CONDITIONS OF MINING INDUSTRY

PROMISING OUTLOOK FOR THE PROVINCE

E. Jacobs Gives His Views on Situation in Kootney and Boundary Country.

E. Jacobs, editor of the B. C. Mining Record, who has spent about a month in the various mining camps of the interior, takes a hopeful view of the coming year in so far as the mining industry is concerned. Mr. Jacobs has for many years made a very careful study of the industry in British Columbia. No one in the province is better informed on mining conditions than he is. His trip to the interior was made for the purpose of preparing the material for the exhaustive review for the Nelson News, as well as for the collecting of information relative to the year's work which will be given in his own praper, the Mining Record. Further, Mr. Jacobs will prepare a condensed review for the Engineer and Mining Journal of New York.

Mr. Jacobs had not been in the Kootenay or Boundary country since the beginning of the year. He reports that so far the winter has been very mild.

With reference to the mining industry, Mr. Jacobs says there is generally a distinct feeling of satisfaction with the year's progress, and particularly with the outlook for 1906. This is partly from the increased price of metals, larger output of ore, railway construction and substantial additions to smelting and other reduction facilities in the several districts visited.

At Greenwood a feeling of certainty has been created by the decision of the British Columbia Copper Company to enlarge its smelter, which already has two furnaces and converting plant, by putting in three 600-ton blast furnaces and complementary plant. These will all be modern, suggested by the latest improvements in metallurgical practice. For some time past it was undecided whether this company would erect a new smelter at Midway and dismantle the plant at Greenwood. That town has also benefited considerably by the number of small high grade gold-silver mines at work in the vicinity, these latter employing together up to about 150 men.

The enlargement of the smelter means increase of tonnage at the company's Mother Lode mine, for which preparations are now being made, both by extension of ore quarries and what is still more important, development at a depth below the 300-foot level. No ore has been mined from the lower levels of the mine for two to three years.

At Phoenix there has been a steady increase of production at the Granby mines, which are enlarging the output, the intention being this year to add to the furnace capacity of the company's smelter at Grand Forks, which at present is running eight furnaces, with a total capacity of about 2,800 tons daily; a promising sign is also the operations of the Dominion Copper Company at Brooklyn, Stemwinder and Rawhide mines.

A promising future is predicted at Boundary Falls, as a result of the Dominion Copper Company having blown in two furnaces at the smelter which they acquired from the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, and which had been shut down since the beginning of the year.

At Grand Forks there have been increased operations at the Granby company's works, which are running at full capacity now that sufficient electric power is available. There has been satisfactory development of Betts and Hesperus' mines near town. The opening up of several properties up the north fork of the Kettle river has also helped Grand Forks. Other promising signs are the developments at Franklin camp, which though 45 miles above Grand Forks, is tributary to that town. The McKinley group in that camp has been bonded for $200,000 to parties understood to represent F. Aug. Heinze, of Butte. There has been an increase in the number of settlers taking up small holdings in the Kettle River valley, and growing agricultural products for sale.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Company's enterprise in extending their power system to the Boundary has been of great importance to that country. This supplies ample electric power to mines, smelters and other industries. The erection of two pole lines, each capable of transmitting about 7,000 h. p., are now being completed. These will take power from the company's new generating station now being constructed at Kootenay Falls, near Nelson. Meanwhile the power is being supplied from the company's Bonnington Falls works, which supplies Trail and Rossland.

At Rossland things were a little demoralized after the recent explosion, and some uncertainty as to the final outcome of the struggle in London between parties favoring the amalgamation of mines and smelting at Trail and those averse to it and desirous of keeping the Le Roi Company's smelter plant running. There have been important development of the mines at depth. In the Le Roi the winze is being sunk from 1,550 ft. level to 1,750 ft., at which depth it is intended to explore for ore bodies. In the Centre Star and War Eagle, which lately consolidated, exploration at lower levels down to 1,500 ft. is in progress. Also in Le Roi No. 2, which last year paid a dividend to its stockholders, a most important work is being carried on in a crosscut tunnel from the Le Roi 1,350 ft. level into the Le Roi No. 3 ground, to cut the ore shoot at about 450 ft. below present deepest working. Several of the smaller mines are also making good progress and maintaining a steady output.

