Minor Matters Disposed Of

City Council Has an Evening With Street Improvement Subjects.

Over Eleven Thousand Dollars Already Appropriated For This Purpose.

The adjourned meeting of the City Council was held last evening, His Worship, Mayor Hayward, presiding, and all the aldermen but Ald. Barnard being present, together with the city solicitor, the city engineer, and City Clerk Dowler.

Ald. Yates called attention to certain inaccuracies in the figures given in Mr. Sherk's letter in yesterday morning's Colonist, and said that any one rushing into print should inform themselves of such matters so that the public would not be misled by their mistakes.

The sanitary inspector reported that the cow nuisance on Harewood street complained of by W. T. Walker in his letter to the council had been inspected by him yesterday. He thought that a small drain would be sufficient to abate the nuisance. Mr. James, the owner of the cows, was doing anything that he could and intended draining the water across the street and thus beyond the city limits. It was shown that the byre contained more cows than the by-law permitted, and some of the aldermen accordingly thought that Mr. James should pay for the work. Referred to the city engineer.

In reference to John Cotsford's appeal for drainage. He lived on Austin street, one of the streets bounding the Songhees reserve, and the drainage ran across the street to the reserve. Against this the Indian agent was making some objection. As a drain on the street out there would cost considerable, it was referred to the city engineer for an estimate.

Regarding F. C. McGregor's complaint of an unsanitary stable building behind his block. An adverse report had already been made on this property, and Tuesday at 3 p. m. was fixed for a conference between the property holders and the Council to see about its condemnation and removal.

A report from City Engineer Topp was then submitted on the cost of various pieces of street work.

A pipe drain on Alfred street between Chambers and Camosun at an estimated cost of $280.

Grading and rock work and sidewalk on the west side of Chambers street between Pandora and Alfred street for $485. This would provide for the removal of sufficient of the rock obstructing the street, as would make it passable.

The report was adopted, and instructions given to carry out the work.

Regarding the street expenditures of this year, Ald. Cameron pointed out that already for various works some $11,250 had been appropriated out of the $20,000 to the credit of that class of work. He thought that it would soon be time to see that a few hundred dollars be set apart for the demands of each of the last three months of the year.

Communications were then read as follows:

From H. Dallas Helmcken, M. P. P., apprizing the council of the striking of the municipal committee of the Legislature, and of the dates of their meetings. Filed.

From H. Dallas Helmcken, reporting that the municipal committee had met, but no one was present to represent the city regarding the amendments proposed by the council. It was shown that no notice had been received in time for attending this meeting. Filed.

From Percy Richardson, requesting the extension of the privileges usually given to the cricket clubs, be made to the Victoria Cricket club to use the grounds out at Beacon Hill. Referred to the Park committee.

From Mr. Pearson and others, asking that the project to construct bicycle paths be revived, and these useful paths be constructed so soon as possible.

Ald. Yates explained the position which the question had reached last year before the matter was dropped.

Various routes to Beacon Hill were discussed, also the amount of the tax to be imposed on the wheels. The matter was then laid over to come up when the revenue by-law was under consideration.

A letter from W. A. Ward, Ltd., which had been laid over at a previous meeting, brought up the matter of the cement required by the city, and it was decided that the purchasing agent be instructed to call for tenders for this kind of material for the coming year.

Ald. Williams then suggested that the city should take up the cemetery question. At present the citizens were paying about $510 a month for keeping their plots in order, and yet there was no worse kept graveyard in any city on the coast. He thought that the city should take up the matter and give it a systematic treatment, by appointing the gardeners and handling all the money.

Ald. Worthington thought the old Quadra street cemetery demanded more immediate attention, and should be put into some proper condition.

It was pointed out that the collection of the various small sums ($3.00 a month as mentioned by several aldermen) might entail a good deal of trouble upon the city, and as no motion was made, the matter was dropped for the time.

Several by-laws were then informally discussed, but no progress made towards their passing, and at 10:10 o'clock the council adjourned.

