MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

A Glance at the Year's Civic Administration - Work Done by the Various Departments.

Satisfactory Statements Throughout the Service-Foreshadowments for the Tuture.

The Treasurer's Report Not Yet Finished; but will be Ready Almost Immediately.

The following are summaries of the re ports of the different branches of the municipal service, as submitted at the meeting of the City Council, last Friday

BY-LAWS ADOPTED.

The city clerk's report shows that dur ing the year 50 by-laws were passed there having been held 52 regular, 16 special, and 5 adjourned meetings of the

POLICE COURT.

The Police Court report shows a total of 1,078 charges made, 119 Chinese, 29 of which were dismissed; 148 In-dians, of whom 130 were convicted; and 811 all other persons, 590 of whom were committed, 24 sent for tri-1 and 197 discharged. The largest number of complaints were made during August and October, the figures being 138, March, 109; November, 99; June, 93; April, 87. Thirty Indians were charged with being in possession of intoxicants, of whom 24 were committed; 103 being convicted of developments. convicted of drunkenness. Among the Chinese there were 119 charges laid, 35 for infr ctions of the city by-laws; 37 for gambling; 6 for vagrancy; 4 supplying intoxicants to Indians; of larceny; 3 of perjury; 4 for fighting and 4 for creating a disturbance. The offenders of all other nationalities numbered 811, of whom 197 were 'dis charged, 24 committed for trial, and 590 ted. Among the charges laid wer the following—drunkenness 298, infractions of city by-laws 164, larceny 46, vagrancy 42, assault 35, unsound mind 35, supplying intoxicants to Indians 16, assault with intent to do bodily harm 3, burglary 7, desertions from H.M navy 12, infractions of Customs Act 1, carrying concealed weapons 6, cruelty to animals 1, fighting 8, infraction of Mer-chants' Shipping Act 6, obtaining m ney under false pretences 7, refusing to surport family 3, threatening language

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Police committee, in submitting the report of the Chief of Police, said We, your police committee, beg leave present to the board the accompanying report of the Superintendent of Police with statements of matters for the pas year. We have examined the same, ve much pleasure in recommending the ggestions contained therein, and fee satisfaction that the order maintained in the city during the year has been of that character which goes to show that our citizens are a law-abiding people."

Superintendent Sheppara's report shows the police force to be composed of the composed

one Superintendent, one sergeant and 12 constables, all uniformed men; two ing detailed for duty in the lockup. leaving 10 for patrol duty. During the year three constables were added to the trength of the force, but no removals maining. The condition of the force is very fair, comparatively few complaints having been made against constables for neglect of duty, all of a trivial nature, for which a reprimand has been sufficient. The clothing of the men is in good condition, and their barrack accommodation comfortable and convenient. The lock-up accommodation has also been much improved by the addition of the female ward. Crimes of a very serious nature are spoken of as being of rare occurrence, in the two cases of murder, one by a Chinaman, the other by a states that nine plans for the proposed chase of all interests in the Victoria Gas white man, the murderer was promptly new sewerage system were received, two Co. and the Victoria Electric Co., having brought to justice. The number of convictions for breaches of the city by-laws greatly exceeds those of last year. It is remarked with satisfaction that there have never been any riots in the city, and with the large concourse of people in and around the city during the 24th of May celebrations, it was not found necessary to make one single arrest. The chief significantly observes: "Taking into consideration the great increase in the population of the city, the large of mon employed on public works and the amount of traffic from the various Sound cities, and from from all parts of the Dominion of Canada, I consider the persentage of crime committed in the city will compare favorably with that of any other city in the Dominion or elsewhere,
a fact which speaks well for the general efficiency of the department considering the smallness of the force compared

tion of the city, the inhabitants taking a city greater interest in conforming with the sanitary by law, while much more has sanitary by law, while much more has been done by proprietors to render their premises healthy. Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent sewage level supply. He are the local continuous and the fountain to James Bay mize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the Street Committee are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the street Catherine street are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine street, the street Catherine street are strongly urged to macadamize Catherine strongly urged to maca caution has been taken to prevent sewage level supply. He urges the construction passing through the Johnson street of a dam across the mouth of Elk Lake, passing through the Johnson street of a dam across the mouth of Elk Lake, ravine. The streets as a whole are being and the water brought thence direct to kept in fair condition, but the officer recommends a larger sum than has hitherto all the swamps and raising the surface of been appropriated for sanitary purposes.