At Trail important improvements and extensions are being made. A large copper blast furnace has been lately installed, three smaller ones already being there. A much larger one is being constructed to be put in about three months hence. The Huntington-Heberlein process for roasting lead ores is being introduced. Increased facilities for handling ore economically have been recently added, in the shape of trestles, bins and tracks. In the lead refinery many more tanks for electrolytic deposition of lead are being constructed. The tank room is being enlarged, and the capacity of the refinery (lately increased to 50 tons) increased to 60 tons of pig lead per day. The manufacture of several by-products has been very successful.

At Nelson the establishment of the headquarters of the Canadian Metal Company in that city has given much satisfaction. This company built a large modern zinc smelter at Frank, in southwest Alberta, part of which works are about ready to commence operations. They also purchased the old Pilot Bay smelter on Kootenay lake, and are getting that into shape for lead smelting, and magnetic separation of zinc ores. Work has commenced minning ore at the historic Blue Bell mine, discovered by Douglas, the well-known botanist, in the early nineties. The company also acquired mines at Ainsworth and near Slocan lake.

May and Jennie mine of Reliance Gold Mining & Milling Company, near Nelson, reported to have got its mill and cyanide plant into condition to make a success of treating ores. The Poorman mine, within a few miles of Nelson, is looking better than ever before, and is being worked profitably under lease.

There have also been important additions to the Hall Mining & Smelting Company's works, where additions and betterments are being made all through the works, and a modern roasting plant for lead ores is to be installed.

The Merton roasting process is giving good results.

At Ymir recent discovery of large chutes of pay ore on several levels, including the deepest in the mine (1,000 ft.), has given a new lease of life to the mine and new courage to the owners of other mines in the district. The Hunter V. mine is also showing better values since being worked under lease by the Hall Mining & Smelting Company.

Slocan has seen an indifferent year as regards the output of silver-lead ore, and development of mines, with several notable exceptions. The Slocan Star has done well and sold a lot of zinc concentrates, over 4,000 tons. The Lucky Jim sold zinc ore to the extent of 5,600 tons. A long deep-level tunnel at the Rambler-Carboo Company's mine is well advanced towards completion, which should be reached by May 1st next. This will give a depth of 1,400 ft., and the striking of the lead at that depth will be the most important development in the Slocan mines for a long time. Several mines around Sandon paid dividends. About Slocan lake, in the neighborhood of Silverton, a number of leased mines are doing well.

In East Kootenay the St. Eugene mine has done exceedingly well. It milled 130,000 tons of ore and produced about 40,000,000 lbs. of lead and 1,000,000 ounces of silver. The mine paid four dividends, making a total of nearly $280,000 out of net earnings of $500,000. Developments at depth in the mine were most satisfactory, giving great promise for the future.

The Sullivan Group Company also appear to be doing well. The company's smelter at Marysville is running one lead stack on its own ores. This company installed the Huntington-Heberlein process for roasting lead which was successful, so that other smelters are following suit.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company made a considerable increase in its production, turning out 835,000 tons of coal (gross) in 1905, as against 742,000 tons in 1904. Part of this coal was made into coke, of which 262,000 tons were produced, as against 245,000 tons in 1904. Of the 1905 coke production the company exported 115,000 tons.

There has been activity also among the collieries of southwest Alberta, just across the boundary line from British Columbia, the West Canadian Collieries Company and International Coal & Coke Company, both having done well.

The general results of the year's operations are satisfactory, Mr. Jacobs says, and the outlook for 1906 is most encouraging. Worthy of particular note is that the estimate of the mineral production of the province is $20,963,000, as against $18,977,359 for 1904. It is believed this estimate will be confirmed by the official figures, since it has been carefully made and on the conservative side all through.

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Another Hold-Up—Man Relieved of His Money—Presentation to Bank Manager.

