LOCAL NEWS.

From Thursday, Jan. 3, 1901.

Will Try Again.—It is understood that Mr. Joseph York will be a candidate for alderman for South Ward at the forthcoming municipal elections.

Orphans Entertained.—Through the thoughtfulness of Mr. W. H. Best, the little ones at the Protestant Orphans' Home were treated to a delightful entertainment yesterday, a magic-lantern exhibition being given with great success.

A Local Writer.—The first instalments of a new story by Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley, of this city, has made its appearance in the last two numbers of the Illustrated London News. The opening chapters are particularly interesting and describe incidentally the oft-repeated, but always pathetic story, of the English gentlewoman who accompanies her young officer husband to the Northwest in a brave attempt to retrieve their waning fortune. The author's well known abilities as a descriptive writer appear in every paragraph, and the story, to judge from the first few chapters, promises to be intensely interesting.

Return Thanks.—The Sisters in charge of the protectorate return their most heartfelt gratitude for gifts received from donors who do not wish their names published, and also to the following kind friends who remembered them during the Christmas season: Messrs. Fell, Baines, L. McQuade and Linopres; Mesdames Patton, C. Barry, McTiernan, Gowen, Steiner, Dunlevy, McNeil, E. McQuade and Parent.

In Trouble.—Arthur L. Spencer, who posed as a Chinese interpreter here some time ago, is reported in trouble at Spokane for impersonating a United States official.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of the late John and Andrew Muir, killed in a runaway accident at Sooke on Saturday, took place on Tuesday from the family residence, Sooke. There was a very large attendance of the residents of the district and a number also went from the city.

Real Estate Active.—The general feeling of confidence in the future of Victoria at the advent of the new century is reflected in the demand being made for real estate. Local dealers yesterday reported a number of demands being made for business and residential lots, with indications of an advance in prices.

Committed to Asylum.—Shakespeare, the aged colored man who has been confined in the padded cell at the city police station since his last successful break for liberty from the Old Men's Home, was yesterday committed to the New Westminster asylum. Constable McDonald took him over on this morning's steamer.

Handsome Signs.—One of the latest departments added to the Colonist is that in which brass office and store signs are made. Formerly these had to be imported, but now Victorians are taking advantage of the opportunity to have them made at home. Yesterday handsome signs were placed at the entrance to the Royal Bank of Canada, formerly the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, by Mr. Ben Taverner, who has charge of this branch of the Colonist's mechanical department.

Lee-Johnson.—At the residence of the bride's mother, 289 Johnson street, last Wednesday evening, Rev. W. L. Clay united in marriage Mr. Edwin Lee, formerly of this city, but now engaged in the development of the West Coast gold fields, at Wreck Bay, and Miss Bessie M. Johnson, daughter of the late Thos. Johnson, of London, Eng. The young couple left for their new home at Euclulet by the steamer Queen last night.

New Year's Day.—On the whole, New Year's Day and the first day of the new century was celebrated very quietly by Victorians. The custom of making private calls is dying out, and not so many were made as on previous occasions. Hundreds, however, called at Government House and the Mayor's residence to pay their respects to Sir Henri Joly and His Worship Mayor Hayward, by whom they were cordially welcomed and suitably entertained. The banks, government offices and numerous business houses observed yesterday as a public holiday also. De Menti's mass was given at St. Andrews (R. C.) cathedral, and interesting services were also held in the Temperance hall, Pandora street, the programme for which has already appeared. On New Year's Eve a social dance was held in the agricultural hall, Saanichton.

From Friday, January 4, 1901.

Colonist Calendar.—The Colonist has just issued a neat calendar, copies of which can be obtained by subscribers at the business office of the paper.

Case Laid Over.—In the County court yesterday the case of Milne v. Hind, suit being made for a balance of account for goods supplied, was laid over until June 6.

Victoria Clearing House.—The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending December 31 were, $479,695; balances, $118,230.

Dealing with By-laws.—A special meeting of the city council was held yesterday afternoon, when consideration was given to the consolidated by-laws which are being put in shape for final treatment.

