SOCIETY FUNCTION. anis Tournament Next he Arrangements.

ee of the Victoria Lawn almost completed the r Monday and Tuesday, Columbia champions asions with the American is every indication that be witnessed by a large ria's elite. Accommodaovided for about 700 peovable grand stand being eneral admission will be ers free, a book being e signatures of members arts. Tea will be serv. nds by the Victoria Cafe ble prices, and, given fine should be such a gatharely seen in Victoria. lay and Tuesday.

nancer His Story

rival From San Frans a Strange Story re Conspiracy.

ussian Nihil sts and Attempts to Kill Him.

from San Francisco on of the Umatilla a man who, to judge by his ac or a member of one of This man, if a story old to a number of Vic is a fugitive from re Nihilists, who seek his refused to become one story told by Austin e it not given as truth to a place among the f fiction. It is a story re conspiracies to blow hips in a Russian harstory of Nihilists and n the story-teller's life. ached the ears of the ome days ago, and as it ong the water-front, it ibelied as fact-but told The narrator of as though it were true he here because the Unitnot protect him from

five years ago, so the stin was a resident of here he was engaged in approached by a repre-Alaska Fur Company n a conspiracy to he first British warshin la U.S.S. Maine at Ha shown a cave filled which were to be used tors. He, however, reinto such an arrange eing afterwards dropped lent was, fortunately for without a precedent in ar between Britain and Austin says was the ob spiracy, was averted. he was later asked but although his com -do American, became secret Russian society

them, and soon afterseems, incensed the says they sent agents Francisco, and twice his life. On one oche was sitting on a ancisco, when a strangm and asked him if he uy a Mexican cigar. He smoking a pipe at the tranger gave him one. fter a while, but it not e broke it up to put it nd then, lo and behold tricate little machine and sive matter, which, had smoke the cigar, would head off. Other at says, were made on his is the most devilish. de stories of minor con

Fur Company to get a ast, and stories of ad-Nihilists, are also told the story given above, thly improbable. Howto their veracity is an-They are not given as

s Kidney ILLS

ms of Kidney Disease d Urinary Troubles County of Midex, Ontario.

her the sufferers from the kidney disease are testifyd by Doan's Kidney Pills. er taken such a hold on city of London and sur-

to see the reason: Doan's ays do what is claimed fail or disappoint, even s of kidney complaint. 638 York street, says: had kidney troubles for when he commenced taky Pills was in very poor weak. He had a great s back, with other sympdisease. Doan's Kidney him completely, and I

nd them rely on Doan's Kidney kache, Diabetes, Dropsy, Scalding of the Urine. Dizzy Spells, etc.

ism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, ifferer and want to give lls a trial, we have such do you good that we full sized box free of in Kidney Pill Co., To-

Our Deep Sea Fisheries

An Important Meeting at Which a New Industry Is Discussed.

Beaumont Boggs Speaks on the Cod Supply--Treatment and Market.

deep sea fisheries. Mr. Boggs has from 20 to 25 nounds in weight that was n negotiation with the patentee of larger than those ordinarly caught, which way. The fish of British Columbia wa-Whitman method of drying fish for run about 12 pounds. rchase of the rights of that sysleading business men was to asindustry on a large scale.

may be said that the process re-ended is rapidly supplanting the ures to a considerable extent.

Catholic people, in whose diet fish fig-having some information regarding the Whitman process, and being acquainted shioned one of sun-drying the fish, free from many of the drawbacks endent of the elements, which some- public, \$281,000, mostly dried fish. Pacific Coast rights.

stock in the company to be form- pounds of dog salmon. the sole rights for the Canadian or otherwise of the conditions.

he suggestion made by Mr. Boggs tal stock of \$100,000, fifty per cent. ribed and twenty-five per cent. His estimate of the amounts available, from \$10,000 to \$15,000. bility of the fish being spoiled.