James Coombs, of Fairview, was held up about 12 o'clock Saturday night on Homer street, near the Recreation park. He was walking along towards home, when he was suddenly confronted by a man with a white handkerchief over his face, and a revolver in his hand, who commanded him to hand over his money. Mr. Coomb's pockets yielded $10, and having been relieved of this amount, he went on his way, and reported to the police.

The death occurred Saturday, from heart disease, of William Simmons, aged 75. The deceased was a marine engineer by trade, but of late had been nightwatchman at the Thompson Engineering Works.

Herbert Lockwood, who for several years has been manager of the Molsons Bank in this city, and who is about to leave for Trenton, Ontario, was Saturday evening presented with the most handsome silver tea set which has ever come to Vancouver. The tray bore the following inscription: "Presented to Herbert Lockwood, Esq., on his leaving Vancouver by his friends of the Vancouver club and the members of the Bankers' Association, January, 1906."

The election of officers for the Chinese Reform Association of Canada, an event that occurs only once in two years, took place in this city Saturday evening. Sam A. Yam was elected president by acclamation, and Yip On was also unopposed for vice-president. For the two superintendents votes were received by wire from every association in Canada, and latest reports Saturday evening stood as follows: C. Yip Quong, 1,161; Chung Lun, 1,151; Yuen Lan Chu, 1,106; Wang Lung, 76. Five places to hear from.

What islands are the most prosperous?—The Fortunate Islands.

THE SALVING OF CITY OF PUEBLA

AN INTERVIEW WITH CAPTIAN OF CHEHALIS

Says Frisco Liner Was Utterly Disabled When Picked Up—The Claim For Salvage.

"The sensation of the hour among shipping men is the coup executed on Thursday by Capt. Pillsbury, of the marine underwriters, in taking the disabled steamship City of Puebla from the Chehalis after the latter had towed the liner nearly 600 miles out of imminent peril of shipwreck and at the risk of her own crew," says a San Francisco dispatch.

"The big hawser that was equal to the terrible strain of the storm off the northern coast, parted just after the Chehalis had landed her tow safely in calm waters inside the bar, and now the Chehallis people are charging treachery, and declare they will take the matter to the federal courts. Shipping men are discussing the chances of the Chehalis losing her hard-earned salvage."

Capt. Johnson, in an interview given at San Francisco, is quoted as saying: "I cannot believe that any admiralty court will allow this thing to be pulled off. We picked up this steamship when she was swallowing in the trouth of the sea, utterly disabled, and sending up signals of distress. There was an immense sea running, and it was coming on to blow from the ocean. The City of Puebla people realized that they were going on to the rocks unless something was done to save them, and that quickly. They made no attempt to bargain for terms.

"Well, from the time we started with them I have watched that line night and day, also has First Officer Prendergast. Several times we came near cutting her adrift, as it looked so nearly impossible for us both to weather the storm. Then we got into calmer weather, the Norwood came up to help us, and everything went smoothly. When Capt. Pillsbury came up, he tried to get us to allow him to put a line on her. Of course we refused then, as he had passed the bar. He came up again, and said Capt. Jepsen, of the Puebla, wanted us to back up so as he could haul in his hawser and cast off. Again I suspected that the proposal was not in good faith and refused. It was only a short time after that when Pillsbury ran up under the Puebla's bow and the line mysteriously parted. We were right there with another hawser, a brand new one, and were quite able to bring her in.

"Capt. Jepsen called me that it was all right, and that we had saved his ship, and he would stand by us. But when we put our heaving line across her bows it was thrown off again. We put another line on her, and again it was thrown off. It looks suspicious. After towing the ship 580 miles into safety, it has a nasty look for them to act as they did. I don't say they cut the hawser, but it looks suspicious."

In the meantime the underwriters have given no sign of what they intend to do, leaving the facts of the act in the matter to speak for themselves. The visible fact most prominent in the case from their point of view is that the Puebla was towed into the harbor by the tug Relief, chartered by them, and that the Chehalis did not have a line to the disabled stemaship when she was turned over to quarantine. As to whether they will use these facts to make a fight against the payment of salvage, they decline to state, but it is not denied that every technicality will be used to avoid payment of the sum claimed by the Chehalis.