Club Dance.—The Century Club held their semi-monthly dance last night at the A. O. U. W. hall. Owing to the bad weather, less than the average number attended, but those who were present had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

For the Hospital.—The honorary treasurer of the Royal Jubilee hospital has received a legacy of $250 from the late Joseph Wilson, and Henderson Bros., druggists, have given $25. The honorary treasurer desires to express his thanks for the donations.

Tiarks v. Pettingill.—In the case of Tiarks v. Pettingill, Mr. Justice Drake yesterday afternoon made an order for defendant to pay half the amount of judgment in 10 days, or go to jail for 10 days; the balance to be paid in 30 days. On October 19 last, plaintiff received judgment for services rendered defendant for preparing plans and specifications for a house on Church Hill. The decision yesterday was given on the return of the judgment summons.

Trading Stamps.—To a Colonist reporter yesterday, Miss Murphy, manager of the Dominion Trading Stamp Company's local branch, stated that there were now 13 firms handling the company's stamps, and an equal number were only awaiting a favorable decision in the courts to again commence issuing the stamps. Miss Murphy says her company's business will be continued without interruption. The case comes up in the police court this morning.

Death's Hand.—The death occurred on the 2nd, at San Francisco, of Mrs. Richard Beauchamp, wife of Mr. Richard Beauchamp, of this city. She was a native of London, where she was born 63 years ago. She came here during the pioneer days. One son and five daughters, two of whom reside here, survive her.

Ker-Knight.—Rev. A. Fraser solemnized the wedding on Monday at the residence of George A. Knight, of Mount Tolmie, of John C. Ker, of Vancouver, to Miss Rose, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Knight. After a wedding supper had been served and a pleasant evening spent, the young couple proceeded to Vancouver, where they will reside.

Penny Postage.—On the beginning of the century, according to notification received by Mr. Noah Shakespeare, postmaster, the penny postage began operation between New Zealand and Canada, and the month prior between the two just annexed Boer states and Canada.

Large Increase.—During the year just closed the revenue collected in the police court was $5,285.25, as against $2,275 during the previous year. The large increase was largely brought about by a stricter enforcement of the municipal by-laws and the fact that first offender drunks were fined instead of being discharged with a caution.

Children's Annual Entertainment.—The children of St. John's Sunday school enjoyed their annual treat last evening. They sat down to a splendid tea, and afterwards Bishop Perrin distributed prizes to the successful boys and girls. A number of friends of the children were present.

Little Blaze.—A slight fire occurred in the greenhouse at Bishop's Close, about 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening. It was caused by a piece of wood, which had been in the flue for some years without being noticed. The fire was extinguished by means of a garden hose.

Assigned Positions.—The three teachers who received appointments to the public school staff at Wednesday evening's meeting of the board of school trustees, were yesterday assigned positions—Mrs. Wheeler to the principalship of the Rock Bay school, Miss Tingley as her assistant, and Miss Grenfell to the Spring Ridge school, to relieve Miss Winter, who has been granted six months' leave of absence on account of ill-health.

"Swiftwater Bill."—"Swiftwater Bill" (W. C. Gates) that well known Klondiker of the early days of the rush, passed through Seattle yesterday on his way to London, England, he says, to negotiate the sale of mining properties he secured last summer north of Nome. He owns valuable interests on Gold Run creek, in the Bluestone district, also interests in the Kourgarok district ,each of which districts he pronounces very rich. Teller City, Mr. Gates says, is the coming port of that country, owing to its excellent harbor.

Again Adjourned.—After hearing the evidence of the prosecutor and one witness, the charge against Gr. Sweeney, of the R. M. A., of stealing a watch from Mr. Phillips, of Esquimalt road, was again remanded until Saturday by Magistrate Hall, in the police court yesterday. Mr. Phillips testified that Sweeney had been in his house and had looked at his watch to see the time. The next morning it was missing. Mr. John Day swore that Sweeney had left the watch with him for safe-keeping.