He advises the adoption of Lik Lake, Mr. Pemberton on the part of the commissioners appointed under the City of Victoria Official Map Amendment Act to 1889, submitted an account for services of \$450 and reported that plans than seven summonses for huisances. itiy, and that the whole of the Water
The box drains laid during the year
Works revenue be devoted to Water Works purposes. were:

11. 9. 70 Over two miles of box drains in length.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT. The Health Officer, Dr. G. L. Milne,

Ottawa, was:

The death rate is much lower than that of any former year in which statistics have been kept, and taking the population at 22,500, the rate is about 12 deaths per ,000. Among the more prominent causes of death were the following: Paeumonia and bronchitis, 33; phthisis, 32; diseas of heart and blood vessels, 29 : diarrhoea affections, 18; paralysis, 17; premature birth, 15; entritis and other diseases of the bowels, 11; dropsy, 11; accidents, ed, 2. Dr. Milne 11: suicide, 2: murder marks that he has alr. ady reported upon the practice of exhuming dead bodies in the cemetery, which no doubt will in a short time be more under the control of the city authorities than at present. The medical officer specially emphasizes the unfitness for drinking purposes of the water from the taps in the cemetery which comes from a well within it. With respect to the condition of James Bay which are in many cases being u as a dumping-ground for garbage, the hope is expressed that during the ensuing year steps will be taken to have this locality

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The report of the Cemetery committee refers to the absolute necessity which existed for an enlargement of the cemetery, by procuring additional ground, in consequence of which, a by-law having been suthorized by the ratepayers, some six acres of the Fairfield Farm estate were nurchysed at \$2 000 per sere the were purchased at \$2,000 per acre, the right to purchase a further four and half acres at the same price within three years having been secured on the payment of interest at 2½ per cent. Five hundred dollars were spent in erecting fences, gates and other works. The applications of the Oddfellows and Masons or space were granted to the extent one acre each. A similar application, from the Ancient Order of United Workmen is at present under consideration. From want of means the work of clear ing the ground, completing the fencing arreying plots, constructing walks and drives and erecting a mortuary chapel has not been carried cut; but the committee rust that the Council for 1891 will take up these matters and, with the onsent of the ratepayers, obtain at least \$10,000, so that the remaining portion of the ground may be paid for and the cemeery made a credit to the city of Victoria.

SEWERAGE COMMITTEE. The report of the Sewerage Committee new sewerage system were received, two from England, two from New York, here from Ontario and two from British Columbia, that of Mr. Mohun, after examination by Mr. Rudolph Hering have been adopted. Messrs. Turner, population. This, they believe, would receive the resemble producing and attention and efficiency. It is advised to the resemble producing and attention and efficiency. It is advised to the resemble producing and attention and efficiency. It is advised to the resemble producing and attention and efficiency. Earle and league were appointed as commissioners. Seven tenders for the work missioners. Seven tenders for the work were received in reply to the advertisement published by the city, the work b ing awarded to Mr. Alexander Mc-Bean, for \$249,970.44\frac{3}{4}\$, which was signed to be revenue producing and a source of wealth to the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue of the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue producing and a source of wealth to the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city. Failing this, the committee recommend the prevenue from the city of the city on the 20th December. After referring o the steps taken to secure the necessar rights of way, the report goes on to say that it was determined that house con-nec ions should be made with the sewers while the latter were under construction these connections to be carried up to the street line for each lot or building thus bviating the necessity of breaking up

the streets in future. PURLIC LIBRARY.

the old 12 inch along Government street
Fountain to James been necessary to serve more a fixe i tariff of water rates for the

HALL COMMITTE.