That the salvage of $100,000 claimed by the owners of the Chehalis for towing the steamer City of Puebla to port is exorbitant, and that it will be contested, is the opinion of W. T. Isted, marine surveyor and underwriter.

"The case of the Puebla is in some respects similar to that of the steamer Meteor, which was picked up by the Eureka, October 9th, 1903," said Mr. Isted. "The Meteor was disabled, her rudderpost was broken, and she was helpless. The Eureka towed her to safety, and the salvage was adjusted by arbitration. One man was appointed by the owners of the Eureka and one by the owners of the Meteor. These two men appointed a third. They decided that the salvage on the ship should be $44,744, and on the cargo $11,118, making a total of $55,930.

"In the case of the Puebla I do not think the salvage should amount to more than $45,000 or $50,000, at the most. The steamer was by no means in so serious a condition as the Meteor. Her rudder was all right, and with her sails she could hold her head to the wind, and might have sailed to port. This will tend to lesson the amount of the salvage. The Meteor was valued at about $150,000, including her cargo. The value of the Puebla will approximate $250,000.

"In considering the salvage, the fact that the Chehalis saved the ship a large sum of money, besides towing her to port, must also be considered. The Chehalis was bound north, but turned around and took the Puebla to San Francisco. This saved the Puebla the cost of sending all the passengers south again, the cost of transhipping the cargo, and many more expenses, which would have amounted to a large sum. The Chehalis is entitled to a fair sum, and will, of course, get it."

STORMS IN ALASKA.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—Severe storms are sweeping over all parts of Alaska according to information received at the United States cable office. In Sitka over 12 inches of snow have fallen. All Southeastern Alaska towns report heavy snows and severe storms. The interior is now being visited by the worst storm of the season. The wires between St. Michaels and Fairbanks are down. Traffic on the trails is practically at a standstill, especially on the new Valdez-Fairbanks road. Stages are running with more or less frequency, although there is no attempt to adhere to schedule.

NELSON NOTES.

The St. Eugene Dividend—Improvements at Hall Mines Smelter.

"The first dividend on the St. Eugene mine for 1906 will be paid next Monday, January 8th, to shareholders of record to-day, January 3rd," says the Nelson News. "The amount to be distributed is 2 per cent. on the capital stock or $70,000. The earnings of the big silver-lead mine during 1905 amounted to over $500,000, of which sum $280,000 was devoted to paying four quarterly dividends of 2 per cent. each. The dividend announced for next week is the seventh paid by the company and brings the total amount so distributed up to nearly $500,000."

The Hall Mines smelter, in addition to preparing for the introduction of the roasters such as are in use in the Marysville smelter, whose adoption is said to materially decrease the cost of treatment, is erecting a huge sampling mill and bedding bin, through which it will be enabled to more cheaply treat small shipments of ore from small properties by placing the ores necessary for a proper flux in regular order in the bin, a section of which can be taken out perpendicularly for treatment.

H. M. Smith, M. I. C. E., the well-known engineer of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, is in Nelson on business said to be connected with the proper survey of the available lands of that railway in lots that will be convenient for purchase by settlers, attracted here by the success attending fruit growing.

JOHN HOUSTON IS HERE FOR SESSION

MEMBER FOR NELSON READY FOR DUTIES

The Government it is Said Will Avoid Contentious Legislation at Approaching Sitting.

Members of the legislature will gather in the city this week, the legislature opening on Thursday. Few have yet reached Victoria.

The approaching session it is announced will be devoted to non-contentious legislation. The only interesting features so far definitely promised are bills which will be introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite relative to labor.

John Houston, M. P. P. for Nelson, is in the city. He is here to attend the session of the legislature. Just what the plans of Mr. Houston are for the sitting of the House is not made known. He refuses to be interviewed on the subject. The member for Nelson has before this sprung surprises on the public, and he may do it again. He looks in the pink of condition and may make it interesting for the members of the government before the session closes. Mr. Houston has taken up his quarters at the Driard.