OBSERVANCE OF HOLY WEEK

Special Services Being Held In Many of the City Churches.

Holy week, which is at present being observed in many of the city churches, is in the ecclesiastical year the week immediately preceding Easter. Long before the Christian era it was observed by the Jews as an integral part of the Passover celebration, and included the days of preparation for that great feast. As such it acquired the title of "the great week," which was afterwards retained and even more greatly emphasized as the "great week" of the Christian year. During it day by day was marked by the continued teachings of Christ in the temple, whose importance seemed so great as to authorize chapter after chapter being devoted to their account in the Gospels. After Good Friday, the first day to emerge into special prominence was Great or Holy Saturday, now known as Easter Eve, which was for centuries associated in the minds of the early Christians with the thoughts of preparation for the Second Advent. Then came Maundy Thursday—the day of the Last Supper—still kept in general and solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. This season is observed in the great Greek church as well as by the Roman and Anglican communions, while in recent years many of the evangelical bodies are adding their services to the celebrations of these great days in Jerusalem of a couple of thousand years ago.

At Christ Church cathedral services are being held as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday.
8 a. m.—Holy communion.
11 a. m.—Matins.
5 p. m.—Evensong and address.
8 p. m.—Story of the Cross and address.

The addresses at evensong at 5 are given by the Bishop upon the events of the days in Holy Week.

The addresses at 8 p. m. are by the Rev. W. B. Allen upon the following subjects:

Wednesday—The Reproach of the Cross.
Thursday—The Agony.
Good Friday—8 a. m.—Litany.
9 a. m.—Children's service.
11 a. m.—Matins, ante-communion service, with sermon by the Rev W. B. Allen.
12 to 3 j. m.—"The Service of the Three Hours," consisting of prayers, hymns and addresses by the Bishop upon the seven words from the cross. Those who are unable to attend the whole service are asked to enter or leave the church during the singing of the hymns.
7 p. m.—Evensong and sermon by Rev. W. B. Allen.
Easter-Even—10 a. m.—Matins.
8 p. m.—Evensong.
Easter Day—7 and 8 a. m.—Holy communion.
11 a. m.—Matins, holy communion and sermon by the Bishop.
3:30 p. m.—Children's service.
7.00 p. m.—Evensong and sermon by the rector.

On Easter Day the offertories will be given to the clergy of the parish.

The other Anglican churches are also holding their usual holy week services.

At St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral, pontifical high mass will be celebrated on Thursday, at 8 o'clock, when His Lordship, the Bishop, will consecrate the Holy oils.

The usual Good Friday services will take place in Friday, stations of the Cross at 3 o'clock, and a passion sermon in the evening. The blessing of the waters for baptism will take place on Saturday, and pontifical high mass will be held on Easter Sunday.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church the Rev. Elliot S. Rowe is holding evening services, each evening of the week, that of tonight, beginning at 7:30 instead of the usual 8 o'clock. At these the topics of each day of the happenings at Jerusalem are taken as the subject of his addresses. On Good Friday there will be a special service at 11 o'clock in the morning, while a special musical service is being arranged for Easter Sunday.

A BOY'S LIFE SAVED!

A Grateful Mother Writes About the Rescue of Her Child.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Triumphed After a Physician's Failure.

Mrs. G. Stone, of Eganville, Ont., grateful for the rescue of her little boy from death, writes as follows:

"I think it my duty to inform you of what Paine's Celery Compound has done for my little boy. He became very ill, and had the attendance of our physician, but no good results were apparent. The dangerous turn to which my boy was subject became more frequent, and always worse in winter. He would becom pale as death, feet and hands ice cold and vomiting always followed. He seemed to be powerless, and for days could not lift his head from the pillow. After trying various kinds of medicines we decided to get Paine's Celery Compound for him. One bottle made him well, and since that time he has not been ill. I have every reason to believe he is permanently cured.

"In face of such testimony, who can deny the fact that Paine's Celery Compound saves life? Hundreds of such letters as Mrs. Stone's are on file for the inspection of doubters.