E B Marvin R Seabrook. in J. C. Cox, G. A. Kirk, H. E. Captain James Gaudin and C. ugrin, to consult with Mr. Boggs gather all the data possible, their reeing submitted to another meetbe convened when the report is

Mr. G. A. Kirk, at the request of the ng, opened the proceedings, there present among others, Senator E. Crow Baker, W. Mar-E. B. Marvin, R. Seabrook, H. E. G. Marsh (Nanaimo), R. L. Captain James Gaudin, Ald. rey and Brydon and S. M. Okell. Kirk was very brief in his introremarks, explaining that Mr. had brought the matter before the s committee of the Board of Tride s meeting had been called for the of further elucidation of the

f the matter. Beaumont Boggs referred briefly interview with the Board of tisheries committee and continussured his hearers that the sabthe development of the deep sea of the coast was of great imto the province. The fisheries Scotia form one of the greatest of wealth of the Dominion of as was proven by the fact that rts last year amounted to somen the neightborhood of \$8,000,t there were employed in the in-29,900 able bodied men, and that mber of vessels engaged was 554. ion to 15,000 sea-going boats. The able bodied men employed about equal the total number of tion in Alaska, ien in this province, but there was

Columbia would increase quickthe industry was established. that fish is exported, but, with very little benefit accruing

quantities to pay the cost of cents per pound.

its total catch of 112,000 fish of an \$500 was deposited with his bankers in average weight of 12 pounds. A crew Ottawa, to come out here and explain of 21 men is carried, 14 of whom fish, matters fully to the people interested;

receiving \$25 per thousand.

The San Francisco fishing companies drier he would dispose of his rights to send their vessels to Behring Sea, and them for \$5,000 cash and \$15,000 in paid have caught large quantities of fish every up stock of the company to be formed. year, taking them to San Francisco, and In Halifax, Nova Scotia, a company was curing them for export. There is con-organized in 1897, with a capital stock siderable business done in the treatment of \$80,000, of which \$40,500 was paid of the refuse, which is made into glue. up. The directors' report of June 12, In 1895, 200 tons of cod were spoiled in 1889, annuonced a dividend of 25 per Alaskan waters, and made into glue.

In the report of the cruise of the Ai\$1,500 has been carried to the reserve batross it was stated that the cod banks fund for depreciation of patient rights, in the Behring Sea are greater than and a surplus also secured. In the prothose on the Atlantic coast, the names of fit and loss account there was the which were given, including Slime Bank item of general trading profits, \$56,778, What the Canadian Institute and Bear, or 10,645 square miles. And which, on a capital stock of \$40,500, was

outside of the Behring Sea there is a an investment which should be satisfaclarge bank quite equal to Georges' Bank, tory to most people.
on the Atlantic coast. It was stated in Mr. Boggs concluded by expressing rethe report that 48,500 fish were caught gret that a larger attendance had not there, 28 inches and over, and several been secured to consider a subject of A subject brimfull of importance to thousands smaller. The average size such vital interest to the people of Britple of British Columbia generally. of the fish in the Behring Sea is from ish Columbia. He hoped a company nich would seem to have particular 24 to 321 inches; in Nova Scotia the would be formed, and the industry comfor Victorians, was that dis-dard has now been reduced to 24 in-for a large number of the now idle scalin the Board of Trade rooms last ches. The American market has aling vessels in catching cod, haddock, Hall Mines smelter, where they were whether it is exceptional in its characters where they were whether it is highly probable however that at a meeting convened by Mr. ways demanded a larger and thicker halibut and other fish. Salmon is too shown around by the officials there. All the succession of the successio By the object of the meeting was available both of harbut and herring.

By displaced a farger and the content is an abundance always and believed that the dryer would be found just as suitable a fish in the East to dry, but the workings of the big institution were shown to them, and all expressed them solves as very pleased with what they are lessed upon Mr.

The President then called upon Mr. thy, the object of the meeting was available both of habbut and herring.

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The black cod was referred to in the for that fish as for any.

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Mr. Marsh, of Nanaimo, a gentleman Pacific Coast of Canada an ine same report as being a very superior Mr. Marsn, of Mananino, a gentieman which has brought the Atlantic fish, better than any to be found in the who has had considerable experience in mine was on the programme, of the Dominion into prominence Eastern waters, but it is generally found the fishery business, in which he is now orld over, by the development of too deep, about 200 fathoms. Then, ale engaged, said he hoped the industry

The Alaska Cod Fshing Co. is now en- Flint to be simply splendid, and Sir Louis the Pacific Coast of Canada, and gaged in drying the Alaska cod in Sau Davies had spoken very highly of the in the Pacine Coast of Canada, and specific first taken in the Straits of Georgia, and specific first business was to an day.

