Reform of The Lords

A Task Not For the Individual But Needing National Impulse.

Lord Rosebery Introduces Some Novel Ideas In Speech at Edinburgh.

Anxious to See Men Like Carnegie and Lipton Running Country.

London, Nov. 14.—Lord Rosebery, speaking tonight in Edinburgh, said he did not intend again to try to secure a reform of the House of Lords, as this was not a task for an individual, but one needing a national impulse.

"I would like to see," he continued, "an experiment for a year of a government formed entirely of business men such for example as Mr. Carnegie and Sir Thomas Lipton, instead of politicians."

"I would ask you," are we getting our money's worth for the money spent? We are beginning to learn a lesson that great measures must in future be carried more by the harmony of contending parties or by the agreement of the belligerent politicians than by the overpowering ascendency of any one faction in the country."

Continuing the speaker said he blamed no party and blamed no government, but saw around him questions demanding solution, and a general apathy and impotency to deal with them. Political parties, he said, must on occasions be willing to sink their differences and forget who was in power and who would get credit for the carrying out of measures if they wish those measures to be carried out.

A BIG DEFICIT.

Directors of Pan-American Show Make Their Report.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 14.—The directors of the Pan-American Exposition Co. and a number of creditors conferred this afternoon and listened to the reading of the financial report of the company as prepared by the auditor. The report shows the total liabilities of the company at the present time to be $3,326,114.69 net, assuming that the assets of $146,454.15 are collectible at face. The company owes operating expenses, and on construction work $577,945.73, which item is of course embodied in the figure of total liabilities. An interesting fact shown by the report is the total cost to the exposition company of the exposition. The cost, according to the report was $8,860,757.20. The total receipts from admissions after May 1 were $2,467,066.58, and the receipts from concessions were $1,011,522.79. A balance due to the first mortgage bond holders is $174,978, and to second mortgage bond holders, $500,000, both of which are included in the liabilities as given above.

GERMAN TARIFF.

All Essential Features of Agriculture Schedules Retained.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The Reichsan Zeiger today publishes the German tariff bill as passed by the Bundesrath. All the essential features of the agricultural schedules have been retained. Hops have been increased from 40 to 90 marks per metric hundred weight. Hop meal has increased to 90 marks per metric hundred weight. Raw cotton fabrics weighing 80 grammes or more per square metre will now pay from 50 to 60 marks per metric hundred weight. Grease will pay from 6 to 10 marks per metric hundred weight. Rice for the manufacture of starch will be reduced from 6 to 4 marks per metric hundred weight. Rough hickory handles have been increased from 8 to 13 marks, and lightest shoes will increase from 120 to 180 marks per metric hundred weight. Horses under two years of age will pay 10 marks, and those over two years will pay 20 marks per head. Photographic paper will uniformly pay 12 marks, and varnish seven marks per metric hundred weight.

BANKERS IN SESSION.

Mr. E. S. Clouston of Montreal Re-Elected President.

Montreal, Nov. 14.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Bankers' association was held here today. President Clouston's address was an optimistic review of the business situation. Every stand and of increasing commercial prosperity indicated that business was good, and he thought it would continue for some time to come.

General Manager Farwell, of the Eastern Townships Bank, brought up the violation of the agreement that only three per cent. interest be paid on deposits, by making payments half yearly which made the return more than 3 per cent. He thought disciplinary measures should be taken against banks and bankers who adopted unapproved methods, securing business from other banks. The matter was referred to the Executive committee for consideration.

E. S. Clouston, of the Bank of Montreal, was re-elected president.

GUARDING TRAINS.

Discovery of Plot to Wreck and Rob Burlington Express.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 14.—Local officials of the Burlington road admitted to night that since the first of the week their night trains leaving Lincoln have gone out with a guard armed with Winchester rifles. This precaution was taken following the discovery last Sunday of 24 sticks of dynamite together with a number of masks hidden under a bridge just outside of the city. Sunday night three men attempted to board the express car as a train pulled out of Lincoln for the east, but they were driven off. Monday the same three men were at Ashland and an effort was made to arrest them, but they disappeared. A watch has been kept on the bridge where the dynamite was stored, but no one came to claim it.

WODERFUL ESCAPE.

Redwing, Minn., Nov. 14.—The Chicago & Great Western passenger train on the Redwing and Zumbrota line, miraculously escaped being wrecked near Goodue. As the train was passing over a bridge the structure fell to pieces behind the cars, while in front it swayed, but stood until the train was safely over, and then collapsed.

