ACCEPTANCE BY COUNCIL FRIDAY NIGHT

sition Proved a Very Thankless One.

As was forecasted in a brief an-nouncement in Friday's Times, C. H. Topp, city engineer, has handed his resignation to the City Council, the same to take effect on January 1st, 1910. It has been accepted, and a C. H. Topp Joins Gore & Macrecommendation will go from the streets, sewers and bridges committee, who had the matter before them Friday evening, that James Bryson, assistant city engineer, be made acting city engineer until such time as a successor to Mr. Topp shall have been duly appointed. At the board's request Mr. Topp will for the next month or two continue to aid the department in the work in hand.

On City Clerk Dowler reading Mr. would prove more remunerative, Ald. property a couple of years ago. McKeown moved that the same be ac-

ought not to stand in the way of any charge of all work at Uplands Farm. official bettering himself.

every success in his new position.

of criticism directed against the city of the local legislature. engineer's department, but Mr. Topp | This agreement stipulates that the a painstaking official, but glad to know lars shall be spent in improving the that he was going to better himself.

He hoped that Mr. Topp would be able walks, laying water mains, sewers and of months in getting through with the and boulevards. business now in the hands of the de-

or four men's work.

Ald. Stewart agreed that the position | the work. of city engineer was a thankless one. He (Aid. Stewart) had been on the Topp was going to have a better posi-

Mr. Topp, replying to a question uld be glad to give the new man who might take up his duties Although many of the members of the he was certain that they did not really present system, and certainly the pubisfactory method. As he had frequentand certain aldermen insist on the work being started, perhaps, in Spring are handling the property to create gates are to go East they will be nt amount to properly complete

"We all know the streets are in bad | traordinary. condition," said Mr. Topp, "but how A firm of landscape artists were alare no sufficient funds to even keep of laying out the section. They came the crossings clean, to say nothing of here and spent some months on the paying for material and the cost of work, and as a result of their labors work maintaining the streets in all nounced a splendid conception of an parts of the city. Notwithstanding ideal residential site. There are broad the supposed dead man arose in bed avenues, circular drives and walks of this, the press, the public and some varieties, the didermen conclude that the entire great width, spacious streets, public parks, fountains and boulevards as

after working almost without a holi- itation there is an assurance that in a day for eleven years, and getting little but complaint and abuse for troubles, for which I have not by any means been responsible, I am heartily sick of the whole business and do not to such a thankless task. I hope, when my successor is appointed his duties by-law will be amended so that he will be given absolute control over his subates and not continually be questioned as to his dealings with those

Ald. Stewart remarked that he would not take the position for anything. The city engineer was being jumped on all

engineer who had not been talked about and pronounced no good. Ald Stewart-Yes, we have got good many engineers around the street

corners and cigar stores. At the suggestion of Ald. Turner is was decided to post a motion appoint ing the assistant engineer to the of-fice of acting city engineer until such time as Mr. Topp's successor has been

Mr. Topp Complains That Po- UPLANDS FARM IN HAND SOON

PRELIMINARY WORK ON BIG SUBDIVISION

Gregor, Who Will Do Surveying.

It was ascertained by the Times Saturday that it is probable that with the advent of spring preliminary work will be commenced in connection with the laying out of what is known as the Uplands Farm property at Cadboro Bay as a residential area, on the magnifi-Topp's letter of resignation, which was cent scale planned by Kirby, Oldfield very brief and to the effect that he & Gardiner, the firm at the head of the had accepted another position which Winnipeg syndicate which acquired the

The survey work to be done in connection with the huge undertaking will, Ald. McKeown said he was sure it is understood, be executed by the every member of the board was sorry firm of Gore & McGregor. It is anthat the city was about to lose the nounced that C. H. Topp, who Friservices of Mr. Topp, but it was pleas- day resigned from the position of city ant to know that he was going to bet- engineer, has joined the firm of Gore ter himself. He felt that the board & MacGregor and will be placed in

At a meeting of the Oak Bay coun-Ald. Bishop seconded the motion of held Friday a draft agreement that the resignation be accepted, and in doing so said he wished Mr. Topp at Cadboro Bay, and this agreement will be passed by the council at its Ald. Turner, chairman of the streets, sewers and bridges committee, said that Mr. Topp had always done his very best in the interests of the city. There had of course been a great deal agreement will be confirmed by an act of the local largeritations.