Is Recovering.—Capt. Turtle, mate and pilot of the steamer Amur, who was the victim of an accident on Wednesday night on the waterfront, by falling overboard between the steamers Amur and Queen, is progressing well towards recovery, and if he does not contract pneumonia through his immersion and the large amount of salt water he then imbibed, he is expected to be out in a few days. He sustained some slight injuries about the face and body as a result of striking against the sides of the steamers when he fell.

Almost Suffocated.—Isaac Tatten, an old man of about 55 years of age, lies at St. Joseph's hospital, in a semi-conscious condition, from which he may never recover. He was a victim of gas asphyxiation in his room at the Telegraph hotel, where he was discovered in an unconscious condition on Tuesday morning. Tatten had come down from Nanaimo, where his wife and family reside, to spend New Year's Day in Victoria, and going to the Telegraph hotel to spend the night, he had in shutting off the gas allowed an escape. He was attended by Dr. R. L. Fraser, city health officer, who ordered his removal to the hospital.

New President.—The usual weekly meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. was held in their parlors on Cormorant street yesterday afternoon. Reports from the different superintendents were received and accepted. Mrs. Jenkins, owing to ill-health, and as she intends to leave the city shortly, sent in her resignation as president, which was accepted with regret. Mrs. Flemming was chosen as president for the balance of the term. The next regular meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. McMillan, on Cormorant street, next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral Services.—On New Year's Day the funeral of John and Andrew Muir, the unfortunate young men who were killed in a runaway accident, took place from the family residence, Woodside Farm, Sooke, at 1:30 p.m. At 3 o'clock the family burying ground was reached, and the bodies of both the young men were laid to rest in the same grave. The Rev. J. Robertson, of Grand Forks, B.C., formerly the missionary at Sooke, read the Church of England services at the house and the grave. A large number of beautiful floral offerings were given, and a great many friends from Victoria and Otter Point were present. The pallbearers for John Muir were: Joseph Poirier, Percy Clark, James Poirier, D. A. Fraser, Edward Clark and William Charters. The pall-bearers for Andrew Muir were: William Muir, Curtis Muir, Henry Helgesen, Alexander Helgesen, Adolphus Poirier and William Burnett.

From Saturday, January 5, 1901.

Golf Competition.—The monthly medal competition of the United Service Golf Club for gentlemen will be played on Thureday next, commencing at 10 a.m., and the ladies' competition on Friday.

Who Found It?—A heavy black silk muffler was lost in the business portion of the city on New Year's Eve. The finder will be rewarded on returning the same to the Colonist office.

Board of Horticulture.—A special meeting of the board of horticulture has been called by Mr. J. R. Anderson for next Monday, when consideration will be given to the reported cases of infraction of the Nursery Stock Inspection Act.

Cadwallader-Gravell.—The marriage of Mr. John Cadwallader and Miss Minnie Gravell took place at the residence of the officiating minister the Rev. D. MacRae, on Thursday evening last.

Not a Candidate.—Mr. George Jeeves desires the Colonist to deny the statement appearing in the evening paper to the effect that he had aspirations for aldermanic honors at the forthcoming municipal elections.

The Pumping Station.—The unexpected cold spell has interfered to some extent with the completion of the cement floors now being laid in the new building at the city pumping station, and will therefore delay for a few days operating the pumping machinery. The machinery itself is complete, and in perfect condition, and the large steel rivetted main from the station to the city has stood the heavy test pressures put upon it, without the least sign of weakness. If the weather moderates, it is expected that before the present council leave office, the pump will be formally started with appropriate ceremonies.

Dog Poisoner Again.—The meanest of mean men—the dog poisoner—has come out of his hole again. A few evenings ago a valuable Gordon setter puppy bitch, belonging to Mr. O. C. Bass, was poisoned. The bitch was a daughter of Melbourne, Mr. Bass' winner of many prizes, who was also poisoned about a year ago. An effort is being made to discern the culprit, and if he is found, it will go hard with him. It may not be generally known that the law provides that persons setting out poison must notify the people resident in their district. Failing this, they are liable to a fine of $25 and damages caused by their act.

