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## LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Noisy Gathering at the City Hall in Response to the Mayer's Call.

They Interrupt the Speakers, Amuse Themselves and Pass Certain Resolutions.

The public meeting at the city half to discuss the municipal commissioners bill, now before the legislature, was a decidedly noisy one. A large number of the audience were there evidently to have some fun and nearly every speaker was interrupted.

At 8 o'clock the Mayor took the chair, stating the object for which he had called the meeting. He spoke againsts the bill, maintaining that it was a retrograde movement as the modern tendency was that legislation should be through the sovereign will of the people and not in favor of a class. The present legislature was a fine body of men. no doubt, but he thought that the municipal councils of this city had done work in the past that they need not fear to look back upon. If men had axes to grind that was no excuse far the legislature to palm off bad bargain on the city.

Ald. Dwyer was then called forward and offered the following resolution:

Whereas this public meeting has been called by the Mayor for the purpose of dis-cussing the municipal commissioners bill now pending in the legislature; And whereas the intention of this bill is to place the government of the municipalities in the hands of commissioners appointed

by the government;
And whereas under the provisions of the said bill the citizens will be disfranchised and thus prevented from exercising a voice in the direction of the affairs of the govern-

ment of the city;
And whereas the tendency of the bill is not only unsuited to the character of the age, but is also inconsistent with the spirit and sentiment of progressive legislation, besides being a deliberate blow at the freedom of popular elections and a denial of the right of the people to appoint their own re-

presentatives: Be it therefore resolved, that it is the emphatic opinion of this meeting that the measure will be vastly injurious to the interests of the community, an outrageous invasion of the rights of citizenship, and, if permitted to pass, cannot fail to lower the character of civic administration and check both progress and development; and be it also resolved that this resolution be placed in the hands of the city's representatives in

the legislature. The bill, Ald. Dwyer claimed, was a deliberate attempt to deprive the citizens of having a voice in civic affairs, while the Imperial government; and Hon. Mr. commissioners when appointed would have Turner had asked for further time to look the Mayor in their power, as they could cut down his salary if he did not agree with them. If commissioners could govern a municipality they could equally well manage the business of the province. (Linghter.) Ald. Dwyer went on to claim that the citizens were opposed to the bill, his remarks being interrupted by calls of time be fore he had reached his fifteen minutes

The Mayor then called for a seconder to responded, and it was only after a considerable pause that Mr. A. Wilson came forward and said he would second it. This he did in a speech of some length, indulging in personal remarks most of them with no bearing on the question.

Mr. Carey, who followed, said that he had come to the conclusion that the bill was foreign to our institutions. The legislature was no more than a municipal council. While the city had done its financial work well the province had not, and he wanted to see the Dominion government send an auditor to go through the accounts of the province. The bill disfranchised fully one-fifth of the ratepayers and made positions for

drummed out politicians. Hon. Mr. Higgins, in reference to remarks made by Mr. Wilson, said that, as Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, he was not supposed to have any voice on a bill while it was before the house, but he would not sit still after the attack Mr. Wilson had made upon him. He had never been asked to accept a commissionership, as had been stated, and if he were he would decline. A commissioner in this city would be in a hell on earth. He would not say whether he was in favor of the bill or not, but, like the old hunter with the flintlock gun that missed fire, he would pick the flint and try the

mayor and aldermen again.

Ald. Keith Wilson considered the bill one who had no doubt brought is forward with the very best intentions; but the bill was humbug. He would suggest that the measure should increase instead of decrease the franchise. If municipal government turned out badly it was the fault of the people, for if the best men were selected for the municipal government there would be no

on the aves and noes. Mr. A. Wilson, amid roars of laughter. moved, seconded by Mr. John Lovell, the Moved by Mr. Alex. Wilson, seconded

by Ex.Ald. J. B. Lovell:
Whereas from the financial statement as laid before the legislative assembly, now in session, by the Finance Minister, shows a

system of alarming extravagance;
And whereas the financial policy of our provincial government is of a character calculated to land this province into bank

ruptcy at no distant date;
Be it therefore resolved that in the opin ion of this meeting it is desirable that the Dominion government be asked to take charge of the affairs of this province, as the present government have shown themselves to be incapable of satisfactorily conducting its affairs by their extravagant expenditure of the public moneys-and that the secre tary of this meeting be requested to for ward a copy of this resolution to Hun. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Premier of the Do