THE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

Work is proceeding steadily on the Victoria Terminal railway. A gang of men is throwing up the grade on A street, where the new line joins the Victoria and Sidney railway, and a staff of engineers is laying out the line across Finlayson's field and along Blanchard street.

A cable was received yesterday by Capt. McKenzie, informing him that the ship Kate Thomas had sailed from Liverpool with 600 tons of steel rails, which will be used on the Mainland section, a portion of which is now being graded.

DAWSON RAILWAY.

Mr. McLean Tells What it is Proposed to do.

Vancouver, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Mr. Norman McLean, one of the original promoters of the projected railway from Dawson to the mines, stated to the Colonist correspondent this morning that preparations would be made all winter to enable them to commence the construction of the line in the spring. The road would have been built two years ago immediately after it had been surveyed, but trouble was experienced in securing the right-of-way, owing to its passing through several mining properties. It had been contended that it would be an injury and a hardship to those owning these properties to have a railway passing through them. These difficulties have now been removed. The scheme has been financed and no obstacles remain in the way of building the road. It is contended that the great reduction in freight which will take place when the road is built, will enable the mines to be worked much more economically. The present freight rates from Dawson to the mines is 3¼ and 4 cents a pound. The new road will be 12 miles long, but will contain spurs reaching out to the different creeks en route. It will cost about $800,000. The railroad is being built from Dawson to the mines because it was thought that it would be the best piece of paying road in the Yukon, but the road will be extended just so far and at such times as is deemed wise by the promoters.

Pocahontas Mines Afire

Number of Men Buried Alive In West Virginia Colliery.

Several Bodies Recovered--Many Rescuers Injured By an Explosion.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 14.—Five dead bodies have been taken from the Baby mine at the Pocahontas. Other persons are unaccounted for and 25 persons have been rescued more or less severely burned.

At 3 o'clock this morning it was discovered that the Baby mine of the Pocahontas Colliery company at Pocahontas was on fire; an alarm was sent in and the fire company responded promptly. In a very short time after the fire fighters had reached the mouth of the mine and were attempting to extinguish the flames, some firemen and others having rushed inside of the mine to ascertain the extent of the trouble and to assist the miners entombed therein, a terrific explosion occurred, and many miners and their friends were more or less injured. It is supposed that the mines caught fire from a defective electric light wire.

Five bodies had been recovered up to 6 o'clock tonight, and it is uncertain how many more are dead, though it is now known that there are several, perhaps 8 or 10 men, still in the mine unless they succeeded in making their escape through the Tugg river entrance.

Twenty-five persons have been rescued, all more or less burned, some seriously, and perhaps fatally. The injured were carried to their homes in wagons, and all the physicians in Pocahontas have been busy all day attending the injured.

One or two other explosions have followed that of the early morning, and others are hourly expected. The mine is still burning and clouds of smoke are constantly issuing from its mouth. Its fan has now been stopped, and as soon as it is possible to do so, the mine will be re-entered with the hope of extinguishing the fire.

THE DEATH OF DR. GEO. T. ORTON

Succumbed to Injuries Received By a Fall From His Carriage.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Dr. George T. Orton died at 11 o'clock this morning at his residence, after an illness of several weeks. For many years the late Dr. Orton has been a well known figure in Winnipeg. He was a medical specialist of recognized ability, and his loss to the profession, and to his numerous friends is deeply deplored. The immediate cause of Dr. Orton's death was an accident that occurred several weeks ago, while on a shooting trip. He shot a prairie chicken from his buggy, the horse swerved and Dr. Orton was thrown on the ground, sustaining severe internal injuries. The doctor was a Liberal-Conservative, having represented Centre Wellington at Ottawa from 1874 to 1882. He was born at Guelph, Ont., in 1837.

MOTION TO QUASH.

Counsel For Housebreaker Claims Commitment Was Illegal.

Nanaimo, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—Before Judge Harrison today, C. H. Barker, counsel for Frederico, charged with breaking into a store some time ago made a motion to quash the committment upon the ground that the depositions upon which the action was founded were taken before justices of the peace, who had no jurisdiction, inasmuch as there was a police magistrate in the city not incapacitated from acting. The depositions were illegal, he claimed and could not be taken in evidence. His Honor deferred judgment until tomorrow.

THE BEAUTIFUL.

Montreal Gets First Touch of the Winter's Snow.