The question of a market, Mr. Boggs was not taken up. The speaker had no whether sufficient encouragement said, was very fairly dealt with in the hesitation in saying that the supply e obtained to warant, first, a vis- report of Mr. Sheppard, who was sent would be found sufficient for all needs. the patentee to the coast, and secby the Dominion government to investiThere was also a very valuable fish, the
gate the trade possibilities in the south the organization of a joint stock gate the trade possibilities in the south.

There is a large population on the Pa
Mr. H. for the purpose of embarking fic Coast of South America, numbering polis, who has recently taken up his residustry on a large scale.

The meeting near by the first meeting ne

Mexico imports \$30,000 worth of fish annually, Chili, \$20,000, mostly from connection with that gentleman, Norway; Brazil, \$554,000, principally ed to the latter. It is altogether from Eastern Canada; the Argentine Re-

interfere with the proper drying of Then China and Japan are great im that a friend of his would take \$10,000 The American Pacific Coast porters of dried fish. In 1892 Japan imported \$12,000; 1893, \$44,000; 1894, \$63, this have already been secured by the 000; 1895, \$107,000, and 1896, \$231,000. ska Fish Co. of San Francisco, and The duty on this fish in Japan is 15 per e desirous of securing the Cancent., and the freight per ton from here would be about \$15. China imports a committee be appointed to consult with Mr. Boggs explained that Mr. Whit-Japan and Norway. In 1897 Japan im-The moti asks \$5,000 in cash and \$15,000 in ported from British Columbia 600,000

Mr. Anderson's report to the Dominion Coast, and is willing, if a bond government dwelt very strongly upon the importance of the Japanese and e sum of \$500 be deposited with his Chinese trade, both in glue and fish, ers in Ottawa, to come out to Brit- dealing especially with the immense de-Columbia to demonstrate to those in- mand that exists for cheap food in both sted the advantages of his process, countries, and it seemed to Mr. Boggs A to assist in estimating the favorable- quite certain that our fish can be dried at such a cost as will enable it to be put on the foreign market at a very low figure, even lower than that of the Nova that a company be organized with a Scotia fisheries. While labor would undoubtedly cost more here, the supply of Tormented With Kidney Disease For

fish was very much greater. With regard to treatment, the speaker explained that flake drying was, until a ed are roughly as follows: For the few years ago, the only system known; \$5,000 cash and \$15,000 paid up this consisted of laying the fish, split, on Cost of drier \$3,000, and of the flakes, in the sun, turning them at proding \$2,000; wharf site, \$2,000, and art. Women do a large part of the drythere would be the cost of the stock ing work, and if rain comes at an insh to be purchased before returns opportune time there is a great possi-

But a new system had been invented, Boggs also set down a sum of \$10,the Whitman system, invented a few the Whitman system. of for the purpose of exploring the mar- years ago by Mr. Thomas S. Whitman, of Nova Scotia, the fish being ed, which since then has been increased committee consisting of in size very much, and now there are similar driers scattered all over the Atlantic coast, notably at St. John, Gaspe, to them. Wives of settlers in the pin-Gloucester, Boston and at San Francisco eries of the north, isolated and deprived on the Pacific Coast.

These dryers have proved an immense success, not only in economising labor, as no other medicine on earth has been but also in improving the quality of the thanked. Ladies in every city between fish. They can be dried more evenly, no mildewing, as was caused by rain at saved them. inopportune times, under the old system. The fish are caught, split, salted in bulk, fact, with no exaggeration or flourish, stone, Second Relief and Arlington. cleansed and arranged in trays, skin up, from a lady in Belleville, Ont. the trays being about 7 feet by 3 feet and

at San Francisco night and day. Mr. Boggs had been negotiating for the disease will never return." the sale of the British Columbia rights to Seattle parties, but the negotiations have fallen through because the purchasers insisted upon having the Puget the meeting was to place stead of allowing them to be obtained by der the authority of a search warrant,