Destroyed the Horse.—One of the most painful cases which has been brought to the attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was investigated by President Dallain and Officer Campbell, of the provincial police, on Thursday afternoon at Macaulay Point. A horse had been wandering about all summer, and when winter came, it could find no food and was on the verge of starvation. When the poor animal was discovered, it was lying upon some brushwood, where it had fallen, groaning with pain. The little heat in its body did not even melt the snow upon it. The horse was so emaciated that its ribs were outlined through the snow. Some of the officers' wives fed the animal, but it became so bad that it refused water. After an unsuccessful search for the owner, Messrs. Dallain and Campbell returned and shot the horse. The owner is not yet known.

Hospital to Jail.—Yesterday James Harding, the bluejacket who, on November 2, raised a row in the corridor of the Victoria theatre, because Manager Jamieson would not admit him to the house, and in a scuffle with Special Officer Johnson, shot himself with a revolver he had stolen from the police barracks, was yesterday removed from the Naval hospital to the police station. His self-inflicted wound has kept him confined to his bed for upwards of two months. The police being notified yesterday that he had recovered, placed him under arrest, and he will be given a hearing this morning on the charge of attempted murder.

From Sunday, Jan. 6, 1901.

Deadman's Island Case.—In the Supreme court to-morrow the case of the Attorney-General vs. Ludgate, arising out of the dispute as to the ownership of Deadman's Island, will be continued before Mr. Justice Martin.

Presentation to Pastor.—The members of the Epworth League of the Centennial Methodist church recently presented Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B. A., with handsomely bound volumes of Henderson's Poems and Tyndall's Elements of Science.

Asylum Enquiry.—At the request of the provincial government, Dr. Clarke, superintendent of the Rockwood asylum, Kingston, Ont., is to hold an investigation into the management of the New Westminster asylum, with a view of improving the institution and conducting it on a more economical basis.

Will Be Enforced.—Mr. W. H. Ellis, provincial inspector of immigration, stated yesterday that the government had decided to rigidly enforce the provisions of the British Columbia Immigration Act, providing for an educational test. The two Japanese and two Chinese passengers who arrived on the steamer Tacoma yesterday were not examined; but those on the Empress, due next week, will have to make the declaration required by the law.

A Challenge.—Under the heading, "A Hard Proposition," the Nanaimo Herald says: "Mr. J. N. Musgrave, the well-known checker player, is out with a challenge, which he prefers that local men will accept, although he has no objection to meeting Victorians or Vancouverites. He is willing to stake anything from 5 cents to $500 against allcomers. To a Herald man Mr. Musgrave carefully described his system, under a promise of absolute secrecy; but it may be said that the combination is most extraordinary. It is a combination of psychic, phrenological, astrological, astronomical and Biblical science."

HAIRDRESSING CONTEST.

Experts of Three Nations Display Their Skill.

The following graphic account of an important event is from a London newspaper:

"Never perhaps was there so much hair assembled under one roof as there was at St. James' hall last night, thanks to the united efforts of the three great schools of hair dressing—La Societe du Progress (French) Academenie Internationale (English, and International Society (German). "These great schools have exhibited before, but always singly. Yesterday was the first time that hair dressers of the nations have acted in concert for exhibition purposes. It was a great success.

"Close upon a hundred gorgeous assorted mirrors, set off by chrysanthemums, were set up back to back, upon two tables stretching the whole length of the great hall. About 9 o'clock the champions began to arrive. These clearly were men who gave up their lives to cutting other people's hair. They came with hand bags and cardboard boxes, and the tables were rapidly strewn with combs, curling tongs, cosmetics, pots, bottles, pins, frisettes and false hair. Also each man brought his own lady.

"Mr. Andre Hugo, wearing the ribbon of the Legion of Honor, mounted the platform and said: "We will begin at once!" And they did.

Each lady sat before her mirror, and each man cast loose his lady's long hair, then lit his spirit lamp, and brushed and combed and curled and powdered. Prodigies of crimping were performed that night; doughty deeds with pin and tong.