Montreal, Nov. 14.—(Special.)—A snow storm which set in last evening continued until noon today and Montreal and surrounding country are now in their winter garb. Five inches of snow fell last night. The first big snow fall of last year was on November 25, when nine inches fell and remained all winter.

FREE FROM PLAGUE.

Liverpool Declared to Have No Cases of the Disease.

London, Nov. 14.—The medical authorities declare that Liverpool is free from the plague. All those who were suspected of suffering from the disease have recovered.

TRUE BILLS.

Suspected Train Robbers Indicted by Grand Jury.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 13.—The November federal grand jury today returned indictments against Harry Loughbaugh, alias "John Arnold" the mysterious Montana train robber suspected and his companion, Laura Bullon. Each was indicted on 17 separate counts.

Bella Coola Being Improved

Bridge, Wharf and Road Being Constructed at the Northern Colony

Settlers Express Satisfaction at Works Undertaken by the Government.

C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., for Cassiar, was a passenger from Bella Coola on the steamer Danube. He brought with him some apples, which for size and quality are among the best that have been brought to Victoria, and the magnitude and mellowness of these gravensteins from the Scandinavian colony evidence the fertility of the northern valley, where potatoes are grown of monster size and of quality which give them a better value than many grades on the market. Cherries are grown there, and, all told, the agricultural resources of the country are great. There is little market, however, and the settlers are looking forward to the time when shipping facilities will allow of them finding a market for their produce. They are commencing to get cows, hogs and stock on their ranches. The settlers who number 250 are well satisfied with the work undertaken for the improvement of the district by the government.

A bridge is being constructed across the Bella Coola river which will give the settlers an outlet into a rich district with an extensive area of agricultural lands. A wagon road is also being built from the salt water for a distance of 22 miles up through the settlement. A wharf is to be built on the north side of the inlet, which will increase the shipping facilities, and a townsite may possibly be established where the government has a reserve there. The new bridge, which is of wood, will cost between $4,000 and $5,000. W. Williscroft, who is in charge of the bridge work, was a passenger down on the steamer Danube to purchase the iron work for the bridge, hardware, etc., in Victoria.

The shipping facilities of Bella Coola should certainly be improved. The steamer service now given that section is inadequate, for there are 250 Scandinavians and 400 Indians there. There are three stores, and two schools, one about four miles from Bella Coola and the other 13 miles away, both of which are well attended.

There are some promising mines in the vicinity of Bella Coola, for one of which M. K. Rogers, who represents the Amalgamated Copper company, and who is developing the rich copper proposition recently acquired on Observatory inlet, offered the locator $15,000. This mine, which was discovered by A. McDonald, is a copper and gold proposition, near Kimsquit. It is little more than a prospect as yet, but satisfied with its richness, Mr. Rogers, who, by the way, has great faith in the mines of the British Columbia coast, offered $15,000. The offer was not accepted, the owner wanting more.

Another copper and gold property which, although little more than a prospect, is shown to be rich, is owned by Mr. Kellog, and was located by him not far from Bella Coola. At the Observatory inlet mines, work will be carried on all winter, for Mr. Rogers has now closed the deal for that property, which he has purchased for $45,000 and will keep 12 miners at work there all winter. In the spring he will place a number more men at work.

Another industry to be established on that part of the coast is the pulp process which the Cassiar Central railway intend to start on Goose bay on Hastings arm, Observatory inlet, where they have water power of 30,000 inches with a drop of 200 feet. Cod-fishing industries are also being established, which with the companies now taking halibut for the Eastern market will tend to further develop the British Columbia fisheries.

While at Bella Coola several meetings were addressed by Mr. Clifford, who was most favorably received, and on October 21 a meeting was called by President Carlson of the colony, which was addressed by Messrs. Clifford and Williscroft, the question of the location of the road being discussed. It was left to the settlers to say whether they would have the road on the north or south side of the river and although feeling ran high in favor of the north side no decision was reached. At a meeting held four days later, Mr. Williscroft told of examinations he had made in regard to the road and wharf, and it was decided that the road would be placed on the north side. A motion was carried that $4,000 of the appropriation be spent on the bridge across the Bella Coola river, and the balance on the Salamut bridge. It was decided also that subscription work on the road would commence on November 4, and before the meeting closed the electors of Bella Coola expressed confidence in their representative and the government. A motion was unanimously carried that "a vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Clifford, our able representative, for the able way he has represented us in the past, and we hope that we may have the honor of calling on him to act in the same capacity in the near future." After a reply by Mr. Clifford, the meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem. Sixty one people signed the vote of thanks.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

First Debate of the Season by the Victoria Debating Society.