Mr. Lovell spoke in support of his resolution and was followed, by another speaker whose name could not be learned. The latter took the same view practically as Aid

principle of the bill and went on to advocate

with shouts of laughter. A show of hands was taken, the resolution declared and the meeting broke up.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. First Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY. WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9, 1895. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p m. Prayers by Rev. G. Clement King. Mr. Eberts presented the twelfth report of the private bills committee, declaring proved the preamble of the Victoria Hy draulic Mining Company's bill. Adopted. DR WALKEM introduced a bill to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in British Columbia. Read a first

FRASER VALLEY RELIEF. nittee composed of Mesers. Booth, Walkem, this house in connection with the Fraser books and papers, and to report to this house." He stated that he wanted to get Mr. Townsend, the chief distributor.

Hon. Mr. Davie suggested that if the making a profit, and this clause provides mover did not wish to call for persons to mistakes were almost unavoidable.

Mr. Sword and Mr. Kitchen having spoken in favor of it, the resolution was

order of this house passed on the 28th adding thereto the following words: 'un-less the sense of the amendment be more ported progress. plainly manifested by a simple erasure, substitution, or addition; and that it be the after its introduction, so as to comply with letter received this afternoon from the surthis rule, before the second reading therements clear. Agreed to.

TUBERCULIN. The questions of which Mr. Helmcken had given notice respecting the efficacy and manner of application of the tuberculin test, were laid over, after he had stated that he wished this information in view of a commission of inquiry recently instituted by into the matter.

PRIVATE BILLS. was read a third time and passed,

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the Nanaimo waterworks company's act, Mr. Bryden in the chair.

The bill is to give the company authority to take its supply of water higher up the river than it has power to do at present—at a point one mile above Stark's falls, which will allow higher pressure to be available. MR FORSTER moved as an amendment:— "The powers and privileges conferred by this act, and the provisions hereof, are hereby declared to be granted subject to the rights of the crown, and also subject to any future legislation regarding the subject matter of this act, or of the powers and privileges hereby conferred which the legisture may see fit to adopt; and this act is passed upon the express condition that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time impose and reserve to the crown, in right of the province, such rents, royalties, toils and charges in respect of the waters, or of the lands of the grown (if any), rights and privileges, which shall be set out, appropriated, or enjoyed by the company, or are conferred by this act, as by the Lieu-tenant Governor in council shall be deemed before the people. It took away the fran-chise which their fathers had fought and may be deemed recessary and advisable for the collection and enforcement of such rents, of the most gigantic humbugs ever brought to be just and proper; and may likewise may be deemed necessary and advisable for the collection and enforcement of such rents, royalties, tolls and charges, or any of them, but so that no increase in the amount of any ceeded to tell why he had loss confidence in Public works, \$995,000; roads, streets, but no that no increase in the amount of any such rents, royalties, etc. fixed by any such the government, which therefore he did not think should be entrusted with the amount of the proposed loan. Having spoken to that effect for about the value having spoken to that effect for about the value have a sar at that effect for about the value have a sar at the loans fell very far short of it, to say nothing of the immense total of \$1,077,000 the debate.

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pany propose to connect with, though they for not use it now. This action on the part of the corporation, he held, is an evidence that the company is not giving satisfaction.