had been working at a disadvantage municipality of Oak Bay shall not adwhich was not generally understood. He was personally very sorry that the city was going to lose the services of sum not less than half a million dolto assist the city for the next couple surface drains, and laying out parks

While by the terms of the agreement the work of improving the property Ald. Mable also regretted that Mr. must commence within two years from Topp was resigning. The position of January 1st, it is understood that it is city engineer was a thankless job. A the present intention of the owners of man in that position had to do three Uplands Farm to proceed almost immediately with the commencement of

The completion of all the details in connection with the huge scheme of pard at the time Mr. Topp had been improvement will necessarily occupy a appointed to the position. A man to considerable time, but there is every fill the post successfully had to have assurance that no obstacle lies to the great deal of patience. (Hear, hear.) prompt transaction of all business nehis disposal. He was pleased that Mr. first instance still retain considerable ner harbor.

an early start will be made on this were to accommodate the comm every assistance for the next couple of great plan of improving that section months. He then proceeded to make a of the city as a residential area will coast by the company few remarks as the reasons which had be hailed with delight by the public actuated him in deciding to resign. generally, as it ensures a growth and bor near the Indian reserve side, in bound to assume large dimensions.

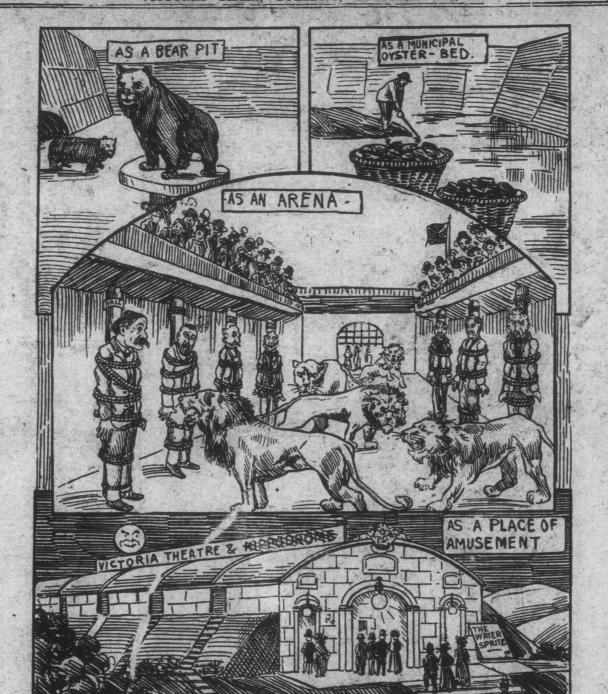
The Uplands Farm property is pronounced by many people to be perhe had been forced to work under the haps the choicest natural site for residential purposes to be found on the Padoes not appreciate them in the cific coast. It lies on a gradually slightest. It is an impossibility under sloping hillside on the western bank the present system of running the of Cadboro Bay. The scenic beauties ess of the city to secure any sat- of the place are quite unrivalled. Standing on the site, one sees at his pointed out, the work should be feet the waters of Cadboro Bay—per-operly mapped out at the beginning, haps the prettiest bay on the whole coastline of Vancouver Island; in the order according to traffic. Instead of distance Mount Baker and the low-lythis by-laws are passed without any ing hills of the Cascade range; on the uniformity in carrying out the work right the mighty Olympic range. nity in carrying out the work right the mighty Olympic range. It is the plan of the syndicate who

Ridge, James Bay or elsewhere. Con- what will easily prove the most picsequently the workmen are forced to turesque and attractive residential sece back and forth before any single tion in Western America; and while job is finished, all of which, in the the natural beauty of the place, in reeyes of the public, is lack of system, spect to location and general environ-and the blame, of course, always falls ment, lends itself well to the achieveupon the shoulders of the engineer. At | ment of this end, the skill of the landother times work is passed, if funds scape artist is to be employed to the are not available, by voting an insufcreation which will possess charms for the homeseeker quite unique and ex-

eping a gang of men constantly at they submitted a plan which is profeatures of the scheme, and as all produced later after joking to the fright-died later after afte few years Victoria will possess in the Uplands Farm one of the most beautiful and attractive residential areas to

be found in the whole of America. RUSHING WORK ON LINE.

Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 18.-Wm. Parks, of the Toronto Construction one to deal with matters pertaining to penalty for each of which is to Company, states that the company has life insurance companies and the section imprisonment and \$5,000 fine. tract of upward of 100 miles of the National Transcontinental in this province. Rails are laid from Cains River westward as far as Napadoggan Lake the site in the centre of the great Miramichi forest that has been chosen for



RESERVOIR-WHAT WILL WE DO WITH IT?

DELEGATES MAY BE SENT EAST

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT IS TO BE URGED.

Wednesday to Consider

Question.

Bay council, but this is purely a formal. latter body became satisfied that the plans of the company could not well The announcement thus made that be altered very much if the wharves

The removal of the rocks in the hardevelopment in that district which is cluding Pinnacle rock, would, however, overcome the difficulty, and at the is believed he is dead beneath the was an act unique in the annals of same time be of decided benefit to wreckage. The fireman was pulled history. "Posterity will judge Leopold "SANTA CLAUS" IS shipping in the harbor.

It is highly probable therefore that the board will recommend to the Dominion government the expenditure necessary to widen the harbor at the point needed. In order to have the matter presented to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and the othe members of the government, it has been suggested that a small delegation be sent from the local board to Ot-Wednesday afternoon, when the whole subject will be taken up, and if dele-

The G.T.P. intends to erect brick offices adjoining their wharves and fronting on Wharf street, and will carry out a scheme of improveme that will mean much to the city water plans.

HE "GOT HIM AT THE LAST." Corpse Yawned, But Undertaker's Services Eventually Required.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 18.-As an and yawned "I feel better new for that long sleep," he said. But the under taker was recalled, for Murphy really ened embalmer about his "first death."

INSURANCE ACT

Toronto, Dec. 18 .- Senator Geo. W. agers of the different insurance comforty miles of track laid on its con- ond to deal with those of fire and other

EARNINGS INCREASE.

SEVEN PERSONS MAY ATTEMPT KILLED IN WRECK

OVER SCORE OF OTHERS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Board of Trade Will Meet on Passenger Train Collides With Will Not A con Fune at .. Bar-Switch Engine in Cleveland.

due to arrive at the station, speed. The engines and cars piled up return in a "few days,"

n shattered masses of debris. The body of the engineer of the pas- pold's career and declares that his cresenger train could not be found and it ation of the Congo Independent State Liberals. from the dead as was the engineer of a great King with a grand reign," it the switch engine.

them were injured, however, several among his three daughters, Prince seriously. Eight Persons Injured.

Chicago, Dec. 18.-Two women were The actual amount of Leopold's forfatally injured and six other passen- tune probably never will be revealed on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, bound from St. Paul to Chi- Baroness Vaughn and her children, man coaches were derailed.

DEFRAUD GOVERNMENT

CONSPIRED TO

front. The general feeling in the board Five Employees of American property Sugar Refinery Company Are Convicted.

fining Company, on trial for three will absent themselves undertaker started to prepare the weeks charged with criminal conspir-body of Edward Murphy for burial, acy to defraud the government of parture of the Baroness was not inwere found guilty by a jury last night. leave the city. In the case of James Bendernagel, liamsburg plant, the jury disagreed. found guilty. The jury was out ten according to semi-official reports.

Those under indictment are Oliver Ross has written letters to the man- Spitzer, dock superintendent; John R. Coyle, Thomas Kehoe, Edward Boyle and Patrick J. Hennessy. The checkof the late George Salting are bean effort he is making to have the iners may be punished for the commisqueathed by his will to the nation. The surance act divided into two divisions, sion of two covert acts, the maximum one to deal with matters pertaining to penalty for each of which is two years'

The failure to convict Cashier Bendernagel is regarded by the governnent as a distinct disap As other indictments are pending Montreal, Dec. 18.—C. P. R. earnings they are to be tried, it was agreed by for the second week of December inthe government that they be paroled sentenced to hang at Prince Albert on Ald. McKeown said he had been in a divisional point. Work will be continued as rapidly as possible during the last year. Those of the Grand Tunk to renew bail when the argument for the same week increased \$47,000.