The first debate of the season of the Victoria Debating society was held last night in Waitt's hall. Sir Henri Joly presided and opened the proceedings with a short address on the metric system, a subject to which he has devoted much study. A debate on the metric system followed, in which some of the speakers foribly advocated the claims of the system to universal adoption throughout the business world, while others as eloquently endeavored to show its defects and shortcomings. One gentleman made a strong argument in favor of the octimal system—supporting his subject so convincingly that even Sir Henri was constrained to admit the force of his arguments.

The society will hold regular meetings during the winter, some of which will be devoted to a mock parliament, while others will be given up to debates on popular subjects.

MOSQUITO COAST.

Great Britain's Claim as Protector of Indians Recognized.

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 13.—Ralph Paget, secretary of the British legation to the republics of Central America, who has been visiting the Nicaraguan government, is about to leave Managua, after announcing to President Zallaya that the United States have approved the claim of Great Britain to be recognized as protector of the Mosquito Indians in Eastern Nicaragua.

Clerk—What, glum? and so soon after the honeymoon? Isn't your wife all your fancy painted her?

Bunker—Oh, yes; but she can't golf a little bit.

Clerk—And you grumble at that? Why—

Bunker—But she thinks she can.

But One Case.—There was only one case in the Police court yesterday morning, that of John Finnerty, who was fined $5 for driving his team some distance down the sidewalk on View street. He had a load of wood and evidently thought it would be too much trouble to drive down the road, unload the wood and then place it in the yard. He wanted to put the team close to the fence and throw the wood over.

UP-TO-DATE STYLES AT WEILER BROS.

Our First Consignment

Of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties Fro PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON.

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THE RETAIL MARKET LIST

Few Changes to Note But the Prices Are Remaining Fairly Firm.

There are few changes to note in the local markets this week. The wet weather which prevailed early in the week somewhat checked the incoming volume of farm produce, but stocks on hand were sufficient to maintain prices in practically every line. There was a slight advance in corn, and middlings and bran also took an upward step. There was no change in the prices of fresh vegetables and the market was fairly well supplied. Dairy butter remains firm at last quotations, and creamery fell to 30 cents. Eggs held their price, although the supply of fresh Island slightly increased. Poultry showed a downward tendency, while fresh meats remained steady. Fresh fruits were in fair demand, with no change in prices. One small consignment of Japanese oranges, the first of the season, was received during the week, but it had no effect upon the price of California fruit.

The latest quotations are as follows:

lows:	
Wheat, per ton	$30
Corn, whole, per ton	$38
Corn, cracked	$40
Oats, per ton	$25
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	40
Rolled oats, B. & K., per lb	4
Rolled oats, B. & K.(per 7-lb sack	30
Feed—	
Hay, baled, per ton	13@14
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	$24 to $26
Bran, per ton	$22 to $24
Ground feed, per ton	$26
Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per head	2 @ 3
Cabbage, per head	2 @ 3
Cauliflower, per head	5 @10
Onions, per lb	3
Carrots, per lb	1½@ 3
Tomatoes, per lb	10@12
Beet root, per lb	3
Lettuce, per head	5
Turnips, per lb	1½@ 3
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	50
Eggs (store), per dozen	25@30
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	20
Butter—	
Cowichan creamery, per lb	35
Fresh Island butter	30
Victoria creamery, per lb	35
Delta creamery, per lb	35
Best dairy, per lb	25
Fruits—	
Cocoanuts, each	10@15
Lemons, California, per doz.	25
Lemons, small, per doz	20@25
Apples, per lb	5 @ 6
Naval oranges, per dozen	30@50
California figs (black), 4 lbs	25
California figs (white, 3 lbs	25
Pears, per lb	4 @ 5
Currants, per lb	12½
Raisins, per lb	12½
Mixed peel, per lb	20
Sultanas, per lb	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, each	75
Dressed turkeys, per lb	25
Fish—	
Salmon	8 @10
Cod, per lb	6 @ 8
Halibut, per lb	6 @ 8
Herrings, fresh	5
Flounders	6 @ 8
Crabs, three for	25
Bloaters	10
Kippers	12½
Salt Mackerel, each	15
Salt cod, per	10
Salt tongues and Sounds, per lb	20
Salt Holland herring, per keg	$1.50
Salt salmon each	25
Meats—	
Beef, choice, live weight, per lb	4 @ 5
Lamb, spring, fore quarters, each	$1
Lamb, hind quarters	$1.25 to $1.50
Lamb, cut up, per lb	12½ to 20
Lipton's bacon	24
Lipton's ham	20
Veal	11@18
Hams, Canadian per lb	18
Hams, American	18
Bacon, Canadian, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	20
Bacon, rolled	16
Bacon, long clear	15
Beef, per lb	10@18
Mutton	10@15
Pork, per lb	10@15
Venison	6 @ 8
Grouse, brace	$1.00

