugality it is difficult to live.

A Paris dispatch says: Theibaut lectured to an immense audience on the Panama canal. He urged the French Government to make an annual grant of 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 francs for operations on the canal until the work shall be completed. The audience, which included many members of the Panama committee, applauded with great enthusiasm.

White Gloves in Police Court.

For the first time since his appointment Police Magistrate Macrae yesterday found himself without a single case to come before him. To commemorate the occasion the clerk of the court and the Chief of Police presented His Honor with a pair of white gloves. In acknowledging the emblems of purity, His Honor remarked that such a state of things spoke well for Victoria, and hoped that the city would always be as free from crime as at present.