The report details the improvements that have been effected, which have been done by contract wherever practicable. The commit ee recommend the filling of the blank space on Cormorant street with The Health Officer, Dr. G. L. Milne, notes with gratification that though the notes with gratification that though the leated by steam or hot water. The city city had a visitation of la grippe last winter, and though the population of the city has increased in a marked degree, there of the Hall committee amounted to \$35, were only 24 more interments this year than leat while a leaves proportion of the hall cost \$30,753,69, the fire hall and were only 24 more interments this year than last, while a larger proportion of the hall cost \$30,753.69; the fire hall and mortality was due to drowning and other police barracks and asphalt floor \$4, accidents. The number of interments in 027.19, and female prison ward, fences, Ross Bay cemetery as furnished monthly etc., \$905.85. to the Dominion statistical officer at

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

The assessment committee announ that they did not consider it advisable to disturb the values of the different pro perties for the year 1890, on account of its having been done in 1889. Except those acreage propert es which were sub-divided into building lots, and also all new buildings that were erected in 1889. These increased the roll nearly half a million dollars. It is recommended in view of the great progress f the city that It is also advised to have section 119, clause 3, of the assessment law amended, which would be an advantage and be nore equitable to all parties concerned.

PARK COMMITTEE.

The Park committee report satisfac cory progress with the small amount of noney at their disposal, and recommend a loan by-law for a further sum to complete Mr. Blair's landscape design. The number of visitors has been materially increased, while the trees, shrubbery, and flourishing condition.

SPECIAL MARKET COMMITTEE. The Special Marke Committee report the purchase of a site on Cormorant and fisgard streets, at a cost of \$42,000, which they consider cheap. They have new market building.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PURLIC WORKS.

Mr. Northcott referring to the different buildings which the city has put up during the year, viz.: the addition to City Hall, the female prison ward, the finishing up of the Fire Hall and Police Barracks, as well as the furnishing of the different offices throughout, says they have all been done n accordance with the plans and specifi-

The committee on electric light and The committee on electric light and treet lighting remarked that the year the limits demands, it is urged, more than the place of bare wire. The extension of the limits demands, it is urged, more has been uneventful except to lead them to realize the pressing used of a widely extended service, such as would create a expenditure quite beyond the scope of the ordinary yearly revenue. It is stated that the capacity of the plant is greatly overrated while in view of the extension of the city's limits a large number of additional lights one in Victoria West. will be required immediately. The cost of maintenance was \$9,558.93, including \$4.648.25 for wages and \$2,131.50 for fuel. As for the future the committee is of opinion that this demand must be organized upon a broad basis, having ample facilities and with a view to perprove to be revenue producing and a attention and efficiency. It is advised that 3,000 copies of the new Fire Preventage of wealth to the city Failing

STREET COMMITTEE. The street committee submitted state nents showing the work performed durthe year. The contracts on hand at the close of 1889 and completed in 1890 amounted to \$12,039.92. The work performed by contract during the year reached \$1,449.50. The contract for s which speaks wanners was all department considering any other cities of the Dominion." Child recommend the appointment of the Dominion." Child recommend the appointment of the Dominion." Child recommend the appointment of the Dominion." A property of the state of the extension of the city in the Binary. During the year 20,560 to the Dominion attention of the city in the Dominion attention of the Comment of the Dominion attention at the Dominion attentio creting the piles under the draw of Rock' Bay bridge is on hand, but is not yet completed. The box drains laid during

pipe quired to widen the street. The Park from Committee are strongly used to make Committee are strongly urged to macada-

Mr. Pemberton on the part of the vices of \$450 and reported that plans covering all the streets named in the Act, and showing the position of boundaries had been examined, certified and signed by them and deposited in the Land Registry Office.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT. Mr. Northcott remarks that the fig-