CARNEGIE'S JOKE.

How He Answered a Begging Letter for a Canadian College.

Kingston, Nov. 13.—(Special)—Wm. Brinson, ex-M.P., writes to the press that Principal Grant, Queen's university, asked Mr. Andrew Carnegie for assistance for the college, and received assurance of a liberal donation, if the principal would advocate the annexation of Canada to the United States. The principal replied that he would see Queen's cease to exist before accepting such conditions.

VOTING MACHINES.

Prove a Great Success in the Brooklyn Elections.

The following special telegram to the Montreal Star will be of great interest to people in Victoria:

"New York, Nov. 7.—Voting by machinery was given a practical test in Brooklyn yesterday. It was a success in every way. Two minutes after the polls closed the result was announced. The first voter took just three seconds to record his choice of candidates. The average length of time employed by the voters in the district was 18 seconds. The majority of the voters using it found no difficulty, and declared it a great advantage over the Australian ballot system. By the use of this machine the number of each vote cast is registered automatically as the voter leaves the booth, and the number of votes for each candidate as well."

The Imperial Automatic Voting Machine, owned by a Victoria company, is to be used at the municipal election in Orangeville, Ontario, in January next. The company is confident that it will prove as great a success as the New York machine, and it is much cheaper and less complicated than the latter. The company yesterday closed out the last of a block of its stock, which was placed on the market at 25 cents, the principal purchasers having been Toronto and Montreal people. The next issue of stock will be placed at 50 cents at least, but it has not yet been decided to offer any more for sale.

LADIES OF ST. BARNABAS

Most Successful Sale of Work and Concert in A.O.U.W. Hall.

The ladies of St. Barnabas' church held their annual bazaar and sale of work yesterday at the A. O. U. W. hall, which was gay with color. The bazaar was opened at 2:30 p. m. by Mayor Hayward, and was well attended afternoon and evening, the larger number being present in the evening, when a good musical programme was presented. Lieut.-Governor Joly and Bishop Perrin were present, and gave short addresses after the bazaar had been opened by the Mayor. The Lieutenant-Governor asked those present to open their eyes, hearts and purses, not forgetting the last-named, and Bishop Perrin said it was fitting that the word Barnabas began with a B for the congregation of St. Barnabas were workers like the bee. The Cecilian orchestra was present and played the National Anthem on the entrance of His Honor.

The hall was prettily decorated, booths being placed on all sides and a flower stand and booth in the centre of the hall from where the strings of flags and Chinese lanterns were festooned, as well as around the hall. Many of the booths showed that much time had been spent in the work of decoration, and all were most attractive.

The Fancy Work booth was in charge of Mrs. Dalby and Mrs. Bannerman, the plain work in charge of Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Andrews, and near these booths was that of the Willing Helpers in charge of Misses Mills, Knox, Van Horst and Dalby. The Junior Willing Helps had several booths, one near the entrance, which was given over to the sale of candy, being presided over by Misses Moss and John, and another where cushions, and general fancy goods were for sale, was in charge of Misses Renouf, May Moss and N. Rich. Another booth close by was tended by Misses Rich, Jones and Renouf, while Miss P. Moss tended the wheel of fortune. Mrs. Moss superintended these booths. The flower stall, where there was a tempting array of plants, was in charge of Misses King and Bailey, and the tea tables daintily arranged in one corner was in charge of Misses Harris and Chambers.

The supper room, decorated with strings of signal flags and flowers, was presided over by Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Joule, Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Harris. The display of tempting viands with which the long table was loaded to its capacity, was enough to give an appetite to a chronic dyspeptic.