"When your children are nervous, fretful, despondent, sleepless, weak, run-down, have loss of appetite, slow circulation of food and decreasing in weight, give them Paine's Celery Compound for a week or two, and note well the cheering results in returning health and vigor. We strongly urge the immediate use of the great medicine for all sickly and weak boys and girls.

CATARRH.

Called an American disease, is cured by an American medicine, originated and prepared in the most catarrhal of American countries.

That medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It cures radically and permanently, in that it removes the cause, cleansing the blood of scrofulous and all other impurities. It overcomes all the effects of catarrh, too, and builds up the whole system.

Jack—I don't believe she really loves me.
Tom—Why not?
Jack—I saw her trying to scratch glass with the solitaire I gave her.

Flipper—What do you think of that mermaid in the dime museum?
Flapper—She's a skin.

Amalgamation Of Canneries

Eastern Capital Has Secured Options on the Rithet Salmon Interests.

To Control Canadian Industry—Will Be Listed on Toronto Exchange.

The movement for the combination of the canneries of British Columbia into a monster company, controlling the industry in this province, and capitalized at four millions of dollars, is meeting with success. Henry Doyle, who is acting for the Eastern Canadian capitalists he has interested, taking advantage of the arrival of Mr. R. P. Rithet, came from Vancouver to interview him in regard to the scheme a few days ago, and now Mr. Doyle has returned to Vancouver with an option on the canneries of R. P. Rithet & Co. Mr. Rithet has promised that the Rithet interests will enter the amalgamation of canners, and it is now stated that 40 per cent. of the canneries of the Fraser river and the Northern rivers and inlets have actually signed options to sell their canneries for one-third cash and two-thirds stock, with the understanding that all stock on hand will be purchased as well, and that another 25 per cent. have given their verbal promise to enter the amalgamation. It is stated that in May next Mr. Doyle will dispense three-quarters of a million dollars in the purchase of the canneries.

Henry Doyle, the Vancouver man, who is engineering the amalgamation of the cannery interests of the province, is a son of Henry Doyle of Henry Doyle & Co., of San Francisco and Vancouver, makers of twine, nets, etc. Henry Doyle, Jr., was sent to Vancouver by the firm in charge of the branch formed there. While at the head of the twine and net establishment he naturally became interested in the salmon industry, and went to Eastern Canada last winter and secured capitalists in Montreal, Toronto and other places, who agreed to put up the money for the purchase of the canneries, the canners retaining a percentage in shares of the company formed after amalgamation. The idea is to get all the canneries in the province to amalgamate, not only the Fraser river interests, but those of the Skeena, Rivers Inlet and other Northern points. If 60 per cent. of the canneries are secured, the combination will be carried out, and it is now announced that 40 per cent. have made agreements and another 25 per cent. have given verbal agreements.

When the company is formed the canneries on the Fraser will not all be operated every season, the idea being to cut the canneries down to about one-third and double the plants. The machinery and equipment of those closed down will be taken to others. The same idea will be followed out on the Northern rivers, and the work will be less costly and the output will be regulated by the price maintained. It will be better for the fishermen, for more fish will be purchased to the boat by the canneries.

It is stated on authority that no traps will be allowed this season, but many are looking hopefully towards the allowance of traps by the Dominion government next year. It is only by this course that the British Columbia cannery interests can protect themselves from their opponents on the other side of the boundary, who, with traps, can secure the fish which have first to pass through Canadian waters.

Victoria has a strong local interest in the granting of traps, for if traps are allowed, it is a certainty that some of the canneries secured by the new combination will be moved down to the vicinity of Victoria, on the south end of Vancouver Island, where the schools of salmon pass along on their way up to the Fraser river and also to the traps which intercept them in United States waters on their way to the British Columbia river.

The canneries of R. P. Rithet & Co., upon which Mr. Doyle has secured an option, are the Delta, Harlock and Wellington, on the Fraser; Wannuck on Rivers Inlet; Stanuard on the Skeena; Loco Inlet on Lowe Inlet, and Cascade on the Naas.