After his removal from the province there was an impression prevailing that Mr. Houston would not attend the present session of the House. His arrival on the scene last evening gives contradiction to what is believed to have been the hope of the members of the government. He is here to take his part in the business. It is presumed that he has in view some special object in thus putting himself to the inconvenience of attending the session.

Thos. Taylor, M. P. P., of Revelstoke, the Conservative whip, has also arrived in the city. He is registered at the Dominion.

PROCTOR-INCHES.

Mariage of Victorian to Rossland Young Lady on New Year's Day.

Dr. Frederick Proctor, of this city, returned last evening from Rossland, accompanied by his bride. The Rossland Miner gives the following account of the wedding which took place on New Year's day:

"The home of Robert Inches was the scene of a quiet wedding New Year's afternoon, when Miss Bella Inches and Dr. Frederick Proctor, of Victoria, were married by Rev. H. R. Grant.

"The bride looked charming in a gown of cream chiffon voile over cream taffeta, with a surplice of Irish point lace and pleatings of chiffon. She carried a large bouquet of carnations. Miss Nell Inches was bridesmaid and wore a pretty gown of Nile green wool crepe with a bertha of Renaissance lace. Miss Annie Inches was maid of honor, and was gowned in cream challie trimmed with lace and chiffon velvet. Ernest Morrison was best man.

"After the ceremony the relatives of the bride partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast.

"The bridegroom presented each of the bridesmaids with a beautiful pearl brooch, and the best man with a nugget stick pin.

"Among the many gifts received by the bride was a beautiful cut glass bowl, given her by her Sunday school class of St. Andrew's church. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome gold watch and guard."

GAELIC REVIVAL.

Nearly Seven Thousand Dollars Collected at Meeting Held in Chicago.

Chicago, Ills., Jan. 8.—Nearly three thousand descendants of the Gaelic race met at the auditorium last night to listen to Dr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League of Ireland, speaking on the great revival which has started around the world.

In telling the story of the struggle for the revival of the Gaelic language and traditions and arts, and through that the building of a new Emerald Isle, Dr. Hyde aroused his emotional audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

An appeal in behalf of the Gaelic League was made to American Irish men and women for assistance. Mayor Dunne amplified the appeal. From all over the house and the boxes came contributions, which were estimated at close to $7,000.

HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITATION WORK

INTERESTING REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

Giving Denominational Statistics and Result of Canvass by Sunday School Association.

Alfred Huggett, chairman of the general committee and president of the house to house visitation work inaugurated some time ago, has just issued an interesting report. In this Mr. Huggett gives the objects of the work and the results achieved. The report follows:

The object of the "house to house visitation" is to ascertain the number of children and young people (up to the age of eighteen) in the homes of the city, and to compare that number with the total enrolment in our Sunday schools; and further, that the pastors and clergy of all denominations shall be asked to interest themselves in those who are not in attendance at our schools. In reporting upon the work undertaken in November last, let me say that the delay in issuing the same is consequent upon the reports from the different sections, not coming in promptly, and secondly, owing to your chairman's crowded desk during the latter part of December. The result cannot be said to be satisfactory, as the figures below speak for themselves.

It is evident that much work has yet to be done before the attendance reaches a satisfactory point. The International Sunday School Association, with which this is affiliated, has done much in recent years for Sunday school work throughout Canada, and its influence has been distinctly felt in Victoria. it is the purpose of the local organization to plead for Sunday school reform, and to appeal to all who are interested in the welfare of our young people to take a decided part in exercising their influence for the development of the spirit of Christian citizenship among the boys and girls of this generation. Unquestionably the Sunday school of to-day requires the very best talent that the church can supply; consecrated talent of mind and heart to prosecute the interest of Christ's kingdom among the children and adolescent youth of this decade. There is much to be done, as the observant reader will discover in reading this report. The visitors were asked to report the number of houses visited, the number of children under eighteen years of age and the proportion attending Sunday school. There were other questions of minor importance which, however, were more or less contained in the first three.