Mr. Northcott remarks that the figures which he submits show the prosperity and substantial growth of the city. There were erected during the year 311 rame buildings, costing \$647,000, and 28 separate brick buildings, worth \$453,700. The brick blocks consist of one three stories, nine of two stories and two of one, including 28 stores, 2 churche, and 1 stone church. In James Bay ward there were 120 frame buildings, costing \$319,300; four of brick, \$36,500. In Yates street ward, 72 frame, \$222,-200; and 19 brick, \$325,800; Johnson street ward, 119 frame, \$146,700; five buck, \$50,700. In all cases, the brick buildings were put up in accordance with the city by-laws.

to Street Committee with power to act; on motion of Ald. Wilson and Smith.

Hon. John Robson with report of Dr. Milne as to Chinese exhumations, and stating the Government

FIRE WARDENS' REPORT. The Fire Wardens announce that the mall fire loss during the year is a plea-

saut subject for congratulation, the re-cord showing 86 fires with a loss estimated at \$10,795, the principal damage having been caused by water used in suppressingires. This, they think, might be, to very great extent, obviated by the purof a first-class chemical engine. They endorse the suggestions made by the chief engineer, pay their tribute to the fidelity and efficiency of the bri ade, and support their petition for an increase of salary, the men being, at the presentime, paid less than any department on the Pacific coast. Chief Engineer Deasy, n his report, gives a list of members an officers composing the brigade, together with a record of fires and alarms. An attempt was made to drill the scholars of the Central school as a fire brigade, but the authorities take little interest in the where so many helpless children congregate daily. The hose still remains up there in an open shed, where the child ren play, and every effort has been made by the chief, but unsuccess fully, to have a proper shed buil for its safe keeping, in default of which its removal is recommended. The Chief of the wharves, warehouses, shipping and Government property along the front, and in November last addr letter on the subject to Messrs. Prior an Earle, M.Ps., suggesting that pumps be placed on the Dominion steamer Princes to throw at least four streams. The smal fire loss is attr-buted in a great measur to the Gamewell Fire Alarm sys em. To prevent damage to the alarm system it is recommended that brackets be placed on all poles and insulated wire should take houses, apparatus and firemen would be dangerous to leave the centre or business portion of the city, unpro-tected. The Chief, consequently, asks ment streets, and one in Victoria West More horses and hose wagons will also be required, and it will be necessary to ex-tend the alarm system. The purchase of a combined hose wagon and chemical engine is absolutely necessary for the business portion of the city. Two steam manency. They believe this object can best be secured through a consolidation and centralization of the lighting interests under corporation control, and recommend early negotiation for the purchase of all interests in the Victoria Gas chase of all interests in the Victoria Gas condition. A light of the two conditions and condition, but the first point of the Mayor reported as one of a comband cannot do it anyhow. Then are not the interests of the department has seven horses, all in good condition. A light proposed to wait on the Government of the lighting interests under corporation control, and recommend early negotiation for the purchase of all interests in the Victoria Gas throughout the city while fifty more.

The Mayor reported as one of a comband cannot do it anyhow. Then, are not the interests of the described the way in which fruit is seven horses, all in good condition. A bundred hydrants have been placed chase of all interests in the Victoria Gas throughout the city while fifty more. should be placed this year. The supply of water is described as all that can be

> EMMA ABBOTT TO BE CREMATED. The Late Prima Donna Took a Great Interest

tion by-law be printed and distributed. The property belonging to the department is estimated at \$56,345.50.

in the Ovens at Washington, Pa. It is expected that the body of Emma Abbott, who died in Salt Lake City on Monday, will be sent to Pittsburg to be cremated. When bodies were first cremated at the La Moyne crematory, in Washington, Pa., Miss Abbott happened to be in that town and was much inverested in the new method of disposing of the dead. Three years ago, while in Pittsburg, Miss Abbott and Miss Annandale were preparing for an afternoon drive, when some one sug-

CITY COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held. Friday night, as per adjournment, His Worship, the Mayor, presiding; present, Ald. Goodacre, McKillican, Kelly, Smith, Holland, Robertson, Vi-Wilson, and Harrison. The city clerk submitted the following

COMMUNICATIONS: S. Perry Mills-on the subject of in uries claimed to have been sustained by

Rev. A. Blythe.