IN THE EAST.

The Colonist received the following despatch from Toronto last night:

Toronto, March 25.—(Special)—Canadian investors and stock brokers are looking forward with great interest to the "listing" on the stock exchanges of a new four million dollar company recently formed to acquire the canning companies of British Columbia. This new concern, in which are interested some of the leading capitalists in Toronto and Montreal, is to be called the "British Columbia Packers' Association."

The capital has already been over subscribed and inquiries from all parts of the Dominion are being received by local brokers as to when the stock is to be listed.

There are 72 canning companies in British Columbia, and the majority of them have signified their intention of joining with the company. Aemilius Jarvis, of Toronto, and Henry Doyle, of Vancouver, have been successful in getting options on a majority of the companies, and are still engaged in negotiating with those outstanding. Although a few Americans are interested in the new concern, the great majority of the stockholders belong to Toronto and Montreal. The authorized capital of the new concern will be four million dollars, but it will not all be issued at the present time. The stock will be of two kinds—common and preferred.

Although the exact arrangement has not been positively decided upon, a private circular issued by the promoters sets forth that the preferred stock will be 7 per cent., accumulative, and the dividend on the common will not exceed 10 per cent, until 50 per cent. of the preferred has been redeemed at a figure to be decided upon by the directors.

According to present arrangements, the canners are to take the common stock for their canneries, and a certain amount in cash. There will be $2,000,000 of common stock and $1,500,000 of preferred. The latter is to be redeemed at 115; $250,000 will be left in the treasury, and $1,250,000 will be sold, the proceeds of which will go towards the working capital and cash payments for the canneries. The stock will be listed on the local exchange within a few weeks.

BROCKTON POINT ASSOCIATION.

Members Elected to Act on Board of Management.

Vancouver, March 25.—(Special)—There was a very representative meeting of citizens interested in amateur sport tonight in the Board of Trade rooms. The following nine men were elected to act with charter members of the Brockton Point Athletic association, and presidents of five clubs that have merged, as a board of management of the B. P. A. A.: C. M. Beecher, J. H. Senkler, J. E. Miller, A. Jukes, J. A. Smith, E. H. Woodward, H. Clark, S. Printer, W. E. Suckling.

CITY OF SEAATTLE.

Vancouver, March 25.—(Special.)—The sheriff boarded the steamer City of Seattle on her arrival in port this morning and libelled the steamer on behalf of the City and the Albion Iron Works for $10,000, owing to damages sustained to the Albion Iron Works wharf and the city slip by the steamer when she partially demolished these landing places on Monday morning. Bonds were given for the amount by the agents of the steamer, and she sailed on schedule time.

FIRST SECTION PACIFIC CABLE

Sandford Fleming Has Message From New Zealand Postmaster-General.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., March 25.—The following cable was received from Sir Jos. Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, today:

To Sir Sandford Fleming, Ottawa:

Auckland, March 25, 1902.—The first section of the Pacific cable connecting New Zealand with Norfolk island, Australia, was finally completed today at 2 p. m. I have specially arranged to be present at the landing of the cable, and I send you one of the first messages. This section will probably be open to the public by the first of May. I hope the whole cable will be completed by the end of the year, thus forming another important link in the chain which binds together the whole of the British Empire.

(Signed), J. G. WARD.

The local tailors strike is over, with a victory for the men of 10 per cent. increase in wages.

There is considerable curiosity in parliamentary circles over the government's offer of another contingent for South Africa. Hon. Dr. Borden will not make any announcement upon the subject until he receives word from Downing street. The services of 2,000 men have been tendered. It is supposed they will all be mounted.

Ald. Wilson and Joseph Sugrue, of Dawson, have arrived here to protest against Treadgold concession. They expect to see Mr. Sifton tomorrow. Governor Ross will introduce them.