And presently, behold a wondrous transformation scene. One lady's whitened monument of locks bore a basket of flowers another added a tuft of ostrich plumes; both were Louis XVI. Yet another lady wore feathers suggestive of a red Indian. Another, again, an arrangement of peacock blue muslin and a perpendicular moon and star.

In the design for the coming season the hair is to be dressed low at the back in coils or twists below the crown and resting on the nape of the neck, for which purpose it is desirable to use a switch 28 inches long; but should a lady have enough hair of her own this point will not be insisted on. The great feature in the style is the semi-pompadour fringe, which has a slight curl on the forehead. Thirty versions of this style were shown.

IN CHILLIWACK.

Christmas Tree in the Garden Valley on the Fraser.

Chilliwack, Jan. 2.—Mr. Frank Templer arrived home for the holiday season. Miss Laura Cairns is spending her vacation at home, and Mr. James Hall, fireman on the C. P. R., is visiting his parents at the parsonage.

Mr. Cruickshanks is hastening forward to immediate completion a new livery stable on Wellington street.

Mrs. H. T. Street came from Vancouver to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lapum.

Mr. C. B. Reeves announces that he is in the field again, seeking re-election as councillor for Ward III.

The Church of England's day, or Holy Innocents' day, was celebrated by the children of St. Thomas' church congregation in Henderson's hall, on the 28th ult.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, of Vancouver, paid friends in Chilliwack a visit. Mrs. Bridge will remain till after the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, at Cheam.

Mr. John Knight, Mrs. T. B. Knight, the Misses Mary Campbell and Maggie Knight, all of Kamloops, arrived here to spend Christmas. Messrs. D. Nevin and Arthur Hain also arrived for the same purpose.

The Chilliwack Teachers' Institute will hold their annual meeting in the Chilliwack school house on the 7th of January, 1901. The meeting opens at 10 a. m., and as the Superintendent of Education has granted a holiday, a full attendance is anticipated.

The Methodist Sunday school held their annual entertainment on Christmas Eve. It was a most decided success. The tree was very tastefully decorated and loaded with presents. Every child in connection with the school received a gift. The programme was excellent, the children doing exceedingly well. The success of the programme was due to the untiring efforts of the Misses Hall, Reeve and Gammon. Mr. Geo. Marshall, superintendent of the school, occupied the chair. The receipts were much beyond what the management expected.

The officers of the Royal Templars of Temperance have been elected for the half year commencing the 1st of January, 1901, headed by S. C., R. H. Cairns.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, a good number of visitors attended the closing exercises of Chilliwack school. The three divisions were tested in reading, spelling, grammar, history, geography and mental arithmetic. The pupils showed that they had been making progress. Miss Stevenson's division gave an excellent exhibition of calisthenics. The singing was very good. Mr. Henry Kipp, trustee, acted as chairman. Short and appropriate addresses were made by the chairman, the Revs. Jukes, Wright and Hall. Mrs. Templer and Miss Stevenson were the recipients of presents from the pupils.

Mr. James Armstrong has issued his address soliciting the support of the municipal electors of Ward VI in favor of his candidature.

Ionic lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., held a banquet at Harrison House hotel, on the occasion of the annual installtaion of officers. W. M. Pelly proposed the toast of the "Queen and the Craft," and also that of the "Most Worshipful Grand Master," to which the latter responded. Mrs. Connors then sang one of her songs, which was encored. W.B., P. M. Paisley, proposed the "Grand Lodge Officers, by R.W.D.D.G.M. F. Bowser and W.B. Past and Present," and was responded to C. Nelson, of Vancouver. W.B.P.M. Cawley proposed the "Sister Lodges," and was responded to by W.B., P. G. McNaughton, of Vancouver. Bro. Geo. Ashwell proposed "The Ladies," and was responded to by W.B. McNaughton and Bro. H. N. Smith. M.W.G.M. Watson proposed the "Grand Lodge," and was responded to by the Worshipful Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens. W. M.P.M. Paisley proposed the "Tyler's Toast." Ladies attended the banquet. Miss Birdie Chadsey and Bro. A. W. Youmans performed instrumental music throughout the evening. There were upwards of 40 persons present, and it was gathered from some of the visitors that the entertainment was a most successful one.