Sound rights, and his object in calling business men of Victoria the opportunity of securing these rights themselves, n- Atkins. Campbell and Russell, acting un the San Francisco people, who are also visited the cold storage establishment on after them, which would be inimical to Store street and confiscated ninety quail the interests of the province. The Alas- and one cock pheasant found there. A ka Company might intend to erect a summons will be issued and Manager drier in British Columbia, or to lock up Patton will be tried for infraction of the the rights until they had secured a loca- Game Act. Mr. Boggs went at length into the ex- ties of birds, that upon cock pheasants

ason to expect the population of perience of the Boston fish curers, who not being exhausted before October 1st, have not achieved so much success as and that on quail being continuous, have those on the Canadian side of the line, ing come into force last year. alibut fishing industry had grown and, continuing, referred again to ertant dimensions in British Co- the marketing possibilities, quoting from will be offered, it is possible that should in the last few years, and a large letters received from Mr. Thomson, of he decide to plead not guilty, Mr. Patton nately, it has been acquired by a that the large company with which that for storage in his establishment for precompany, and the fish is ex- gentleman is conected, and which has an servation before the passing of the reimmense trade on the Pacific Coast of gulation prohibiting their destruction. South America, at present imports most turally into three branches, the in the same connection there was a letdemand which exists for the port, from the same source, which stated

the United States fisheries com- the same way as the Atlantic coast fish,

Mining Men and if they were disposed to erect a At Nelson

> Interesting Papers on the Ymir Mine and Small Economies in Mining.

Does For the Mines of the Province.

(Nelson Miner, Sept. 13.)

The members of the Canadian Mining selves as very pleased with what they

After luncheon a trip to the Athabaska transportation facilities of the city proved very inadequate to take the visitors up the hill. However, one vehicle was pro cured, and a small party were driven way. The fish of British Columbia waters had been pronounced by Professor Flint to be simply splendid and Sir Louis blast. The workings of the machinery were explained to the visitors who were not already familiar with such an indus-

This morning the members of the Institute will become the guests of the Hall Mines, and will visit the Silver King an inspection made of Nelson's premier

Mr. H. E. Gillies, formerly of Anna-The meeting held by the Mining Instito some extent a revelation, to the large Whitman process, and being acquainted with Mr. Whitman, He explained his connection with the transition regarding the audience who attended, of the excellent work the Institute is doing in Canada. of over 300, consisting of the leading spoke strongly in favor of the industry being established here. He was not a

Representative Men in Canada who are interested more or less in mining, exercises a wide influence over its Mr. Boggs then answered some questhe provinces of the Dominion.

capitalist, but was in a position to say

worth of stock in the company.

stated, and the meeting ended.

A BELLEVILLE LADY.

Received Praising Dodd's

Kidney Pills.

Six Years Used Medicines and

Paid Doctors' Bills in Vain -

Finally Cured by Dodd's

Kidney Pills.

Victoria and Halifax have testified as

A BIG HAUL.

Ninety Quail Seized at the B. C. Cold

Storage Warehouse by the

This forenoon Provincial Constables

There is a close season on both varie-

(Associated Press.)

Authorities.

The discussions that followed the readtions relative to the capitalization of the company as stated in the introduction to speeches that were made by the members, and the thoroughly capable and The motion was agreed to, the chair- facts are regards mining interests, were man named the committee as already ence. So long as men of such intelligence and culture as our province, and at the same time listen worked Specimen Letter of the Many with interest to those here who are in a position to speak on mining matters as experts, there can be every hope that the welfare of British Columbia and her unlimited and rich mineral resources will be duly recognized by the most enlightened men in Canada.

The secretary, Mr. Bell, briefly explained the objects of the Institute and mentioned that the Dominion government free of duty.

That this is so is being constantly borne

Mr. Fowler began by describing the make the best terms they could. They That this is so is being constantly borne out by letters from women who have position of the Ymir mine. The area of should also eliminate, as far as possible, experienced the help afforded by Dodd's the Salmon river country covered about all injurious material from their ore. the Salmon river country covered about the help afforded by Dodd's the Salmon river country covered about all injurious material from their ore.