Mr. Bourassa made a somewhat extravagant speech in the Commons tonight on the Budget debate. On the question of Oriental immigration, he declared Canada should adopt her own policy wholly irrespective of Imperial considerations.

The Kidneys and Uric Acid

Serious Painful Ailments Which Arise from Neglected Kidney Derangements—Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills a Thoroughly Effective Cure.

Uric acid is the name given by medical men to the poisonous matter which the kidneys filter from the blood. When the Kidneys are weak, inactive or diseased, they fail to perform their functions as filters, and the uric acid poison remains in the blood to lodgment in the weaker organs, and produce the most painful and fatal results.

The symptoms of kidney disease, such as backache, frequent and painful urination, deposits in the urine, pains in the sides and limbs, and headaches, are so familiar that it seems unnecessary for anyone to be ignorant of the approach of this dreaded malady. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are ever at hand as a thoroughly effective remedy, as they are for sale by nearly every dealer who pretends to keep any family medicines.

Not only the kidneys themselves become diseased, but the uric acid forms crystals in the joints and muscles, causing the most extreme pain, and what is known as rheumatism, a disease which can never be cured until the kidneys are made healthful and vigorous.

Another form of kidney disease is dropsy and heart failure. In such cases the uric acid turns the blood to water, and causes dropsical swelings, which when in the region of the heart, produce heart failure.

In view of the frightful risks which you run in neglecting kidney derangements, and the undoubted efficiency of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills as a cure for weak, inactive, diseased kidneys, it remains as a duty for you to apply the remedy and be cured. You can be certain of beneficial results, for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have stood the test of time, and proven their right to first place as a kidney medicine.

In every town, village and township of Canada there are people who can testify to the extraordinary merits of this great remedy. Ask your friends and neighbors about it, or, better still, try it for yourself, and join the ranks of Dr. Chase's admirers. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box. At all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Company, Toronto.

Many Liners At Outer Wharf

Tosa Maru Sails With Heavy Cargo for Oriental Points.

Claims of United States Sealers—Danube to Resume Service.

The Outer wharf had many large ocean-going vessels alongside yesterday. The steamer Kaga Maru, the big 6,000-ton liner of the N.-Y.-K. line, was there discharging her cargo from the Orient, before proceeding to Seattle; the steamer Tosa Maru, of the N.-Y.-K. line embarked several steerage passengers and some cargo for Chinese and Japanese ports before proceeding to sea en route to Hongkong; the San Francisco liners Umatilla and Queen were there discharging and loading cargo, and the steam collier Tellus passed up to load coal at Ladysmith for San Francisco. The Tosa Maru had a very heavy cargo of general merchandise, including big shipments of flour, cotton, machinery, including some dynamos and electrical apparatus for Japan, tobacco, silver, bullion, lead, and miscellaneous freight. She had five saloon passengers, 46 steerage, of whom five embarked here, three being Chinese and two Japanese. Another passenger from this port was Wong Ngo, Chinese agent of the N.-Y.-K. line in Victoria, who is going on a trip to China to drum up business.

The saloon passengers of the Tosa Maru were mostly connected with the case of Francis Mayer, who is being taken back to Japan by U. S. Marshal Grimshaw, of Minneapolis, and a Japanese officer, who arranged the extradition on a charge of forgery at Yokohama. Accompanying him was his wife and child. Mr. Mayer arrived here from Japan in December last on the Kaga Maru, and when he reached Minneapolis he was arrested as a result of cable despatches from Yokohama, charging him with forgery. He was imprisoned at Minneapolis, and when the extradition was arranged by Japanese Consul Toshio Fujita, of Chicago, Marshal Grimshaw and Sayuka Saiko, a Japanese official, left for Seattle to embark on the Tosa. Mrs. Mayer was destitute, and efforts were made by the prisoner to have her received by his father at Frankfort, Germany, but the father declined to agree to this, and, as Mrs. Mayer has relatives in Yokohama, she being Japanese by birth, she is to go forward with her husband. As there is no extradition treaty between Japan and Canada, the prisoner was closely watched when the liner was at the Outer wharf. He will be given the freedom of the steamer by day on the voyage, and at night will be incarcerated.