During the evening a musical programme was given, including the selections by the Cecilian orchestra, whose music also enlivened the afternoon. Mrs. Nicholson and Miss Harris sang "Life's Dream is O'er." Mr. A. Petch sang, accompanied by Mrs. Coles. Mr. J. S. Pearce sang "Only Once More," and solos were contributed by Mr. J. G. Brown, Mrs. Nicholson, Messrs. Frank LeRoy, J. S. Floyd, E. B. Wooton, and Rev. E. G. Miller, while Master J. Rausch contributed a cornet solo, and a clarionet solo. An instrumental duet was given by Miss and Master Cole, and the Misses Scott were heard in a duet.

"KENNY" SCHOLEFIELD.

His Photograph Published in a Recent Issue of Montreal Star.

The photograph of Kenny Scholefield, of the Victoria Rugby Football team, appears in the last issue of the Montreal Star to arrive. Speaking of Scholefield the paper says: "K. A. S. Scholefield, the subject of the accompanying photograph, is one of the most popular members of the Victoria Rubgy Football club. "Kenny," as he is affectionately called by his friends, is a native of the Isle of Wight, but his long residence in Victoria has earned him the title of veteran sport. He has played the game of Rugby since he was seven years of age, and it has now become a sort of second nature to him to run with the 'oval.'

"For five years he has played the position of three-quarter back on the Victoria Rugby team, and has been the means of carrying his club to victory in many a hard fought game contested with picked clubs from the navy or from other towns on the Pacific coast. Mr. Scholefield is fleet of foot and his staying powers are of the best. Football is not the only sport of which he is an expert. He played with great skill basket ball, cricket, tennis and lacrosse for several seasons, playing centre of the Victoria lacrosse club. Mr. Scholefield is still a young man, and an active player, and represents all that is manly and honest and excellent in British Columbia amateur athletics."

GATHERING OF TONGS.

A Good Time Coming for the Members of This Order.

The Tongs—not those harmless necessary appurtenances of the fire side, but the society of that ilk, composed of Chinese Reformers, and whose official style and title is Che Kung Tong—are about to hold their triennial conclave and love feast in this city on the 28th, 29th, 30th inst. and Dec. 1. The object of this meeting as set forth by one of the Chinese merchants yesterday, was "to have a good time," and the members who live in all parts of the province are known to be very numerous, so that the sound of the harp and dulcimer to the accompaniment of Chinese bagpipes will during the period named be heard in the land. As a rule the Chinaman has the peculiar vice of enjoying himself in an altogether quiet and inoffensive manner, but the idea conveyed by the proposal "to have a good time," naturally gives rise to the thought of the stolid John having imbibed copiously supply of eye-openers, Scotch high balls, and other delicacies of the season, issuing forth to paint the town a brilliant red. If this be the idea, truly the Oriental is progressing.

The highest compliment one woman ever pays another is to say she is nice looking.

Exhibition Dates Fixed

Victoria's Fair of 1902 Will Be Held Second Week of October.

Executive Committee of Ten to Have Full Charge of All Arrangements.

The new board of management of the British Columbia Agricultural association held their first meeting last night in the committee room of the city hall. Several details of interior economy were discussed at great length, the new board showing a determination to start with a clean sheet, leaving the retiring board to deal with the unfinished business.

The most important business transacted was the appointment of an executive committee of 10, who will have full charge of the management subject to the approval of the full board, and the fixing of the dates of the exhibition of 1902 for October 7 and following days.

Those present were: Miss Cameron, Messrs. Baker, Goodacre, Pendray, Morley, Shakespeare, Bullock (Salt Spring), Sere, Ohlsen, Hayward M.P.P., Dalby-Seabrook, Redfern, Clarke, Mutter, Shopland, Revans, Palmer, Nicholson (South Victoria), Sangster (Sidney), Thompson (South Saanich), Young, Price, Tolmie, Helmcken, Norris, Hall and Hanna.

In the absence of the president, W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., vice-president, was appointed chairman.

The secretary read a communication from Mr. Robertson, Moresby Island, suggesting a plan for encouraging district exhibits at future exhibitions. Filed.

The secretary of the New Westminster exhibition association wrote announcing the dates of the exhibition of 1902 for September 30 to October 3, and asking that the Victoria dates should be so fixed as not clash with those of New Westminster. Laid on the table for further consideration.

The chairman then called upon the secretary to read his annual report, the full text of which appeared in Tuesday's Colonist.