The closing exercises took place in connection with the South Chilliwack school at Sardis. Mr. McIntyre, the principal, and Miss Higginson, assistant, were highly complimented by the trustees, parents and visitors for the careful and efficient work done during their tenure of office. Mr. McIntyre is leaving this part of the province, having been appointed principal of the public school at Cranbrook. The pupils presented him with an address, a gentleman's toilet set, and a beautiful cup and saucer, as a token of their esteem and respect.

Mr. A. C. Henderson has issued his address to the municipal electors, offering his services as reeve for the year 1901.

WINTER GARDENS.

Glasgow Has a People's Palace Open All Day.

From the London Telegraph.

Glasgow prides itself on its municipal government. The day is long past since it regarded the duty of its local rulers as fulfilled when they had made the city decently habitable. They must also make it attractive and enjoyable. Good streets, healthy houses, pure and abundant water, excellent gas and electric lighting, cheap travelling facilities—these are essentials of modern town life, and public opinion while growling a little when paying the bill has stamped with its approval the Glasgow corporation's efforts to provide these wants. But municipal activity has taken a still wider range. Within the last ten years the town council has developed a system of Saturday afternoon concerts, at nominal yet self-supporting prices; it has, with the aid of private munificence, made its [illegible] ction of pictures one of the finest in the world; it has doubled the number and the area of its public parks; it has provided open-air music in these "lungs" of the city, and it has established in connection with several of these open spaces winter gardens which are coming to be regarded as their necessary adjunct.

When the chill of autumn has bared the trees of their foliage, and spread it dank arms sodden on the miry walks, few places are more unattractive than a public park. No one with a "clean fire and a clear hearth"—to adopt two of the immortal Sarah Battle's requirements for happiness—would ever think of deserting them. To one whose hearth, if clear at all, is clear from a lack of fire, whose single-room dwelling is more intolerable still in the long nights of winter, the cold, dreary park is a mockery. For him the joys of art on canvas or in marble are still an unopened book. For reading he has no taste. The bright, cheery public house is the only resort possible. Glasgow is doing its best to provide another.

To say that it has succeeded would be premature, but the winter gardens have not falsified the hopes in which they were founded. The west end of Glasgow has long had its botanic gardens, which have been a source of pleasure to citizens from far and near. The palm houses, with their luxuriant greenery, their glow of brightly colored exotic plants from all the ends of the earth, have been a never-failing source of delight in winter and summer alike. On a Sunday afternoon homespun rubs against broadcloth and wincey against silk, tall hats and French millinery mingle with cloth cap and uncovered tresses in the crowd which assembles to admire the floral treasures of the community. Recently Kelvingrove Park, on the south side of the city, has had palm and plant houses erected, and a lately deceased citizen, ex-Bailie Macdonald, bequeathed his hot houses and their contents to be placed in Tollcross Park, in the extreme east. Each of these places has added [illegible] the common happiness, but they fall short. They are closed at dark, and long before many of the toilers have left their work. Of a summer evening the workingmen may visit these city conservatories and enjoy the music in the adjacent park. In the winter, except for a brief Sunday afternoon, they might as well be closed. Something else was wanted and it has been provided.

Less than three years ago Lord Rosebery formally opened to the public the People's Palace and Winter Garden on Glasgow Green, the oldest and most famous, as it is also the most central, of the city parks. The People's Palace is a museum of art and industry, commerce, and curios; the Winter Garden is a huge circular structure of iron and glass, wherein is displayed a choice selection of plants, palms and flowers. It is a refreshing oasis in the dreary east-central district of Glasgow. Luxuriant palms and tree ferns are set in groups throughout the hall, and ranged on benches round it is a great variety of temperate decently habitable. They must also make it attractive and enjoyable. Good streets, healthy houses, pure and abundant water, excellent gas and electric lighting, cheap travelling facilities—these are essentials of modern town life, and public opinion while growling a little when paying the bill has stamped with its approval the Glasgow corporation's efforts to provide these wants. But municipal activity has taken a still wider range. Within the last ten years the town council has developed a system of Saturday afternoon concerts, at nominal yet self-supporting prices; it has, with the aid of private munificence, made its [illegible] ction of pictures one of the finest in the world; it has doubled the number and the area of its public parks; it has provided open-air music in these "lungs" of the city, and it has established in connection with several of these open spaces winter gardens which are coming to be regarded as their necessary adjunct.