The following report gives denominational statistics:

	No. of Homes Visited.	Children Under 18 Years.	No. Attend. Sunday School.
Episcopalian—			
District 1 ...	127	230	175
District 2 ...	63	113	61
District 3 ...	90	129	57
District 4 ...	120	184	164
District 5 ...	61	82	49
District 6 ...	147	172	91
District 7 ...	78	130	28
District 8 ...	56	86	33
District 9 ...	150	270	117
	892	1,387	695
Methodist—			
District 1 ...	59	141	90
District 2 ...	87	134	112
District 3 ...	95	212	184
District 4 ...	150	314	224
District 5 ...	85	103	86
District 6 ...	44	76	58
District 7 ...	29	51	41
District 8 ...	24	45	30
District 9 ...	73	111	73
	646	1,187	898
Presbyterian—			
District 1 ...	60	116	66
District 2 ...	64	104	53
District 3 ...	74	92	54
District 4 ...	77	128	87
District 5 ...	62	83	55
District 6 ...	58	68	37
District 7 ...	40	84	34
District 8 ...	39	79	58
District 9 ...	149	250	146
	623	1,004	590
Roman Catholic—			
District 1 ...	17	12	5
District 2 ...	21	39	15
District 3 ...	19	40	19
District 4 ...	35	72	32
District 5 ...	48	74	43
District 6 ...	62	58	24
District 7 ...	6	14	5
District 8 ...	2	1	0
District 9 ...	22	33	14
	232	343	157
Baptist—			
District 1 ...	22	53	38
District 2 ...	33	68	63
District 3 ...	32	54	34
District 4 ...	62	138	118
District 5 ...	9	17	10
District 6 ...	15	16	12
District 7 ...	5	13	9
District 8 ...	11	12	9
District 9 ...	12	24	19
	202	395	312
Reformed Episcopal—			
District 1 ...	1	3	0
District 2 ...	0	0	0
District 3 ...	7	9	1
District 4 ...	7	6	0
District 5 ...	8	13	4
District 6 ...	16	24	12
District 7 ...	6	8	2
District 8 ...	3	6	1
District 9 ...	41	90	59
	89	159	79
Congregational—			
District 1 ...	2	4	0
District 2 ...	7	22	17
District 3 ...	4	6	6
District 4 ...	10	20	19
District 5 ...	11	20	14
District 6 ...	6	13	11
District 7 ...	0	0	0
District 8 ...	2	0	0
District 9 ...	9	14	9
	51	107	76
Small Denominations and Missions—			
District 2 ...	25	30	16
District 3 ...	34	53	40
District 4 ...	25	41	26
District 5 ...	11	9	4
District 6 ...	4	4	..
District 8 ...	2	1	..
District 9 ...	10	20	15
	111	158	101

Comprising: Lutherans, French Protestants, Jews, Christadelphians, Christians, Brethren, Christian Scientists, Zionites, Friends, Salvation Army, Harmony Hall and other missions.

Grand Totals.

Number of homes visited, 2,935; children under 18 years, 4,789; number attending Sunday school, 2,905.

These totals include the following. There were 89 homes visited with 49 children under 18 years of age, and reported as of "no denomination," in addition to which 218 calls were made without securing any information. These cards have been handed to the Ministerial Association of the city.

The average of attendance at Sunday school of the number reported as being under 18 years of age is as follows:

Baptists	79 per cent.
Methodists	75 per cent.
Congregationals	71 per cent.
Presbyterians	58 per cent.
Episcopalians	50 per cent.
Reformed Episcopalians	49 per cent.
Roman Catholic	45 per cent.
Other denominations	63 per cent.

Percentage in attendance of all denominations, 60 per cent.

Y. M. C. A.

The visitors were requested to ascertain how many young men and boys were resident in the homes at which calls were made. The following is the result:

Between the ages of 16 and 35 years, 576; between the ages of 10 and 16 years, 534.

These totals represent members and adherents of almost every denomination in the city, and the information has been placed in the hands of H. Northcott, general secretary, Y. M. C. A.