The report was received and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

Major Mutter moved, seconded by Mr. Shakespeare, and it was resolved, that the meeting endorsed the action of the old board in instructing the finance committee to confer with the city council on the finances of the association.

Messrs. Helmcken, Shakespeare and Hayward were unanimously appointed a finance committee.

Major Mutter moved, seconded by Mr. Shopland, that the names of 10 members be recommended to the president to be appointed an executive to take entire management of the exhibition.

Mr. Clarke heartily endorsed the motion. It was in line with what he had proposed a year ago.

Mr. Morley also spoke in favor of the motion. The arrangements would much simplify the work

Mr. Redfern thought the committee proposed was too small; he moved in amendment that the executive consist of 15.

Mr. Thompson seconded the amendment.

Mr. Morley moved in amendment that the committee of 10 have power to add to its number.

Major Mutter accepted Mr. Morley's amendment.

Mr. Shakespeare believed in giving the executive full power to act as they deemed best in the interests of the association. He seconded Mr. Morley's amendment.

It was pointed out that, with the president, vice-presidents and secretary-manager, who would be ex officio members, the executive would really consist of 14. Mr. Redfern withdrew his amendment and the motion was carried.

The following were elected by ballot as members of the executive committee, to act with the president, vice-presidents and secretary-manager: Messrs. Clarke, Norris, Morley, Sere, Revans, Miss Cameron, Bullock, Sangster, Miss Perrin Nicholson.

On motion of Mr. Redfern seconded by Dr. Hall, it was decided to hold the exhibition of 1902 on Tuesday, October 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

The matter of the secretary-manager's salary for the coming year was referred to the finance committee for consideration and report.

Major Mutter vigorously advocated the claim of Cowichan for compensation for expenses incurred re district exhibit, in proportion to the amount allowance to Agassiz.

The question caused considerable discussion, but the meeting adjourned without any definite action being taken.

STREET RAILWAY.

Earnings of the British Columbia Company During Month of September.

The British Columbia Electric Railway company publishes the following comparative statement of earnings and expenses for the month of September:

Railway—	1900.	1901.	Inc.
Vancouver Div.	$ 10,038	$ 11,263	$ 1,225
Victoria Div.	8,002	9,042	1,040
Westminster Div.	7,843	9,164	1,321
Lighting—			
Vancouver Div.	$ 9,658	$ 11,364	$ 1,706
Victoria Div.	4,843	7,346	2,503
Tl. Gross Earn.	$ 40,384	$ 48,179	$ 7,795
Work. Expenses	$ 23,000	$ 28,228	$ 5,138
Net Earnings	17,294	19,951	2,657
Ag. Gross Earn. from Ap. 1st. to Sept. 30	226,936	252,718	25,782
Ag. Net Earn. from Ap. 1st to Sept. 30	89,647	96,229	6,582

SUNKEN TREASURE.

Search for Old French Wrecks in Bedford Basin.

From Halifax Herald.

Diver Gilkie, of Halifax, who has been very successful of late in his calling, made an attempt yesterday to locate one of the hulks of the French war vessels sent to the bottom of Bedford Basin many years ago by British shells. Mr. Gilkie engaged the services of Mr. Morris, who has resided on the eastern shore of Bedford Basin for many years, and who, it was supposed, could give valuable assistance in locating the buried Frenchmen. The boat containing the diving apparatus was taken to Bedford Basin replete with all the necessary diving apparatus, and Diver Gilkie went below. He walked on the bottom, but did not find any of the sunken treasures. He saw no signs of any wreck. He came to the surface, and again descended in another place and made diligent search for the remains of the Frenchmen and the chests of gold said to have gone to the bottom with them, but his efforts were unsuccessful. Diver Gilkie got his apparatus together and went to Furness, Withy & company's dock, where he found a large sheet of iron or steel on the bottom, which had been lost from one of the company's steamers while unloading at the wharf.

Diver Gilkie is not the first one to look for the treasures in Bedford Basin. Two years ago a diver named O'Brien came here from New York. He made several attempts, and by descending in too deep water became demented, and friends came here from New York to accompany him home. He also was unsuccessful in so far as the discovery of money was concerned, but he located part of an old French war vessel.

Georgian Bay Canal

Engineers of Public Works Department Report Upon the Route.

Revised Census Figures Increase the Population of Ontario Province.