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The east-enders have shown their appreciation of the institution by taking advantage of it in large numbers, and so impressed were the Messrs. Reid, of the Hyde Park locomotive works, at Springburn, that they offered to give a similar winter garden for Springburn public park, at a cost of £10,000, on condition that the corporation spent a similar sum in building a public hall. The offer was gratefully accepted. Springburn Winter Garden was opened a few weeks ago. It is an improvement on the People's Palace erection, because, in addition to the main hall—150 by 60 feet—there are four side houses, in each of which the temperature is regulated according to the type of exotic plants which inhabit it. Thus the Springburn Garden, besides being suitable for concerts, will have more variety and interest from the horticultural point of view.

In every scheme, public or private, cost is an important element. For the purposes of the present article, the People's Palace Garden is the only one which gives solid ground for comparison, because both at Camphill and the Botanic Gardens there are propagating houses and nurseries for maintaining the supply of flowers in all the parks. Besides these are more suited to the taste of the well to do suburban person than of the East Ender. To erect and equip the People's Palace Winter Garden cost £11,750; its maintenance, including wages of staff, heating, lighting, plants and music, cost last year the princely sum of £950. How is this appreciated? On two occasions a census has been taken. During the week ended October 15, 1898, about six months after the garden was opened, the visitors numbered 12,465, of whom 6,085 came on the Sunday; during the week ended July 14, 1899, the visitors were 26,765, of whom 9,400 were present on the Sunday, which happened to be a wet day. On a modest computation the visitors in the course of twelve months must number over a million. Allowing 3 per cent on the capital cost, and a thousand a year for maintenance, both estimates being over rather than under the mark, the corporation thus entertains its citizens in a well equipped building, filled with beautiful flowers, and gives fortnightly concerts for three months in winter at a cost of a little over a farthing a head. Something remains to be done still in the way of keeping the garden open later in the evenings, and in giving week-night concerts. The latter were provided for a time, but the audiences were so large that they were unmanageable and occasionally a little lacking in discipline. However, the corporation is in hope that it may be able, as time goes on, to increase the usefulness of the place.

As it is, the expectations of the superintendent of parks, Mr. James Whitton, have been exceeded threefold. Mr. Whitton has the oversight of the fifteen public parks in Glasgow, extending in all to about 1,100 acres, exclusive of many "open spaces," too small to be called parks, in all parts of the city. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the winter garden system. In his view it is pre-eminently the line of development which should be followed in a country with a summer so short and a climate so uncertain as ours. Glasgow's conservatories and winter gardens under corporation ownership and management represent a capital expenditure of about £50,000. This, as well as the maintenance, is defrayed from the "parks" rate, which pays also for the 1,200 acres of public parks for 307 band performances in summer (costing £2,500), for art galleries and museums, etc. For the many advantages in health and happiness which these represent the citizens are assessed at the rate of 3¾ per £1 of rental. No tax is paid less grudgingly.

ST. ANN'S ACADEMY.

A Complete Commercial Course For Young Ladies.

St. Ann's Academy in this city conducts a complete high-standard commercial course, second to none in the province. The commercial course has been placed in charge of one of the Sisters, a thoroughly trained teacher from one of the best schools in the States, and, though the work is not long established, over forty pupils, all Victoria girls from either convent or public school, are in good positions, and are ever ready to recommend the school which gave them such a start in life. The academy has long been known for its refined, high-class, thorough courses, from the kindergarten to the graduating glass, where Latin, French, German, literature, geometry, physics, etc., are taught. The commercial class is not a grade of the above school, but a separate course, into which anyone possessing an English training sufficient for office work may enter and learn either stenography or bookkeeping, or both courses, for the regular price charged by all good business colleges.