In presenting this report, I beg to thank the many earnest, faithful workers; the committees, the chairmen of committees, and the ministers of city churches, for the faithful service rendered in connection with the "house-to-house" canvass. It was gratifying to find that the following denominations were represented in the work just closed:

Episcopalian—Bishop Perrin, Canon Beanlands, Revs. Baugh Allan, Sweet, Ard, Cooper and Miller.

Methodist—Revs. Adams, Thompson and McIntyre.

Presbyterians—Dr. Campbell, Revs. Leslie Clay, McCoy and MacRae.

Baptists—Revs. Tapscott and Dakin.

Congregational—Rev. H. Carson.

Reformed Episcopal—Rev. Mr. Gladstone.

ENJOYABLE VISIT.

Cedar Hill Templars Heartily Welcome Triumph Lodge.

The Young Canada five-horse tally-ho was requisitioned by the officers and members of Triumph, Victoria West and Perseverance lodges, I. O. G. T., forming the party who visited the Cedar Hill Good Templar lodge on Saturday evening last. At 7 p. m. sharp the start was made from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt, two stops being made en route to pick up outside members.

On arrival they met with a grand reception from the members of the sister lodge. The visitors were invited (as is customary in Good Templar lodges) to officer the lodge, Bro. Wilkes, chief Templar of Triumph lodge, taking the chair, after which the ordinary lodge business was delat with, followed by a very successful programme, the contributors being: Mrs. Menhennet, song; Bro. Cook, recitation; Bro. Blackman, song; Bro. Wilkinson, song; Bro. Semple, recitation; Bro. Foulds, song and recitation; Sister King, song; Sister Egilson, recitation; Bro. Cooper, song and recitation; Bro. McIntyre, song; Sister Ashworth, song; Bro. Hamilton, song; and little Erney Wilkes, son of the C. T. of Triumph lodge, a song.

After completing the programme speeches were made by several members. Bro. Wilkes spoke of the temperance work in general, earnestly appealing to all present to consider the value of unity, so clearly illustrated in the present meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form and refreshments served.

Bro. Waller, of Victoria West lodge, moved, and Bro. Gleason, of Perseverance lodge, seconded, a vote of thanks to the Cedar Hill lodge for the kind and hearty reception accorded to visitors, which was carried unanimously. The Chief Templar of Cedar Hill made a very appropriate response. "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung, and the visitors returned to the tally-ho in waiting, and left with the fraternal wishes of Cedar Hill. These will be conveyed to the Old Country, where several visiting members are shortly returning.

The journey both to and from Cedar Hill was one of pleasure, the beautiful night and the vocal abilities of the talented members will not easily be forgotten.

WESTMINSTER NOTES.

Practically every representative business man in the Royal City was present to honor Mayor Keary at the complimentary banquet tendered the city's chief magistrate at the Hotel Guichon Friday evening. As the chairman aptly put it in toasting His Worship, the banquet was in honor of the mayor of New Westminster from 1902 to 1906, and the manager of the 1905 Dominion exhibition, which had done much towards attracting both attention, capital and settlers to this province. The good things having been disposed of the toasts were drunk and the guest of the evening was made the recipient of a handsome gold-headed walking stick suitably engraved. A number of excellent speeches punctuated the toasts, and it was not till the hours had grown small that the assemblage dispersed, the strains of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the National Anthem intermingling.

Charles Cook, of Maple Ridge, was on Saturday fined $20 and costs for killing a fawn out of season.

SUTTON'S SEEDS

WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS FOR THESE CELEBRATED SEEDS AND HAVE A LARGE AND COMPREHENSIVE STOCK ON THE WAY.

BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO.

125 Government St., Victoria.

MANY CANDIDATES ENTER THE FIELD

FOR HONORS AT THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION

Messrs Hayward and Morley Will Contest the Mayoralty—Aspirants in the Three Wards.

The municipal campaign may now be fairly considered in progress, although it has by no means yet reached the stage of exciting, feverish activity usually marking the few days immediately preceding election. A cursory glance at the list of candidates already announced is sufficient assurance that the ratepayers will have ample material from which to select their representatives for the year 1906. In every case there are more aspirants than there are positions, so that there should be keen competition throughout.