Canada Not Colony Mentioned By Mr. Brodrick in His Speech.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 14.—The engineers of the Public Works department have reported to Mr. Tarte that the cost of construction of a chanuel of the uniform depth of 20 feet, between Georgian bay and Lake Nipissing, would be $4,000,000. The distance is 61 miles, and the chief engineering obstacle to overcome in making the route navigable exists at Five-Mile Rapids, where locks will have to be constructed.

The revised figures of the population of Ontario place the total at 2,182,000. The first bulletin gave the number as 2,167,978. The province will be entitled therefore to 88 members in the next Parliament.

It is officially announced that Mr. Brodrick's statement in London yesterday that a certain colony had made an offer to help the Motherland does not refer to Canada.

A cable to the Department of Militia today announces the death at Kimberley of Trooper William Jamieson, of the South African Constabulary, reported ill the other day. Jamieson hailed from Griswold, Man.

The merry war between the police and mayor still continues. On Saturday His Worship will have to face the police magistrate to answer to a charge of purchasing liquor after hours. He is charged with treating several friends at an up-town hotel after a state dinner the other night.

Five new cases of smallpox developed in the city last night.

Mr. G. H. Hadwen, secretary of the Live Stock association of British Columbia, is here en route to Western Ontario to purchase eight or nine carloads of stock for British Columbia ranches.

For the four months ending October 31, the exports of the Dominion amounted to $81,280,000, an increase of $3,566,000, and imports were $66,964,000, an increase of $3,670,000, a total gain in trade of over $7,236,000.

THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE

Novel Proposition of a Manitoban—Heat Proof Walls to Insure Warmth.

A Brandon, Manitoba, man is experimenting on a new system of building, which, if it proves successful, will bring about a revolution in the building trade and solve the problem of economic heating. His theory is that heat cannot pass through a vacuum, and he explains his scheme thus: "What I propose to do is to make walls from hollow sheet iron sections from which the air has as nearly as possible been exhausted by a powerful air pump. I am quite well aware that these sections will have to be stayed internally in order that the plate when completed will be able to witnstand the weight of the atmosphere which is something tremendous. These hollow sections, which I call air plates, will then have to be soldered together carefully in order that no air may pass between them. The windows will consist of two panes of plate glass soldered in a frame and having what approaches a vacuum between them. The house will then you see consist of a complete series of "air plates" and this will be all that is required to keep out the cold. However, the plates will need protection and for this purpose a wooden frame on the outside and lath and plaster on the inside can be used. I believe that a very small amount of heat will be able to pass through such a structure so that a small fire only will be required to keep it at whatever temperature is desired. The heating apparatus will be of a special nature, preferrably a small coal oil stove, on account of the steady heat obtainable in that way. A current of air will enter from outside by a pipe, pass over the heat until it is raised to the desired temperature. Ventilators will provide for the exit of the vitiated air, the amount let in and out being carefully regulated according to the number of people in the house. I hope in the near future to make extensive experiments to prove on a large, as well as a small scale, the correctness of my theories."

VANCOUVER NEWS.

Sued on Promissory Note—Old Man Hurt —False Creek Flats.

Vancouver, Nov. 14.—(Special)—Thos. Dunn and R. B. Shisner are being sued by Wm. Nelson for $5,713 on a promissory note, alleged to be the purchase price of half a mine in Atlin, bought from Nelson by defendants.

An aged man named Robert Dunn was run into by a street car while driving a wagon down the hill opposite Dr. Brydon-Jack's residence today and seriously injured.

The city council will consider the question of the disposal of the False Creek flats next Monday. It has been advised that the provincial government will yet have to give their formal consent under certain conditions to relinquish their rights to the city. A. H. Jones has a proposition to dredge a channel for boats from the flats to deep water with the McLaren dredge he recently purchased. He asks part cash and part redeemed land in payment.

The following appeals have been heard by the full court: Waterland v. Greenwood: decision reserved. Waterland was awarded heavy damages against Greenwood owing to a defective road causing the flooding of Waterland's land by water. Malone v. Ferguson; appeal dismissed. Hall v. LaBau; appeal allowed with costs and all costs of court below, and a new trial directed. Cleary et al v. Boscowitz; appeal dismissed with costs.

OATS HIGH.

Shortage Reported in Crop in Ontario.

Toronto, Nov. 14.—It is reported that a big shortage exists in oats. They sold today here for 50 cents, the highest figure in years.

INCREASING CAPITAL.

Banque Nationale Has Decided to Make Change.

Quebec, Nov. 14.—La Banque Nationale has decided to increase its capital by $80,000.