SAN FRANCISCO LINERS.

Umatilla Has Rough Trip Up—Queen Sails For the South.

Steamer Umatilla reached port yesterday morning after a rough passage from San Francisco. She brought 97 passengers, of whom 11 debarked at this port. About a hundred tons of general freight, including everything from plowshares to gunpowder, from oysters to garlic, was landed at the Outer wharf. The consignee list is given in another column.

Steamer Queen sailed from the Outer wharf last night for San Francisco with an average number of passengers, of whom the following embarked at this port: D. Geneille, formerly owner of the lost steamer Alpha; John C. Lippsett, of this city; Mrs. J. E. Butler, wife of the well known Nanaimo pilot, and Mrs. E. M. Wilson and Miss L. Wilson, who form a party bound to the Golden Gate; Mrs. D. Fairbanks, W. J. Goepel, of Victoria; Miss Ebeck, J. J. Thompson and wife, C. Skidmore and wife, and E. A. McMillan and wife.

U. S. SEALING CLAIMS.

Bill Introduced to Give Owners of Seized Vessels Rights to Claims.

A despatch from Washington says: "Senator Morgan introduced in the Senate today a bill giving owners, captains and crews of American vessels engaged in pelagic sealing, whose claims were rejected by the Paris tribunal, power to prosecute their claims for damages in the United States court of claims. The British vessels received an award of several hundred thousand dollars from the Paris tribunal. The American schooners affected by this bill and which cleared from northwestern ports are: Henry Dennis, Seattle, Capt. E. P. Miner; Venture, Port Townsend, Capt. John Johnson; J. H. Lewis, Port Townsend, Capt. C. E. Raynor; Alpha, Astoria, Capt. J. Trotten; Bessie Rutter, Astoria, Capt. Henry Olsen; Challenge, Port Townsend, Capt. H. B. Jones; Edward E. Webster, Port Townsend, Capt. H. B. Jones; Mollie Adams, Port Townsend, Capt. Solomon Jacobs; Williard Ainsworth, Seattle, Capt. E. Cantillion; Emmet Felltz, Seattle, Capt. Henry McAlmond, and James G. Swan, Port Townsend, Capt. Martin Beuson. These vessels had crews aggregating 212 men. There are also 23 vessels from San Francisco affected by the bill."

There are several sealers and others in Victoria who are interested in the claims against the United States government, having been part owners or members of the crews of some of the American schooners seized by the United States government under the sealing laws of that country.

A further Washington despatch says: "Secretary Shaw today issued the usual regulations governing the vessels engaged in the fur sealing fisheries of Alaska. These are substantially the same as the regulations issued last year, and no modification is made, of course, as a result of the recent sensational order issued by Collector Ivey closing the port of Unalaska to Canadian sealing schooners."

SALVE THE BRISTOL.

Syndicate Formed in This City to Float the Sunken Collier.

The wreck of the steamer Bristol, which lies on the bottom of Chatham sound, close to Dixon Entrance, some distance north of the Skeena river, has been sold to a local syndicate of capitalists, who have about completed arrangements for salving her. The steamer, as will be remembered, struck on a reef in the Northern waters, when on her way to the Treadwell mines with a load of coal from the Union mines, last January. The steamer's first contact with the rocks took place at 2 a.m. on the 3rd of the month, and she remained hung up until the next day, when she sank, carrying down to their deaths Capt. Jas. McIntyre, Capt. T. G. Roberts, of Victoria, the Chief Engineer Vivian, Second Engineer Edwards and three of her crew.

The first report was that the vessel had gone down in 30 or 40 fathoms of water, but it is now stated 5 or 6 fathoms would be nearer the depth, the hull being plainly visible at low water. In this case the raising of the steamer would probably be an easy matter. At all events the people who have taken the matter in hand are quite confident of the successful ultimate outcome of their efforts.