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he was frequently working under a fluctory wor just five minutes before the train was funeral on Wednesday in an effort to break his will. The Baroness departed When the crash came the Lake Shore secretly to avoid hostile public demon-

An official decree lauds King Leo-

No passengers were killed. Many of pold shows that he divided \$3,000,000 The filing of the will of King Leo-Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine

gers hurt when a fast passenger train It is reported that a considerable amount has been turned over to cago, was wrecked near Western that the King had created a stock com-Springs, Ill., early to-day. Three Pull- pany of his estates in order to forestall a possible raid upon them by the

the bequest she will receive, is provid- when his inflammable coat

Investigation shows that the rights boy was enveloped in flames, succession to the throne of a child There is much speculation to-day as to whether the Baroness will attend New York, Dec. 18.—Five of the six King's daughters have announced that the King's funeral on Wednesday. The employees of the American Sugar Re- if she is permitted to be present they

voluntary. The authorites, however, customs duties on imported raw sugar, deny having issued orders to her to One of the first acts of Prince Albert former cashier of the company's Wil- upon his accession to the throne will

be to enact sweeping changes in ad-Mercy is recommended for all those ministration of affairs in the Congo, ART TREASURES

London, Dec. 18 .- The art treasures

total value of the collection is mated at from fifteen to twenty million dollars. SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.-Half an hour sentenced to hang at Prince Albert on

BURGLARS START FIRE.

Sacramento, Dec. 18.—It develops that fire, which caused \$10,000 damage to the furniture store of Charles M. Campbell, was set by burglars. They were evidently disappointed at not finding a large sum of money thought was in the office till.

APPEALS TO THE NONCONFORMISTS Declares the Peers Are Stand-

LLOYD GEORGE URGES CHURCHES TO FIGHT

Unionist Newspapers Are Denouncing Chancellor's Tactics.

Toronto, Dec. 18 .- A cablegram to the Globe from London says:

Lloyd George, who was the principal speaker at a great mass meeting of berlain is himself a lifelong Unitarian nen of the free churches held Thurs- and has been a foremost fighter on the day night, fired the heather against side of the free churches. His bitteres the Lords. He characterized them as early speeches were against the establishment a "packed jury." There was, he lished church, and it is his former place pointed out, only two or three non-con- in front of the free church fighting formists in the House of Lords, and he army that Lloyd George now occupie added: "There are more pagans there than free churchmen."

tinguishes him, he appealed to the men of the free churches, by the memory of their puritan ancestors, to take their place in the forefront of the bat- the Empire, has had every opportunit tle between the Lords and people. He declared amidst a scene of in-tense enthusiasm that if the men of parochial disputes of his early days. A Engind were free to-day to enter any church they wished, it was because the lintels and doorposts were stained with the blood of the non-conformists of other days.

ordinary affairs of life nobody knows To one accustomed to Canadian poor cares whether a man is a noncon-formist or a churchman, so long as he itical gatherings a striking feature of the meeting was that opened with prayer and the singing of a hymn with thorus, "God is with us, God is with us, Christ our Lord shall rule as Lloyd George's rhetoric, we find he has King."
The Lords continue their campaign

against the budget with unabated A new phrase, "eyeglass politics,"

has been invented to designate their meetings. Denounce Chancellor.

A Star cablegram says: The Unionist in a spirit of Christian charity instead against Lloyd George's passionate appeal to the non-conformists to unite in the fight against the peers, the conversation, is that "this Lords cry is thurch and the brewers, three powers the stalest of red herrings, which wi which are impregnable except at the not divert a majority of the quiet

Much happens here that could not continuous demand at bye-elections for open elsewhere. Lloyd George fired four years past for tariff reform. audience at Q. cription of a gree

ing place of all who would not cringe House of Lords, which, just because to unjust authority. It was the only it is a hereditary chamber, must de place in the community which stood up against the castle unafraid. He closed with an impassioned appeal.

pend for its whole influence on its success in interpreting the true mind of the people. with an impassioned appeal.

that the Conservatives will win sixty A Liberal candidate declares that the the workers defend their work and train was travelling at a high rate of stration. She announced that she would government will be returned by a stand by the peers, who in this case arger majority than before. A Canadian banker tells me that on the stock exchange Thursday the bet- | HELD UP BY TWO ting was two to one in favor of the

Boy Severely Burned While Taking Part in Entertainment.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 18.-Believed to he the first "Santa Claus" victim of Princess Louise and Stephanie or the year, Earl Docherty, a scholar in the sixth grade of the Washington Senator Winer said that perhaps school here, is to-day suffering from severe burns sustained when his cottate would be handed over to Belgium.