The commercial class-rooms are furnished in the most up-to-date manner—a handsome class-bank, with college currency, wickets for tellers, etc., also pretty bookkeeping desks, typewriters, letterpress and filing cases. All these useful things add much to make the lessons interesting, and the use of the bank suffices to make checks, drafts and notes no longer a mystery to the fair young students striving to fit themselves to bookkeeping positions.

The observation that young women following such branches too often lose their womanly ways, holds no place here. On the contrary, for a commercial girl-student to be in the same institution and have the same refined teachers as other pupils following a cultured high-grade school course, is no small advantage towards gaining a like education for themselves in knowledge and politeness.

Board can be had at most reasonable rates, and three special classes were this year thrown open, free of charge, to boarders of this commercial course. The branches are classes in vocal music, needlework, and the coaching class for grammar, punctuation, commercial arithmetic, and muscular business penmanship.

Day pupils are admitted and receive the same attention as boarders. Apply at the academy for date of re-opening and rates of tuition.

TO START CREAMERY.

Organization Meeting Held at Royal Oak School House.

A meeting was held at Royal Oak school house yesterday, at which officers were elected for the starting of a creamery for North and South Victoria districts. Committees were formed to secure subscriptions of shares and pledges for the produce of cows, for the selection of a site, and to wait on the government. The capital stock is to be $3,500, in $5 shares, and the number of cows required not less than 350. It is hoped that all who are interested will come forward to help the enterprise along. The officers are: J. R. Carmichael, president; J. S. Shopland, vice-president, and A. G. Snelling, secretary, and C. E. King, A. Munro, Jas. Erskine, F. N. Borden, J. Slugget, G. Sangster and S. Roberts, directors.

Partner Withdraws.—Lovell Smith has withdrawn from the Province Cigar Co., which will be continued by D. T. Barnhardt, James Penketh and Joseph Byrne.

Reported Change.—Among the reported changes of the district officers commanding Canadian militia districts is one to the effect that Col. Holmes, formerly D. O. C. for British Columbia, is to return and succeed Col. Benson.

Seeking a Brother.—Mrs. Burns, of Clyde Vine, Carmyle, Scotland, has made inquiries through Chief Langley, as to the whereabouts of her brother Tommy Lees Mure, who left home 15 years ago, and when last heard from was living on Pine street, Victoria West. He was a sealer.

Mrs. Frank Evans, 133 Frontenac Street, Montreal, says:—"I feel that I ought to say a good word for Dr. Williams Pink Pills, in the hope that my experience may be of benefit to some other suffering woman. I am now twenty-three years of age, and since my eleventh year I have suffered far more than my share of agony from the ailments that afflict my sex. At the age of sixteen the trouble had grown so bad that I had to undergo an operation in the Montreal General Hospital. This did not cure me and a little later I underwent another operation. From this I received some benefit but was not wholly cured, and I continued to suffer from pains in the abdomen and bilious headache. A few years later, having with my husband removed to Halifax, I was again suffering terribly and was taken to the general hospital where another operation was performed. This gave me relief for two or three months, and again the old trouble came on, and I would suffer for days at a time and nothing seemed to relieve the pain. In February, 1899, I was again obliged to go to the hospital and underwent a fourth operation. Even this did not help me and as the chloroform administered during the operation affected my heart, I would not permit a further operation, and was taken home still a great sufferer. In August, 1899, I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and decided to do so. I have used the pills for several months, and have found more relief from them than from the four operations which I passed through, and I warmly recommend them to all women suffering from the ailments which afflict so many of my sex."

Pink colored pills in glass jars, or in any loose form, or in boxes that do not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are NOT Dr. Williams'.

The genuine are put up in packages, with wrapper printed in red.

Sold by all dealers or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.