Death's Hand.—Mrs. Mary Maslin, widow of the late William Maslin, died yesterday morning. The deceased lady was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and arrived here in 1868. She leaves a daughter and two sisters, Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Wm. Field, to mourn her loss. She was 68 years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence, No. 12 North Road, Spring Ridge, at 2:15, and from St. Barnabas' church at 2:30.

SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

Salomon the Galician Wife Murderer Condemned to Death at Winnipeg.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, March 25.—At the Winnipeg assizes today, Usup Salomon, the Galician, was sentenced to be hanged here, Tuesday, May 27, for the murder of his wife. In answer to the question whether he wished to say anything, Salomon said, through the interpreter, that he was obliged to the judge and the gentlemen of the jury for the careful work done. He was thankful that the government gave him a good defender, who had tried to do his best for him. He asked the judge for mercy for his four little children, and asked him to go to the King and do something for him. Some people might think he was a bad man, but he was not so bad; he was very sorry for what he had done. Salomon's sentences were given in a broken voice and interlarded with several appeals for mercy.

NEWFOUNDLAND BUDGET.

Ancient Colony Has a Substantial Surplus For the Year.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 25.—The Minister of Finance, E. Jackman, laid the colonial budget before the legislature this afternoon. The budget shows that the revenue for the last fiscal year exceeded $2,000,000, and gave a surplus of $35,000, which enabled the Minister of Finance to increase the colony's cash reserve to $322,000. Mr. Jackman estimates a surplus for the current year as well as for the fiscal year beginning next June. The financial and commercial outlook for the Colony is most satisfactory.

STUDENTS BANISHED.

Russian Authorities Deal Harshly With Them.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—During the course of the recent domiciliary visits the police searched the house of an American, Mrs. Gardner, and arrested her son Boris, who is a student. Nothing incriminating was discovered. Mrs. Gardner and her son will be released on condition that he will go to England to complete his education. Among those who were imprisoned on account of the student riots are officers, lawyers, clergymen, noblemen and the sons and daughters of officials. The Messenger admits that 95 students from Moscow alone have been banished to Siberia and 576 have been imprisoned.

JAPANESE TAXES.

Foreigners in the Cities Object to Paying Them.

Yokohama, March 25.—The authorities here have aroused the resentment of the foreign residents by distraining the property of those who refuse to pay the house tax. They have distrained the money of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank and the Chartered Bank of India. Today they seized money and property of Jardine, Matheson & Co., and at other places of business and at residences. The officials refuse to accept payment of the tax under protest. The legations are receiving numerous complaints from foreigners of the treatment the latter have been subjected to.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

While the Prince and Princess of Wales were launching the battleship Prince of Wales at Chatham yesterday, a gunner, who was firing a salute, was mortally injured, both his arms being blown off.

Very heavy seas are running in the English Channel and the Irish Sea. A number of vessels are in distress. Queen Alexandra's intended departure yesterday morning for Copenhagen was postponed in consequence of the gale.

SOMETHING ABOUT FAITH CURES.

What a great variety of faith cures there must be. Some have faith in so-called divine healers, others in certain doctors and still others in the medicines they use. Every person who has tested Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has faith in them, but faith or no faith they cure just the same, for they act directly and specifically on the kidneys, liver and bowels, and make these organs healthy, active and vigorous. Judging from enormous demand for these pills there must be hosts of people that have faith in them.

A young housekeeper was discussing with her cook the menu for a supper party. "I think," she said, "we will have some eel for the second course."

"How much will you want, ma'am?" asked the cook.

"I fancy," said her mistress, "ten yards will be sufficient."

Little Mary was discovered one day by her mother vigorously applying the oil-can to the kitten's mouth. On being reproved she replied:

"Why, mamma, kitty squeaks so awfully when I pull her tail."

Ready For Good Start

An Enthusiastic Meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club Last Evening.