Ald. Vigelius said the report of the Street committee would refer to this.
W. H. Ireland, secretary of the Trades w. H. Ireland, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council,—objecting to the expenditure of public money for adver-tising the city, and appointing a delega-tion to wait upon the Council in connection with that communication. Referred

o the Printing committee. Robert Irving—asking for a street line on Moss and Belcher street. Request granted on the usual conditions. J. A. Lawrence—calling attention he wretched condition of Perry street

James Bay, and asking for a sidewalk. Referred to Street committee, with power to act; on motion of Ald. Wilson and Smith. F. G. Richards, jr., asking a sidewalk and box drain on Rithet street-Referre

to Street Committee with power to act

mations, and stating the Government saw the necessity of a separate burial ground for Chinese, but could not regulate the action of the Board of Health with reference to the disinterment and removal of bodies.

Ald. Wilson suggested that the Government be requested to withhold all permits for the removal of bodies. The cemetery was now within the city limits, and so far as it was concerned the corporation could

withhold its permission. On motion, the communication was received (the medical health officer to be instructed to refuse his certificate for disinterments). It was resolved to remmend the incoming Council to pass a ov-law to regulate the disinterment of

chinese bodi s in the C metery. The street committee reported that they had instructed the City Surveyor to unform Rev. Mr. Blythe that they did not consider him entitled to any indemnification for the accident of which he

compl ined. The report of the road committee on this and a variety of other matters was

received and adopted.

Ald. Vigelius hoped that the printing of the reports would be done by tender, and complained that last year there had been undue delay in the work of printing, the reports not having been ready until after the elections. It was desirable that

they be got out at once.

Ald. Holland said that the Printing committee had taken steps to obtain tenders for printing, and it was hoped that to-morrow night it would be possible to vive out the contracts.

On motion of Ald. Harrison, the time for receiving t-nders for the sewerage pipes was extended to the 24th, as per the application of Messrs. Bell, Irving & Co., who had already forwarded their tender from England. A number of accounts, amountir

\$90.50, were received andordere d t be on motion of Ald. Holland the annual reports were received and referred to the Printing committee, with power to have them printed according to the lowest tender.

The clerk said, in answer to Ald. Holland, that he believed the only report which had not yet been handed in was

hat of the treasurer and auditor. Some discussion arose as to the advisa-bility of having this completed without d-lay, so that the public might have communication of it/before the elections. 1 was stated that every facility would afforded the press to publish all possible information as to this financial question.

The Mayor reported as one of a com-

to the city as they were imposed under Provincial Legislation. The Government, however, would appropriate for the district its pro rata of the levy, and if the

Griggs. He refuses to tell which company s putting up the funds, and has noth say about Griggs. Contractor Smith is as much in the dark as the public. He much in the dark as the public. He neither knows who Griggs is or where the money comes from. About 150 men were paid off this afternoon and evening, and after the original holders of checks get heir money here Smith will take a run up

the line and pay off the balance.

The public feels a great sense of relief in the satisfactory turn in affairs, and 200 wards of the city will be turned off to

> KOOTENAY NOTES. (From the Nelson Miner.)

The suspension of the Spokane National Bank, of which the old-time banker and Bank, or which the old-time banker and mining man, Warren Hussey, is cashier, ties up several hundred dollars of one Nelson man's money. He is the only man in the town who had a bank account had neither. The suspension is probably only temporary, as Mr. Hussey is part owner of the great Morning mine at Mullan, Idaho, for which a million dollars was recently refused, it is said.