It must have struck the house as the loans out of which part of this expendi-

it stood the measure, and opposed the amendment, hensive statement made in presenting it, which he considered would be an unjust interference with the company's rights.

company, and spoke in justification of the hon, gentleman should so soon come to a action of the corporation of Nanaimo in full stop, and be compelled to ask for furseeking to make the city independent of the company. The corporation had made an attempt to purchase the stock of the comgentieman some assistance under the offpany, but not more than one third was cumstances (laughter) - to give him a offered, and that at a very high figure. He pointer about something which he had evithought the water company have not given dently quite overlooked, and which he ought thought the water company have not given due consideration to the interests of the to bear in mind when, in case the house people, an evidence of which is that the in-should consent to the adjournment, he next surance companies have had to force the rose to speak on the subject. He would inprovision of higher pressure by a cancella-

Hon Mr Davie reviewed the circum-Hone Mn Daviz reviewed the circum-atances which may be referred to as the ground for the provisions embodied in Mr. Forster's amendment. In view, he said, of To ster's amendment. In view, he said, of the many franchises sought for the purpose of diverting and using water, in had strayed beyond the matter before the house (laughter), but thought that he would portion of it is valued in a similar way to that in which a valued in a similar way to that in which a bequire in order in imparting to the house (laughter), but thought that he would portion of it is valued would perhaps, if for the bill, but with the exception of Aid of the people that the legislature should require some return for what might be looked alluded.

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One man started interruptions while Mr. Cuthbert was speaking, and the growd who were there for fun kept it up for some time. Finally Mr. Cuthbert succeeded in getting a hearing and having concluded the Mayor a hearing and having concluded the Mayor quickly put the resolution, which was hailed of securing a revenue commensurate with the privileges granted. This company secured authority by its act in 1885 to take was shell an about still left before six o'clock, and he did not see why the debate should not be proceeded with the further rallied the opposition critic on the United States into Cubs and ports from the United States into Cubs and Porto Rico.

Mr. Hunter said he thought that at all Mr. Hunter said he thought that at all Porto Rico. the election of councilmen for longer periods of securing a revenue commensurate with

ered that the principle which was recognized by the house in inserting this clause some years ago is the same as that which would justify the house in enacting the present clause. The company new want greater power of gravity; they want to get further up the river. The house in passing the proposed amendment, imposing the liability provided for, will be imposing it with respect to the further rights which they seek to acquire. He could not see, why this principle should not apply to this bill. He would vote for the insertion of this clause, as he

did not consider that it would result in any lajustice to the Nanaimo waterworks com pany. He considered rather that its adoption by the house would be of great benefit to the company. The opinion expressed by the courts of late is that the right of expropriation exists to a very great extent. When any concern is MR KITCHEN moved "That a select com- no allowance is made for franchise rights, the value of the concern being estimated Braden, Sword and the mover be appointed upon the construction value of the actual for several years the expenditure having to examine the returns brought down to works. It must not be supposed for a moment that the government is going to valley relief, with power to call for persons, make or ask sanction for any attack upon the books and papers, and to report to this rights of property, and it must be assumed house." He stated that he wanted to get that the government, who ever may compose the name of each person who had secured it, will continue to have regard for such relief and its amount. He did not think it rights. But such a clause as that now prowould be necessary to call anyone except posed will enhance the value of the company's franchise, making it manifest to all HON. COL BAKER asked the mover to concerned that they have secured it upon consider whether the result of such a comfair and equitable terms. The position is, mittee can possibly justify its expense.

attend before the committee, that part of his resolution be omitted. He might say for the profit arising from the undertaking.

ME. HUNTER said he hoped that if a formal of the profit arising from the undertaking for a long time past the revenue has fallen for a long time past the reve rather a matter for surprise if it were found clause of this nature is to be inserted it short of the estimate of it made by the that in no individual case was greater relief | will be made to apply only to such privileges | Finance Minister. That hon, gentleman is secured than was deserved, as in the hurry as are to be newly granted, and will not be not only astray, but if he is sincere in his

already enjoy. After much further discussion, Mr. Sword raised the point that the whole bill is out of road — at the 150 Mile house, and order, as dealing with crown rights with he then said that he was a supporter How, Mr. Davis moved: "That the out the assent of the crown having first been of the government. That was less than two to prove this assertion. obtained. The Chairman wished to refer February, 1894 (Journals 1894, page 69, this point to the Speaker for decision, and and printed as Order 113), be amended by the Speaker taking it into consideration until to-morrow the committee rose and re-

