

dows of both offices. The Colonist was started as early as 1858, has preserved a good reputation and is deservedly popular. The Times started in 1884. Both have forcibly shown their political bias in the recent elections but are equally loyal to the interests of Victoria, and no fault can be found with their supply of general and local news.

It is only natural that the C.P.R., with its large interests in Victoria and the Island, should exercise great influence in the City, which is undoubtedly indebted to it for many of its attractions apart from Nature's. The Empress Hotel which it built at a cost of over a million dollars is a magnificent building replete with every up-to-date comfort and convenience. As the Company is, or was said to own $1\frac{1}{2}$ million acres of land on the Island, it seems certain that future developments and improvements will have this powerful corporation's unstinted support.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company provides an excellent service of