Kidney Pills. From all over Canada rough, which is the midst of a rough. Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway, almost ble to secure, have written to say what inaccessible. Some 35 years ago there were some placer mines worked at the mouth of the Salmon river. In 1885, two years before the discovery of the Silver of even the comfort of counsel with their King mine, the Halls located some claims sex, have thanked Dodd's Kidney Pills on the head of Wild Horse creek. In

1886, with the advent of the railway A Number of Locations Were Made. brought to a certain grade, and there is to from what Dodd's Kidney Pills have At the present day there are many va-The rock of that district is not phy-

"I have been troubled for six years 6 inches in depth, the bottoms being of with Kidney Disease and kindred trou- ciers have been an important factor in tween labor and capital; also that the wire, and a mattress of sawdust being bles. I have paid doctor's bill after doc. its topography. The rock is of igneous committee be authorized to take such placed over them to absorb the moisture. tor's bill to no avail. One physician, Dr. origin with a mixture of sedimentary action as it may think fit, and forward The usual size of the dryers is from 200 Wilson, told me I would never get betto 300 kertles, a kertle being 112 pounds.

The Whitman Company has disposed wonderful cures made by Dodd's Kidney limestones. The Ymir mine is situated Mr. Bell, the se of its right of building these dryers Pills and procured a box. Upon getting on the west side of the valley of a on the American Pacific Coast to the relief I continued their use until the north fork of Wild House creek. It was to have the obnoxious law repealed? The Alaska Fishing Co., which operates one eighth box, when I was completely cur- taken over by the present owners in I can safely say at this date that 1896, and since that date some 5,000 feet of development work has been done, showing up an ore body 500 feet in length. A depth of 500 feet has been attained, but as yet no water to interfere with mining operations has been encountered. The maximum width of the ore body is 30 feet. A few slips and narrow fissures have been met. Three humdred feet of the ore body consists of white quartz, but the western 200 feet consist of a dark smoky blue quartz, running high in gold values. The walls deposition of the ore, dykes and fractures were intruded, followed by movements more or less in the direction of the plane of the vein, with the result that other fissures were formed extending take any part in local politics. diagonally to

The Strike of the Vein These latter fissures caused an oxid-While it is not known what defence izing process producing a band of carbonate and an increase in gold value. As yet not sufficient stoping has been Santiago, Chili, in which it was stated will claim that the birds were deposited done to ascertain thoroughly the structural nature of the vein, consequently mistakes are apt to arise. For instance, m one level, a four foot dyke comes squarely up to the footwall where it turns at Boggs said the subject divided itof the dried fish sold, from Norway, and SOLDIERS SENTENCED TO DEATH right angles to the left along the wall and continues coming gradually to the right for 20 feet, where it crosses the Manila, via Hongkong, Sept. 15 .- The drift squarely. On going through the that the firm had a sale for the fish with papers assert that Corporal Damhoffer, dyke slate was found, and, crosscutting up the first, the question had bone, twice as large as that without the asked if the smaller fish, such bone, such as the Boston companies are infantry, have been sentenced to death turned again. It is impossible to ascernce as cod, existed here in suf- turning out, the price being about 5% by court-martial, and Private McBen- tain how or where the dyke proceeds into nett condemened to 20 years' imprison- the hanging wall as yet. Failure to exand drying, and he had been at Mr. Boggs had been informed by a ment, for criminally assaulting native amine closely the footwall led the magather some information upon number of local men that the British women in Manila a month ago. The pa- nagers astray. So far no special system Prof. W. A. Wilson, the Columbia fish can be treated in exactly pers state also that General Otis has of work has been adopted, though prorecommended President McKinley to ap- bably a combined system of erib work a will be followed. There are two classes of ore in the mine, namely, mill stuff and crude ore. The former is sent direct to the mill, the latter, which is partly crude or the mill, the latter, which is partly crude.

If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man the mill, the latter, which is partly crude. report of 1895, referring the fish being similar to that of Norway; prove of the sentences, and he desires a will be followed. There are two classes the Behring Sea fish resembling that public execution of the men sentenced as of ore in the mine, namely, mill stuff and that one vessel, between April 18 caught on the banks of Newfoundland. a warning against the repetition of the crude ore. The former is sent direct to the days of the latter, which is partly crude or the mill, the latter, which is partly crude or the mill, the latter, which is partly crude

galena, partly oxidized ore or carbonate (of limited amount) is shipped direct to the Hall Mines smelter. There is A Forty Stamp Mill

of 80 pounds at the mine. The battery is in four sets of ten stamps each. It is driven by water power by a Pelton wheel and can crush over 100 tons per diem In operating the mill one inside plate ac upper part of the outside plate gathers 80 per cent. of recovered free gold, which passes through the screens. The lower part is very valuable, and passes an ex tremely small amount of free gold. The small size of the galena particles, together with their gravity, causes them A to catch in the minute depression of the amalgam, therefore the plates are dressed every six hours, which results in their always being in excellent condition. The bullion produced averages 580-1000 gold, 400-1000 silver, and 20-1000 base. This shows no amalgamation of lead, but a large amount of free sil-Institute spent a quiet day yesterday. ver. Other prospects in the vicinity are In the morning they made a trip to the not yet sufficiently, developed to show