The damaged pipe at the Davys & Tol-son saw-mill has been repaired. Before aving for Victoria, Mr. Davys report d that all the lumber needed for the teamboat, except 8,000 feet of planking, nad been sawed. Two pieces, 54 fe ng, were whip-sawed, on account of expected difficulties in floating pieces of that ength down the flume. The 800 feet of planking will be taken out early in the

Several locations have recently bee made on what is supposed to be the Lit-tle Donald ledge. There is a good showng of mineral on all the claims, the ore being of the same character as that found on the Little Donald. The locaions are owned by W. R. Luther, Louis Riser, Thomas Shearer and Ernest Har-rof, and are named King Solomon, Van-derbilt, Minneapolis, and Creek View, and are situated between the Little Donald and Coffee Creek. T. C. Wells and John H. Burns have located a claim dongside the Tressa, on Woodbury Creek, naming it the Amazon. On the East side of the lake, William Mousle and T. C. Wells state that they have a large body of mineral in the Arcade, a new location thought to lie on the same vein as the great Blue Bell. W. A. Hendryx and G. Harmon have recorded the Pioneer, a location adjoining the Blue Bell on the East.

PORT CRESCENT GOSSIP.

been ordered from a native wholesale lealer in San Francisco. The Celestials

will have a merry time.

Contractors Wacker & Hollister have begun the erection of the new two-storey building for the Port Crescent Leader.

B. C. FRUIT GROWERS. Interesting and Important Papers Read with

At the annual meeting of the British Columbian Fruit Growers' association, on would be impossible to transfer the taxes the difficulties existing and the future ondition in which it should be received prospects of the industry. He concluded that British Columbia is becoming more and more celebrated as a fruit-growing country, trict its pro rata of the levy, and if the member for the district gave their consent would put that money by itself for expenditure in the Victoria district. No further taxation could be imposed that the year. He had no doubt that the old personal structure in the Victoria district. The supplies that the old personal structure is the supplies that the old personal structure and structure an nunicipality would act liberally. It structive address on "Amateur Gardening." Mr. W. J. Brandreth gave a great amount would be the duty of the council to communicate with the members for the district as to the disposition of a portion of the sum appropriated to the district. The new order of things would have to be formally ratified by the Legislature.

The Mayor said that so soon as the The Mayor said that so soon as the Finance report was ready he would call the members of the council together for their last meeting.

The council adjourned at 9:15.

STARVING MEN GET THEIR PAY.

ceeded with and resulted as follows: Directors, Vancouver—J. M. Browning, Wm. Prout, A. H. B. Macgowan, R. T. Robinson, R. E. Gosnell, G. G. Mackay and W. Taylor; New Westminster—Thomas Cunningham, John Lister, P. Latham and M. Sinclair; Port Hammond — G. W. Hanne, Victoria—G. A. McTavish, D. W.

THE SEALING QUESTION.

Judge Swan Holds the American View of the Matter to be Untenable.

Ridicules the Idea of Seal Extermination-In Fact, There may be Too Many.

Judge James G. Swan, of Port Townsend, is at present stopping at the Oriental in this city. His visit here is on private business, but his views are of much interest to the public, and accordingly a COLONIST reporter called upon him last evening.

Mr. Swan is as well known in Victoria as he is across the line, and it is not necesand a check book; now he wishes he had sary to here recapitulate his public record. He is, at present the Hawaiian Consul Port Townsend, and also a Commissioner the United States Circuit Court. He is the United States Circuit Court. He is a lawyer by profession, and came to the State of Washington in 1852, when it was a por-tion of Oregon, thus ranking well in the front rank of the pioneers of the Pacific coast.
The controversy between Judge Swan

