CONCENTRATING OPERATIONS.

much as the War Eagle and Centre Star

companies have their experimental plant

at Silica, where it has been in operation

Therefore the companies are in the same

position with respect to their milling ex-periments that the Le Roi No. 2 will

rushing approximately ten tons per day

ly the works will be of considerably more

ler plant now ordered by the No. 2 com-

Exhibit Will Be Held in Council Cham-

portance on the start than the smal-

OF CHILDREN'S WORK

for six months almost

fifty-ton mill.

# **VICTORIA VERSUS** WEST COAST PORTS

## LONG DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT THURSDAY

#### Report on Island Resources Referred Back to Committee of Roard of Trade.

For over three hours on Thursday the board of trade discussed the advisability of referring the report on the resources of Vancouver Island and its advantages

the discussions did good.
J. H. Todd, vice-president, occupied
A letter was read from C. H. Lugrin, one of the committee who had assisted
in the preparation of the report, as follows:
F. Elworthy, Secretary of the Board of Trade (1):
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not so bad; its entrance was wider. He would not go so far as to say that it could not be made a good port. Neither of these ports, however, had the advantages Victoria has. Capt. McCoskrie's ements were borne out by the two He had visited Barkley Sound

any great haven for large ships. The idea that Quatsino is going to afford a very much shorter route to the Orient was a mistake, owing to the course the great circle took. Mr. Ker then submitted some figures

which had been furnished him by Mr. Newbury, showing that Victoria has one of the best harbors in the world, easy of access from all parts of the world. The number of big ships entering here from the Orient last year was 84, and he looked forward to the time when there would be one a day. Still there were people in Victoria who be lieved there was not a harbor here. The statements he had read proved it con-clusively. All the lines projected to the coast must look for the freight coming eastward. He intended to read from an address made by J. J. Hill at Illi nois some four or five months ago. That railway magnate had said that they purposed carrying freight out from the coast at a rate that would surprise the world. The company would be enabled to do this because of their Oriental freight.

of Vancouver Island and its advantages for a transcontinental terminus back to the committee which drafted it. The discussion was most exhaustive, and to a number bewildering. At the conclu-sion of the meeting D. W. Higgins had something to say along this line. The proceedings, he complained, were not or derly, and he thought that it was about time that a set of rules were provided governing meetings of the board of trade. Every one had been allowed to speak, move amendments, motions, etc., indis-criminately, and he felt if that was the way business was to be conducted in fu-ture he would not again attend. He had in mind the deliberations of the mining convention, which had met and trans-acted a vast amount of business in three days and a half. J. J. Shalleross, how-ever, disagreed with Mr. Higgins and thought the discussions did good. J. H. Todd, vice-president, occupied the chair. A letter was read from C. H. Lugrin, A letter was read from C. H. Lugrin, and the deliberations of the mining the chair. The speaker then referred to the timber beits extending along the coast. The good

could not enter Quatsino at night.
Mr. Todd was in favor of amending the report.
Mr. Shallcross, in referring to the statements made by Mr. Leiser, said these had been based on a conversation with Capt. Troup. The place referred to by Mr. Leiser was Cape Scott. Quatsino had an entrance of a mile and a half. The mountains back of the port reached a high elevation, and were very dark, but if a light was stationed on Entrance Island much of the difficulty to navigation would be overcome.
A general discussion followed, in which D. Bogie delivered an able address on the importance of Victoria for commercial purposes. The city was located in a centre of population which no rallway could afford to overlook. When Sir Sandford Fleming referred to the ports on the West Coast he had in mind the geological and engineering advantages. Yet he was prepared to admit all that had been said in the report resport back to the committee with instructions to eliminate the objectionable clauses and to insert something in accordance with the wishes of the meeting regarding these a place for ocean and for transcontinent and the meeting regarding the set of the meeting regarding the set of the meeting regarding the set of the condition which the the conditions and to insert something in accordance with the wishes of the meeting regarding the supremacy of Victoria over all other points as a place for ocean and for transcontinent arilway termind.

1...e meeting then adjourned. pilots. He had visited Barkley Sound and had come to the conclusion that the place was certainly not going to become guests at the Dominion hotel.

## MEMBERS HERE TO ATTEND CAUCUS

## THE PREMIER TO MEET HIS OWN SUPPORTERS

### He Will Frankly Face Present 1 tica Situation and May Appeal to the Country.

#### (From Friday's Daily.)

Matters political are fast approaching crisis. There have been rumors for ome days that the executive were con- pany's projected experimental plant is before the British-American Dredging templating a decisive step to settle one way or the other the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, and the arrivil within the last twenty-four hours of several members of the legislature, additional to the large number already here, ground. leaves little doubt that a caucus is on the tapis. Up to time of going to press this had not been held, as it is stated that several more members are expected to reach the capital to-night, but it is very likely there will be a council of war of the faithful here to-morrow.

Those who are already in town, or who are expected to be in attendance, nclude the members of the executive, Messrs. Prior, McInnes, Prentice, Wells and Eberts, and the following members: Messrs. Tatlow. Gilmour, Hunter, Hunter, Messrs. Tatlow, Gilmour, Hunter, Rogers, Dickie, Mounce, Clifford,

pany. It is quietly intimated that the men in the building trades to construct the works are on the ground, and that the materials and machinery are ordered fairs intolerable to a man of spirit. The and well on the way to completion. left no doubt in the minds of some of the EXTENSIVE DISPLAY

Two Mills Will Be Under Construction at Rossland Within Six Weeks. "Continued warm weather and the

#### evidences that a comparatively short time will see spring in full swing and building operations practicable, brings the inauguration of concentrating oper-ations in the Rossland camp within A BIG MINING WORK, measurable distance," says the Rossland Miner. "It is freely predicted that six weeks at the outside will see two mills nder construction, and it is generally agreed that this will open a new era in e records of the Golden City. "So far as known at this date, the Le Roi No. 2 Company will be the first in the field with a new building, inas-

Operations in Atlin.

acres of proved auriferous flats for glitcupy four months after the latter com- tering treasures is the big undertaking Company. A great deal has been said "The Le Roi No. 2's concentrator is to about the extensive work contemplated be built on a piece of ground just pur-chased from the Nelson & Fort Shep-pard Railway Company, and located to the west of the Josie claim on Annie creek, Atlin, but it is doubtful if out siders have any idea of its true magni "It is understood that the machinery tude. The company, backed by plenty necessary for the plant has been ordered, and that delivery is expected at a comparatively early date. As stated at it hind ear the North Berlie and a million in the states are the North Berlie and are in the north Berlie and the annual meeting of the company, the preliminary experiments were so satis-

ing instructions for the construction of a gravel. H. P. Pearse, who was one of Atlin's "In connection with the projected War Eagle and Centre Star mill it must be borne in mind that an experimental plant." H. P. Pearse, who was one of Atlin's representatives at the recent mining convention, in conversation with a Times representative on Friday, pointedthat this large undertaking would be based on practical experiment. The comworks will not be on an experimental but on a commercial scale. Consequent-ground that was "terra incognita," as far as its gold-bearing capacity was concerned. On the contrary it was known to contain gold, but in values which didn't permit of operation on any but a large scale. Mr. Pearse has had considerable experience with gold dredging, having been connected with similar projects in New Zealand. The machine to be used by the British-American Company, he explained, would be able to do effective work in any kind of ground. "It doesn't matter what the nature of the ground is," he said. "The buckets are so constructed that nothing will re sist them. It could tear up that street,' indicating the Broad street pavement "quite easily. The flats to be dredged are known to have forty feet of auri-