BRILLA COOLA COLONY. HON. COL BAKER said he wished to take duty of the Law Clerk to alter any bill this opportunity to inform the house of a He explained that the new rule in cently established at Bella Cools. Out of its present shape has proved rather cumber- 83 heads of families who went in there a some without always serving the intended few months ago, as already known ten purpose of making the sense of the amend-have returned, but four of these informed him as they passed through Victoria that they intend to come back from Dakota in the spring. The letter mentioned informed him that out of the 73 who remained at Bella Cools, 44 have taken up their lands and signed the agreement, and the remaining 29 are busily engaged in selecting their locations. The 44 who have chosen their lands are now occupied in putting up their houses, and they are exacedingly pleased with the land. (Applause) It having been said that the climate of Bella Cools is not The Harrison Hot Springs exclusion bill in reading the report made to him on the state of the weather. A record having been MR Corron moved the second reading carefully kept from the lat of November to of the North Vancouver electric company's the 13th of December, the result showed a bill, asking for an extension of time for the total of 26 days, out of the 43, altogether fine oned with the work as at first intended.
Read a second time.

MR Hums moved the second reading of the Columbia and Knotenay railway bill.

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into it. (Applause.) PROVINCIAL LOAN. MR Sword continued his remarks on the motion for the second reading of the loan bill. He criticised the computations of the Finance Minister, as reported in the COLONIST, with respect to the capitalization of the annual payments by the Deminion and putting down the large amount thus arrived at as an asset of the province. He wondered that the Minister did not as a

matter of privilege rise to-day and repudiate the report. He expressed regret that the government has not seen fit to cut down the expenses of the several departments, in the way of salaries especially, and he pointed to the appropriation for a govern-ment agent at London as one which might well be out off altogether. In reference to the remark of the Finance Minister with respect to the mining development, that the mines worked upon their present large scale "will not only pay but pay handsomely in good wages to the employes as well as profit to the investors," he thought this a fit opportunity to call the attention of the house to the manner in which the anti-Chinese

MR BOOTH spoke in support of the bill as according to report to occupy the place of the stood.

DR. WALKEM also vigorously supported to criticise the loan bill and the compression finance minister—the gentleman who aspires, according to report to occupy the place of the present Minister—should have essayed to criticise the loan bill and the compression finance minister—the opposition finance minister—the opposition finance minister—the opposition finance minister—the gentleman who aspires, according to report to occupy the place of the present Minister—should have essayed to criticise the loan bill and the compression finance minister—the gentleman who aspires, according to report to occupy the place of the pla minious end. (Laughter.) If there is any Ms. McGrecor expressed himself as not good argument which can be urged against the warm a supporter of the waterworks the measure, it did appear strange that the form the hon, gentleman -

MR PRENTICE rose to a point of order. Hen. MR. DAVIE expressed regret if he

Hon. MB. DAVIE continued that it would

here. The hon. gentleman was speaking of capitalizing the debts of the province, and he said, "for—for—for—for," and then glanced apprehensively at the clock and moved the adjournment. (Great laughter.) The motion for the adjournment of the debate was put and lest on division.

should have finished his sentence before

MR PRENTICE asked if the hon. member

breaking off with a motion for adjournment

He for one would be better satis

sentence were finished. (Laughter.)