The controversy between Judge Swan and Henry W. Elliott in regard to the birth of seals, and the habits of the infant seal pups, has been of long standing, and has but recently been well ventilated in the columns of the daily press. In The Colonies of the daily press. In The Colonies of the daily press. In the columns of the daily press. In the columns of the daily press in which he completely overtured the pet theory of his from the pen of Froi. Swan, in which he completely overturned the pet theory of his opponent, who alleges that "seals born in the water sink like a stone," and that they swam off from all parts of the Pacific to breed on the Pribyloff Islands. Judge Swan breed on the Pribyloff Islands. Judge Swan argues that it is a physical impossibility for the seals of the Alaska coast to all congregate at those islands if they would; that their young do not sink, but swim; and he says he will shortly have affidavits for publication disparation and these three descriptions and the says he will shortly have affidavits for publication disparation and the says he will shortly have affidavits for publication disparation and the says he will shortly have the says the says the says that the says have the says that the says have the says that the says th lication disproving such theory by actual observations. Even a kitten will swim when thrown into the water—much more a

seal, whose native element it is.

Judge Swan considers Mr. Elliott as a very good young man in his way, who knows but little of the question on which he has been writing. Moreover, not content with advocating his own groundless theory, Mr. Elliott goes out of his Mr. Elliott goes out of his way to deny and falsify the reports of those who are eye-witnesses to what they describe. As to seals being born in the water and swimming immediately after birth, there is no question in the minds of those who have long studied their habits on the coast of British Columbia. Possible the British frage are

Columbia. Possibly the Pribyloff seals may be a different breed of stock-but it is ver In regard to the Behring Sea agitation,

Mild Weather on the Coast—Game Plentiful—Building Operations.

Special to The Colonist.

PORT CRESCENT, Jan. 8.—No snow has fallen yet on the land adjoining the Straits, but the mountains and even the foot hills are white with snow. Game is reported very scarce in most places, although occasionally deer are killed along the beach, where they become entrapped between the cliff and water. Ranchers between the cliff and water. Ranchers from the Solecuck valley report seeing large numbers of elk and ther game.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Pearl left for racoma this morning.

Our colony of Chinamen is making elaborate preparations for the celebration of Chinese New Year. A large quantity of special decorations and fireworks have been ordered from a native wholesale sity of the poor but a luxury of the rich, it ly improbable that their numbers so depleted as to call for restrictive is highly im will be so der

measures.

The hair seals have been hunted in the Atlantic for hundreds of years, and their haunts show no traces of a decrease in population. Indeed, as the seals are the population./ Indeed, as the seals are the most greedy of fisheaters, it may, some day, be necessary to thin them out, solely to preserve from destruction the salmon and cod fisheries of the North Pacific.

And as to this sealing industry being exclusively an American "plant," Columbian Fruit Growers' association, on Wednesday evening, at Vancouver, Mr. Walter Taylor read an important paper on "The Fruit Industry of British Columbia."

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over, room and enough for all over, room and enough for all?
Judge Swan is pretty good authority on this subject, or on most any connected with the industries of this coast. He made his observations on the habits of the seals while stationed as inspector of customs at Cape Flattery. He has been for thirty years a corresponding member of the Smithsonian institute, and has furnished to that national museum its largest and finest collection illustrating Indian life and development on the Northwest Coast. All visitors to Washington City have admired this feature of the great capital.

visitors to Washington City have admired this feature of the great capital.

While deeply interested in the sealing question, and equally contemptions of the crude theories of Henry W. Elliott, Judge Swan finds plenty of leisure to descant on other public topics of interest. He says that the standstill in railroad building across the line is only temporary, and not that the standard in rational building across the line is only temporary, and not permanent. That on January 1st \$20,000,000 were paid out for interest in Boston, and \$90,000,000 in New York—to say nother than the same of the period of the same o ing of the other great financial centres. This money is on the market now for re-in-

CAPITAL NOTE

The P. E. I. Government Ur Adoption of the Stra

Tunnel Scheme. Wiggins Predicts a Big Ear to Occur on the 17th A ust, 1894.

Hon. F. G. Vernon Reaches En Route Home-Reform Convention in Ontario

(From Our Own Corresponde OTTAWA, Jun. 12.-Hon. F. G Phief Commissioner of Lands a or British Columbia, arrived England to-day, and will remain days transacting official busine Hon. Edgar Dewdney's guest. The Minister of Finance has

the Millers' Association pointing immense possibilities of an exp with the West Indies. L. J. Sergeant, the new mans Grand Trunk was introduced to bers of the Government to day. Government steamer

total loss.