Without a doubt there is more interest in the mayoralty contest than in that for aldermanic honors or school trustees. The two candidates, Chas. Hayward and A. J. Morley, are well known to most Victorians. Having for three years been the occupant of the chair during the weekly proceedings in the council chamber of the city hall, Mr. Hayward has the advantage of a wide experience. He has a public record, and, in his card, announces his determination to "continue the progressive policy of his previous term of office." His opponent, however, is not altogether unknown. Mr. Morley has been before the public to some extent ever since his arrival here eight years ago. He was first connected with the Voters' League, afterwards became the leading spirit of the Chamber of Commerce, and when the latter organization was amalgamated with the Board of Trade, took a prominent part in the proceedings of that influential body. His views on public questions have always been most pronounced, and for that reason he has won a wide circle of friends and also made opponents. The campaign, however, promises to be full of excitement. Mr. Hayward is well-seasoned and Mr. Morley is energetic, enterprising and determined. What the outcome will be can only be conjectured.

For aldermanic honors there are the usual number of candidates. In order that their names may be laid before the electors as clearly as possible, it might be well to deal with the different wards separately.

In South Ward of the present aldermen only one, James A. Douglas, has definitely decided to present himself again. B. S. Oddy has determined to retire, while Thornton Fell, when approached by a representative of the Times this morning, stated that he was considering the advisability of coming forward for re-election. There are no less than five new candidates for public recognition. They are Geo. Snider, W. Brodrick, W. H. Smith, A. Blygh and F. C. Vincent. The majority of these gentlemen are well acquainted in the ward whose suffrages they are soliciting.

Up to the present the Centre Ward does not appear to have attracted the ambitious to a great extent. Two of the present city fathers, L. Goodacre and A. Stewart, have declared themselves, and will be among the candidates. E. P. Elford has not decided. J. Stuart Yates, who has had several years' experience as a member of the council, has once again announced himself, while, in addition, there are W. Humphrey, another veteran, E. H. Anderson, H. E. Levy and L. J. Quaglotti.

For the North Ward there are a number of new aspirants. The present representatives, Aldermen W. J. Hanna, Dr. Lewis Hall and F. J. Fullerton, have all determined to try for re-election. Against them will be D. Spragge, Fred Davey and G. Penketh. These are the only three who have determined so far to try conclusions with those who go to the polls with the prestige, or otherwise as the case may be, of holding office.

Taking into consideration the exceptional interest being evinced in the mayoralty contest and the number having presented themselves in the different wards, an exciting campaign is anticipated. The North Ward Municipal Association has called a meeting for to-morrow evening at the assembly rooms of the school of that district. All the candidates will be invited, not excepting those for school trustees, and all will be given an opportunity to address those present. From what can be gathered both C. Hayward and A. J. Morley will be in attendance—a fact that should add considerably to the interest of the occasion. An effort will be made to obtain the use of the South Park school assembly room for some evening towards the end of the week, while on Friday it is expected there will be a general gathering at the city hall. Next Monday the electors of Victoria West will have an opportunity to hear the various candidates on municipal questions, now occupying the attention of the community at Semple's hall.

As a result of the dismissal of Miss Cameron from the principalship of South Park school and the royal commission now in progress, the school trustee election is of more than usual interest. The three present office holders, Beaumont Boggs, Robt. Mowat and Mrs. Jenkins, have come forward declaring their intention to stand or fall upon their action in dismissing Miss Cameron for insubordination. For some days it was rumored that Miss Cameron would oppose them, but this appears to have no foundation in fact. The other trustee whose term expires, E. Lewis, was not present at the meetings during which the now celebrated case was dealt with, and, therefore, cannot be associated with the others in that regard, except that he afterwards concurred in their action. Opposing them will be A. B. McNeill, who has had considerable experience in school matters during his connection with the Victoria teaching staff, P. J. Riddell and Wm. McKay, both of whom were before the electors last year.