MR PRENTICE then proceeded with his remarks. He declared that the debt of the province is accumulating with alarming rapidity, and that there is every reason to believe that it will be materially increased expropriated, in estimating the value of it in the next few years. He said this because the calculations of the Finance Minister have been in the past so wide of the mark, largely exceeded the estimate, and the revenue each year having been correspendingly less than the expectations of the Min-ister as expressed to the house. He had nothing further to say (hear, hear), except that having no confidence in the finar cial policy of the government he would oppose the bill. Hon. MR. Davie remarked upon the ad-

applicable to privileges which the company remarks he must have a very short memory indeed. Not long ago he (Mr. Davie) met the hon, gentleman on the Cariboo years ago. If he (Mr. Prentice) was then clared himself a supporter of the government, and what has led him to change his opinion? It must be something which has happened between that time and the present. So far from the estimates of revenue having been for several years in excess of receipts, the reverse has been the case until the altogether exceptional year which has just come to a close. He had not had time to look up the figures, but he had beside him the Speeches from the Throne delivered at the opening of each session. That de-livered in January 1894, contained the following: "Although the past year has been one of great commercial depression throughout the world, the revenue of the province has closely approximated the estimate, not withstanding the diversion of considerable sums to newly formed municipalities There was no considerable falling off upon that occasion, as alleged, it would be remarked. He had intended to

> that the revenue as estimated and as actu ally received has been as follows: \$1,058,691 1,055,464

read from ether speeches, but there had just been but into his hands the figures applic-able to the case, from which it appeared

calpts were year by year in excess of the estimates, instead of below as declared by the hon. gentleman, who should bear this fact in mind and be more careful in his statements when next he has occasion to speak upon financial matters. The hon-member for Dewdney had dwelt upon the statement that for several years the expenliture has exceeded the revenue, but that line of argument is not new. The govern-ment has, by authority of the house, borgowed money with that express intention, and when the charge of the deficits was made, against it, it was thoroughly rentliated before the country and answered to the satisfaction of the people. The policy has been deliber-ately adopted, and it has been admitted to be, just and right, that the government should borrow money to be expended new on public improvements, leaving it to be repaid in part by future generations who will there in the benefit of its expenditure. When the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sword) says the money borrowed has been used in paying salaries he says something which on examination of the accounts he will find to be entirely wrong. From 1886 87 down to the 80th of June last the expenditures upon resolution passed in a former session has such of June last the expenditures upon been carried out in the lesses. He would public improvements in this province have provided as follows, the figures wote against the second reading.

MR PRENTICE had no doubt the bill being hastly compiled and therefore subject and that therefore it is not descrying of any very peculiar that the opposition finance fure had been made was less than \$2,000,000 net. He would have something further to say with respect to statements and critiwould now move should be adjourned until

Monday next. Motion agreed to. PROVINCIAL VOTERS ACT. HON. MR. DAVIE introduced a bill t

mend the provincial voters act. Read first time. The house adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

THE DOMINION SUBSIDY.

To THE EDITOR: An error has inad vertently crept into the figures in my speed on the loan act as reported in to-day's COLO NIST, by which I am made to say that the capital value of the Dominion subsidy to the province is eighteen million deliars. Possibly in speaking I may have named that amount, but what I intended saying was somewhat as follows: "The capital value of the whole of this Dominion subsidy if valued in a similar way to that in which

J. H. TURNER.

SORBY VS. THE CORPORATION.

plans, referred the inquirer to and in the evening paper, which is herewith re-(Mr. Hunter) could tell him what the sen-MR. HUNTER-Cartainly; I have it down TO THE EDITOR :- The plaintiff is going to

ays in last Saturday's Times. The apparent object of that communication was to prejudice the defendants' case in the eyes of the public; perhaps you will therefore allow me space in your columns to

deal with the matter The facts of the case are simple enough The city advertised for plans for a permanento roadway across James bay! large number of plans were received at the city hall, and the council appointed a special committee-all experts, by the way-to adjudicate upon them.

Their decision was "that neither of the designs submitted are entitled to be awarded prize." At the same time they stated that one particular plan ranked first in merit," but "that neither of the designs fulfit the special requirements."