Howard West to read his paper on This subject, said Mr. West, was an all mportant one, as all the world's mineral produce depended on

. The Strictest Economy being observed. Of late years great strides have been made in this directionnotably in the Transvaal, where the cvanide process has raised the standard In British Columbia isolated examples dertakings elsewhere. Certainly there were disadvantages in this country to contend with, still, there was ample room for a more general system of economy. For instance, in the Slocan, where he artery of the city will be a har (Mr. Howard West) has resided for five built up and busy thoroughfare. years, economic principles were most elementary. Owing to the richness of the ore was, as a rule, low grade, quanextensive sphere of work equally in all the Slocan only ores of fairly high grade will pay to ship. According to the report of the minister of mines for the past ernment and Broughton streets. ing of the papers last night, the various two years the average value of ore shipped in the Slocan was 103 ounces in silver and 46 per cent, of lead to the ton. masterly manner in which facts, vital The allurement of a quick return often tempted a mine manager to extract only dealt with by the members in general, the rich ores of a mine, neglecting those considerably impressed the large audi- which, if properly worked, would pay a small percentage. By so doing many low our grade properties suffered. However, the visitors possess can be found to tra- steady influx of capital meant that more vel some 3,000 miles in order to diligently attention would be paid to the quantity investigate the mineral wealth of this of townage. If low grade ores were

The Production of the Slocan would be trebled, and the accumulation, which was now a burden, would then become capital. In Ontario and Quebec ores running as low as six ounces in silver and 10 per cent. lead to the ton could be worked at a profit. One great evil in mine management was the employment of unqualified engineers as managers or superintendents. This was a frequent had made arrangements for the entry of cause of waste and extravagance. Again dredging appliances into the Dominion the high cost of transportation and treatment and also the duty on lead were rightfully been said that "Dodd's Kidney Pills are woman's best friend." his paper on the Ymir mine.

That this is so is being constant.

tr. C. H. Lugrin, of the Colonist, by apvectors, and a drier was erective. The Lugrin of the Colonist, by apvectors and a drier was erective where doctors, by the colonist of the colonist, by apvectors and a drier was erective. The colonist of the coloni the legislature in passing hur was, until 1896, when opened out by the the measure was both unexpected and uncalled for.

He begged to move the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that this Institute feels the necessity of recording its strong disapproval of recent legislation in this province, legislation that was unasked for by the miners, and which interferes with the freedom of contract by restricting the luable mines in the district, as, for ex- hours of labor underground, which Here is a plain, simple statement of ample, the Fern, Porto Rico, Yellow- has led to the closing down of many active mines in this province, and has caused a disturbance of the cordial resically complicated in structure. Gla- lations which had hitherto existed

Mr. Bell, the secretary, asked what steps had been taken by the mine owners members from the East had only heard of the act by reading the local newspapers. They now understood the gravity of the situation.

Mr. Roderick Robertson said that the commercial men had raised A Protest

in the shape of a resolution from the joint Boards of Trade of Kootenay, A member wanted to know if an eight hour day was not the most economical for both employer and employee?

Mr. Croasdaile explained that in actual are usually very free. Subsequent to the practice the hours of labor in the mines (working two shifts) were reduced from 19 to 16 hours in the 24 hours. Mr. Dick thought it a mistake for a body representing the whole Dominion to

> The president pointed out that the resolution did not call for any action but only an expression of opinion Mr. Bell said that the Institute would help all the provinces equally. It had aided Nova Scotia in repealing certain harmful amendments to the mining laws there, and it was determined to fight against any attempts of the legislatures

the Dominion. The resolution was then put and car ried umanimously

to the injury of the mining interests of

Mr. Feodore Boas thanked Mr. Fowler for his exceedingly valuable paper, and also Messrs. Howard West and Hardman for their contributions. He referred in eulogistic terms to the brilliant future of British Columbia, and said that the Institute would use every effort to make known the great mineral wealth that only needed capital to develop it. He concluded with a warning against bogus companies and wildcat schemes.