The members of the Prince Island Government made a form to Sir John to day to adopt to tunnel scheme.

Prof. Shaw, of the Ontario Ag
College, estimates the loss of the
through the McKinley tariff to

through the McKinley term in million dollars annually.

Prof. Wiggins ridicules the etheories of the geologists. He sethe only man who knows anyth the matter. The next big quake August 17th, 1894. August 17th, 1894.

The leaders of the reform recided to call a general convent reformers of Ontario, for the porganizing for the coming Domition. The convention will be Toronto in February, but the distributions of the form

yet definitely fixed.

A large clothing house in Morsent a traveller to the Indies orders.

The Chinese poll tax receip couver for December were \$2,8 crease of \$1,175.

EUROPEAN GOSSI

THE IRISH QUARREL. LONDON, Jan. 12 .- There are tru indications that the Gladstonians

gusted with O'Brien for dilly-dally

Parnell and with his course, an lose in a marked degree the c which has heretofore been place, judgment by the English Liberals. respective of the final result of tiations. It is intimated that th ites are considering the policy of home rule in the background of t form in order to counteract the disaffection of the Liberals and ma tinuance of the Liberal-Irish allia tinuance of the Libers-I-Irish allist ble on the lines of local govern other material, but not revoluting forms for the benefit of Ireland. It is by some that this would check Pawould divide the Irish delegation at and radical sections, with the of English sentiment in favor of the of English sentiment in favor of the ates. As, however, the hope of O'Brien to abandon the conferent Parnell has been given up, and ported in certain optimistic circle persuasions on the McCarthyites an effect, and that O'Brien is only for Dillon to join him in order to treat under cover of that gentle vice, Parnell's Limerick addr made a more favorable impression Kilkenny deliverances, and the to his Irish supporters are willing to a letter to Premier Rhodes, of Cap conclusive evidence of his accuracy ing his conversation with Gladston rington's remark about the moralit nell's opponents, and especially Ju Carthy, is evoking much comment sip. It is a general rumor that on mell's severest opponents in liamentary party has a mistress in and pays frequent visits to that co other is educating an illegitim in a leading English institution ing, and his mother for h keeper. As to McCarthy, his is has been free from scandal, and ton's remark occasioned much sur

has also aroused much uneasiness rington is known to be a man of to be capable of glving names when proof. The intimation of Archbisho primate of Ireland, that the Iris might look differently at matters w nell is married to Mrs. O'Shea, is ject of considerable criticism a English Liberals, who look upon cation that the bishops may yet commake peace with Parnell in the future DISTRESS IN GERMANY. The amount of distress among the the North of Germany is appallin number of persons out of work 199,000, of whom 30,000 are in H

The general interruption to si transportation and other industries, son of the cold weather and sn greatly added to the number of uner as well as to the suffering of that c EXTORTIONATE PRACTICES. inhabitants of Austria-Pol complaining of the extortions pract the Vienna dealers in food products policy is alleged to be secretly aided

policy is alleged to be secretly anted powers behind the throne, all efforts tablish local facilities for trade and portation being frowned upon by the ities. A special attempt is now bein to establish control of the mext m Cracow to supply the trade of Galai pendently of Vienna.

EXTRADITION OF PADLEWSKI. A despatch from Paris says t members of the Russian secret p that city have started for Spain to the extradition proceedings in the Padlewski, the murderer of Gen. S

THE BEHRINGS SEA QUEST

Brought Befo e th. U. S. Supreme Cou Lega ity of the Sayward Seizure to b. Tested.

Washington, Jan. 12.— The Be Sea fur seal fishing question was, this noon, suddenly and unexpectedly before the Supreme court of the States, when Sir John Thompson, m of Justice for Canada, through Mr. Ca Carlisle, American counsel of the legation, and Joseph Choate, associate