The report of that technical committee having been received and adopted by the council settled the question. fore inexplicable that certain members of the committee should now try and go back mission of the hon, member that he had upon the original report, more especially since the Hon. Sir Joseph W. Trutch, a dis nothing further to say, as a justification of the refusal of the house a few moments ago tinguished member of that committee, had to adjourn the debate as requested. He meanwhile left the country. (Mr. Prentice) had, however, in his br ef re-So far from there being any doubt as to

the justness of the decision of the committee, their judgment is more than justified by the recent trial, which threw Mr. Sorby's claim out on more grounds than one Personally I have no desire to injure Ma Sorby professionally or otherwise, even though he has picked me out for ridicule, but as an alderman my duty is to protect the city, and, moreover, I consider every competitor as much entitled to remuneratio as he is, and I think it would not be difficult

That the public may judge of the merits with give you copies and extracts bearing on the whole question, excepting the engineer's profile of site, which, of course, cannot give, but it may be seen at the city hall by all persons interested in the matter This profile, I may state, gives full measurements of high and low water, so that any one who understood his business and cared to take the trouble could easily estimate on the foundation. Mr. Sorby's plan did not provide fo

foundations, and, moreover, his estimate for his bridge far exceeded the amount called for in the advertisement. The enclosures are as follows:

2 Extract from particulars of competi

3 Report of special committee J. KEITH WILSON. NOTICE. Competitive Plans

And estimates of cost for the construction of a permanent roadway across James Bay on the line of Government street between Humboldt street and Belleville, will be received at the office of the undersigned on or before the first day of July, 1834.

Plans and profile of site and particulars of competition may be seen at the office of the city engineer. city engineer

Awards—lst prize, \$350; 2nd prize, \$150. By order. (Sgu) WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B.C., April 26, 1894. EXTRACT FROM PARTICULARS OF

"Competitors are invited to submit drawings showing the general design, of the work proposed to be done and an explanatory type-written report, including an estimate of cost. The amount proposed to be expended on the work is not to exceed \$80,000." VICTORIA, B.C., August 21, 1894.

Report of special committee appointed to consider the relative merits of the designs for sider the relative merits of the designs for a permanent roadway across James bay. Having carefully considered the several designs submitted, we are clearly of opinion that the design of Arch. Bridges alone furfil the general requirements for a permanent roadway in this site, and that of these "Coour Fidele" ranks first in merit, and that of "there atius" second, but we are advised by the City-Kngineer, a member of the committee, that he estimates that the cost of every one of these designs would largely exceed \$8,000, and that consequently neither of these designs fulfils the special requirements of the terms in this respect of the competition.

We therefore are of opinion that neither of the designs submitted are entitled to be the designs submitted are entitled to

awarded a prize. Respectfully submitted. JOHN TRAGUE, D. R. HARRIS, E. A. WILMOT, JOSÉPH W. TRUTCH,

LET THE PUBLIC DECIDE.

TO THE EDITOR: -The Times is hysterical in double leaded type over the Attorney. General's bill for the better government cities. It is ambitious to create an excite ment and atimulate an agitation by the petty simulation of indignation—over what? The bill in question was announced in the speech from the throne. The bill itself has been in the hands of the public for several weeks and has passed its first and second readings; and the Times has suddenly awakened as if to an impending danger. is proposed, as I understand it, to the various cities of the province, by a majority vote, and their eyes open, to assume another form of government. The conditions which govern its taking effect are similar to those governing the passing of a this trimming reappears on the sleeves money by law, and yet the Times fears that and the yoke of the primrose chiffon, the people may choose to accept the remedy which is joined to the bodice by folds offered them. We have better us the re- of the silk and knots of turquoise velsord of years by which to judge of the present system. Those upon whose shoulders the burdens imposed rest are to be the judges as to whether it should be continued handsome without being heavy, as black or changed. Is it to be feared that they will unequivocally condemn the present form of government by accepting another If so there could not be a stronger argument in favor of their making the trial, and the Times' perturbation cannot but arise out of a belief that that very thing may happen if the people are allowed an oppor-

tunity to express themselves.