Victoria's **Growing Time**

cumulates four per cent. in gold. The Marked Activity in Building Operations in the Business Centre.

> Replica of the Weiler Block to Be Erected Diagonally Opposite.

'That "trade follows the flag" is now accepted as an axiom, and that business follows the post office is likely to be come a firmly established fact in this good old city of Victoria.

When the Dominion government selected the site of the present post office. there were those who condemned it as being too far away from the business centre, but it is likely that within a very short time it will be found that the handsome pile of buildings is the actual centre of the retail trade, and the Saturday night promenade is already rapidly extending southward towards the bridge. Perhaps when the Croft scheme is an accomplish fact, the throngs will centre on the bridge and the dress parade be continued even as far south as Birdcage walk.

The erection of Weller Brothers' magof efficiency not hitherto attained there, nificient building at the corner of Government and Courtney streets, and the of economical mine management compar- extension of the permanent sidewalk beed favorably with some of the best unyond there, has had much to do with the movement southward of the throng of shoppers and shop-window-gazers, when plans now matured are carried out the whole of that portion of the main artery of the city will be a handsomely

Weiler's building, designed by and erected under the personal supervision the ores there, the element of chance of Mr. T. C. Sorby, of harbor improveplayed a considerable part. On the ment fame, has recommended itself to other hand, in the Rossland camp, where other property owners as a model worthy of imitation, and Mr. E. M. Johnson, tity more than quality brought matters agent for Mr. C. A. Vernon, has obtaindown to a more mathematical basis. In ed plans from Mr. Thomas Hooper for a replica of the Weiler block, to be erected at the northwest corner of Gov-

The Vernon block, as it will probably be called, will be occupied principally by Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., and Messrs. M. W. Waitt & Co. It will be of brick and stone, faced with finished brick and terra cotta, from the British Columbia Pottery Company's factory. Everything in the way of modern improvements will find a place, there being electric freight and passenger elevators, electric lighting, steam heating and every possible convenience.

The corner store will be leased by Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., and will have a frontage of 30 feet on Government street and a depth of 66 feet. This enterprising and successful firm of grocers and Italian warehousemen will also occupy a portion of the basement, and of the second and third storeys. Messrs. Waitt & Co., whose name is indelibly associated in the mind of every Victorian with things musical, will have a store 25x66 feet, a portion of the basement, a show room for the better display of their Heintzmanns and other leading instruments, on the second floor, and a hall 25x44 feet for musicales and rehearsals. It would hardly be possible for Messrs. Waitt to get along without such a half. indeed without it, one could hardly be lieve it to be Waitt's, for who has not pleasant recollections of the evenings spent in the cosy salon now occupied attending rehearsals of some of the comic opera successes which still linger in the memory?

The striking features included in Mr. Sorby's design of the Weiler building, the galleries, etc., will all be repeated in the new structure, and active work will be commenced just as soon as the present tenants, all under short notice, can move out.

The premises now occupied by Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co. are to be replaced by a large block for the Westside dry goods house and the B O Land & Investment Agency are to erect another story on their building opposite where the Vernon block is to be built. There is an increasing demand for property in that vicinity, and it is held stiffly, Hudson's Bay Co., owners of the lot between the Investment Co.'s and Messrs. Porter's building, asking \$1,000 a front foot.

On 'the other side of the street, the Windsor hotel site is being looked at with envious eyes by speculators in real estate, and the owner is accumulating wealth by the mere efflux of time, for every month adds to the value of the

There are not wanting striking indications that Victoria is about to experience, with the rest of the Dominion, a growing time of unexampled prosperity, and those who have allowed their bosoms to be torn with conflicting emotions when they have visited Vancouver and seen the building going on there, may yet enjoy all the happiness that the ability to boast of one of their own can give. As an old timer said to a Times reporter this morning, "Victoria may be a trifle slow, may be she is, but I notice, don't you know, that she mostly always, generally, gets there just the same."

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