The Princes Clementine saids from The Princess Clementine, aside from Earl was impersonating Kris Kringle ed for by a special income from Congo against a candle hanging from the Christmas tree and in a moment the blaze was quickly smothered by his Committee Will Begin to Take Eviof the King by the Baroness Vaughn father, but not until he was severely burned.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES.

f Judge Finkle, who conducted the inestigation into charges of graft against certain county officials, was laid before the county council yesterday. He refuses to accept the state-ment of M. T. Buchanan, of Ingersoll, report for the committee on present that \$340 was paid him for an autom bile. It is likely the case will be referred to the Ontario government for investigation.

RESULTS OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Ottawa, Dec. 18.-At the preliminary examination for the outside division of Lucy Lang was found dead yet [rday the civil service held at Victoria on No- with a lounge on which her body was vember 9th the following passed: G. lying, surrounded by twenty empty Baker, Wm. H. Davis, Wm. H. Harris, paregoric bottles. Richard Lory, A. Robinson and John B.

FALL PROVES FATAL.

Toronto, Dec. 18.-Harold Urquhart, Meyer on Couch street late yesterday, who fell from a scaffold while at work and after beating the landlady into inon a house two weeks ago, died at the sensibility stole money and valuables, general hospital. He was 31 years old, including diamonds, amounting to \$500.

CHAMBERLAIN ON TARIFF REFORM

DEMANDED AT THE BYE-ELECTIONS, HE SAYS

ing by the Work-

London, Dec. 18.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Lloyd George ar face to face in print. While Mr. Cham berlain writes from an invalid could amid the calm of his Birmingha home, or rather dictates, with slow u terances, to his wife, who is always his side, Mr. Lloyd George speaks crowded, almost hysterically enthus astic demonstrations of free churc men. The piquancy of the situation increased by the fact that Mr. Cham The Unionist answer to Lloy George's high political talk is quiet With all the verve and fire that dis- put by the Times, which says: "Mr. Lloyd George having been for long time in parliament, and having come a member of a government season. to enlarge his ideas and extend his outlook. Yet his heart is still in the The clos stranger to our political methods might suppose that nonconformists are seris who have no rights in the eyes of the law and are struggling for recognition as citizens. We all know that in all

> is an honest and well-mannered citinothing in his mind except the question who is to manage parish schools in a very limited sphere of management that is left to local authorities by the education department. On both side sober-minded people are striving t understand one another and to roach a settlement of the difficulty

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3 published manifesto he says House of Commons, if entirely rolled, could be a great danger street from it a street frow it a street from it a street from it a street from it a street

There rings throughout the united kingdom the warning of the free churches against want, misery and the shameful inequalities of fortune. ber, whose only offence is in giv nation a chance to speak for itself. Let

> are standing by them.' MEN AT VANCOUVER

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT Victim Forced to Hand Over Cash at Point of Revolver.

> Vancouver, Dec. 18 .- Two . armed nasked men held up William Lough and took from him all the cash he had last night on Hastings street near Victoria drive. The men made him march up the street under penalty of death if he gave alarm and then escaped in the darkness. Lough is an athletic man and refused to hand over his cash until two shining barrels were pointed at him. Soon after he 'phoned to the police and the neighborhood was scoured without result.

> > EIGHT-HOUR DAY BILL.

dence on January 21st.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.-The special comnittee to discuss the Verville bill for an eight-hour days on all public works decided yesterday to commence taking evidence on January 21st. Deputy Minister of Labor Acland will likely be the first witness. The fair wage officer report for the committee on present conditions as to working hours throughout the Dominion. The commistee also decided to invite labor organizations, boards of trade, railway and cultural societies and all other interested bodies to express opinions on the merits of the bill.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18 Mrs.

BEATEN BY THUG.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.-A thug entered the rooming house of Mrs. Helen CITY

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