It is not a flattering tribute to popular government to pre-suppose that those whose interests are at stake are not to be trusted to choose for themselves. It is paradoxical in the extreme to take such a position. The principle of the bill involves voluntariness. It is the object of the Times to prevent any freedom of choice, and this is very apparent when in arrogant language it says? "The meeting which His Worship has called MUST voice the centiments of the community in plain and unnietakeable language."
"Must" is a strong term for such a weakling as the Times to use. Those at the meeting may speak for themselves, but the "community" will be excused from allowing sentiments to be dictated to them off-

The Times expresses surprise at Mesers. Rithet and Helmeken supporting such a measure, and feigns to be unable to under measure, and leigns to be unable to understand their action. The fact that men like Measure. Rither and Helmoken do support it is proof that it is not what it is represented to be, and the Times in trying to lord it over their concedences with airs of superior

morality is guilty of unwarrantable as

Mr. J. Keith Wilson being asked by a COLONIST reporter for particulars of the Sorby claim on the dity for James Bay plans, referred the inquirer to his letter good or bad it is one which depends on the As to whether the bill is a good one or a good or bad it is one which depends on the free choice of those voting for it, and the people are not to be deceived by so much TO THE EDITOR:—The plaintiff is going to appeal the above case. That is what he look after itself if any of its liberties are in danger.

## WATER SCHEMES.

To THE EDITOR :- Just a word or two, if you please, about our water schemes. I notice Mr. Hawks says "I believe," etc. May I pray to him "help thou mine unbefiltration, be it up or down or horiz intal, he can presume to accomplish more than the whole profession of engineers has hitherto been able to demonstrate? Does he claim to perform miracles? If so, perhaps he will tuin our impure "squa pumpa" into wine, referring to which the governor of a feast might say, "Thou hast kept the good wine until now"—i.e., antil the advent of Mr. Hawks to Victoria.

'TO THE PURE ALL THINGS ARE PURE,'

A TRAGEDY OF THE NORTH.

The Dead Body of William McGarrie Found Under Strongly Suspicious Circumstances.

Two Bullet Holes in the Head Indicate the Manner of His Death.

Meagre news was received yesterday, by the return of the steamer Thistle, of a second terrible tragedy at Shooshartie bay, the scene in October last of the frightful landslide by which Wm. Kipling loss his life and two other members of the Commonwealth colony received serious injuries. The victim on this second occasion was Wm. McGarrie, a well-known lrishman, who for some time past had been a resident of the North. He was found sometime about New Year's day lying dead in his cabin, two bullet holes in his head indicating the manner of his death.

The Indians assert that McGarrie was foully murdered. Their reasons and the details of the case are not yet known. Mo-Garrie had been in the employ of the colony for some little time and had an Indian wife. On the homeward trip Captain Langley learned that the missionary steamer Glad Tidings had proceeded to Shooshartie to receive the body and convey it to Alert Bay, where the inquest will probably be held. It is from this point that definite news of the tragedy may be expected by the steamer

Danube, which will soon be due.

The Thietle on the present trip brought to Victoria 31 carloads of halibut, three carloads of which will be forwarded to Boston and other Eastern markets via the N.P.R. The remainder of the cargo is for local consumption.

Novel Way to Poach Eggs. To peach eggs in the form of a ball instead of the usual flat form is a kn known to many clever cooks. The water is heated to boiling and then stirred rotarily until a whirlpool is produced, into the hollow heart of which the egg is skillfully dropped. The motion of the water coagulates the albumen or white instantly into a circular covering for the unbroken yolk.

An Indoor Toilet.

A charming toilet for "at homes" and other informal receptions, recently seen at a fashionable modiste's, was in black satin flecked with turquoise. A. waved applique of velvet and jet radiated over the skirt from the waist, and



STYLISH RECEPTION DRESS silk is so apt to be.

THE Scattle Athletic Club will open their baseball season with a game in this city on May 24. They expect to have a spe strong team.



ASSESSMENT ACT.

Notice is hereby given that an adjourned Court of Revision and Appeal for Victoria City will be holden at 46 Langley Street, Victoria City, on Saturday, the 26th day of January, at 11

S. PERRY MILLS, Judge of the Court of January 9th, 1895. ja9 2w-d&w