Satisfactory Reports From the Officers—New Occupants of Chairs.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club was held last evening at Pioneer hall, there being sixty members present. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, and the reports of the retiring officers received. The report of the treasurer was the most satisfactory presented in years. After paying the debts of the club for 1900, and all expenses last year, there is a balance with which to commence the new year of $57.55. The total gate receipts during the season amounted to $1,594.35; subscriptions collected by W. E. Ditchburn, $62.10; sale of season tickets, $13, and donated by Capt. Irving, $50. Besides these sums the club received from the Nanaimo club $150; Vancouver, $75; New Westminster, $170, and Vancouver Y. M. C. A. $19.35 for traveling expenses to those cities. The expenses for the year amounted to $1,880.25, and debts of the last year amounted to $196, were also paid. The reports of the president, Mr. W. E. Ditchburn, and secretary, C. Blain, were also read and received. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officeds who have done so much for the national game. The new officers are:

Hon. President, H. D. Helmcken; President, C. L. Cullin; Vice-President, Rev. W. W. Boulton; Secretary, C. Blain; Treasurer, J. N. Mellis; Club Captain, (left to players to decide); Executive Committee, McAfee, Milne, Smith, Marston and Cucack; Auditing Committee, D. Paterson, G. Tite and R. L. Drury; Delegates to B. C. A. L. A. Convention, W. E. Ditchburn, R. L. Drury, and George D. Tite. All of the officers were elected by acclamation.

LITTLE ARISTOCRATS.

Victoria Juno the Mother of Seven Young Setters.

Mr. B. Whittaker's English setter bitch, Victoria Juno, the winner of many prizes on the bench, has given birth to seven pups by Victor L., also a bench dog of note. The mother and litter should be an attraction at the coming show of the Victoria Kennel Club.

BASKETBALL.

Wanderers to Meet No. 4 Company at the Drill Hall Tonight.

The Wanderers Bicycle Club will meet No. 4 company tonight, in a game of basketball at the Drill hall. Both teams have been practising hard, and a good game is expected. The Wanderers will be represented by the following players: Guards, C. Kennedy and W. W. Northcott; centre, C. L. Royds; forwards, J. Finlayson and J. Hancock; spare man, M. Jackson.

INTERMEDIATE MATCH.

There will be a basketball game this evening between teams representing V. A. C. and J. B. A. A., intermediates in the Victoria Athletic clubrooms, Fort street, at 8 p. m. The team representing the V. A. C. will be: C. Wales, S. Porter, forwards; C. Whitlaw, centre; Fred Smith and Jim Milne, backs; spare man, K. Hughes; referee, Frank Smith. A strong game is expected, as both teams have been practising hard, this being the first appearance of V. A. C. intermediate team.

THE LAST DAY.

Entries For the Victoria Kennel Club Bench Show.

Today is the last day on which to enter dogs for the Victoria City Kennel Club's show, to be held in Philharmonic hall, April 3, 4 and 5. Entries have been coming in steadily the past few days, not only from Victoria, but from Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. San Francisco is going to send 30 dogs, among them three champions of record, valued at $8,000. J. W. Considine of Seattle, is also sending over for the field trial class a splendid English setter dog, Don Disk, winner of many first at the field trials, which he values at $5,000. Altogether it will be the greatest show ever seen in Victoria.

POLICE AND SOLDIERS.

To Play Basketball at the V. A. C. Rooms Tomorrow Evening.

A great basketball game is expected on Thursday evening, when a team from Work Point Barracks will line up in the Victoria West Athletic clubrooms, against the stalwart police team. The rival aggregations are making their first appearance in this fascinating game, and as there is keen rivalry between them, a battle royal is sure to take place. The soldiers will have their work cut out to defeat the sturdy bobbies, as will be seen from the following line up of the policemen: Forwards, Norcott and Conlin; centre, Clayards; guards, Handley and Blackstock; H. O'Leary, substitute.

BASKETBALL.

No. 1 Company Wins Intermediate Match.

An interesting game of basketball was played in the Drill hall last evening between the J. B. A. A. intermediates and No. 1 company. The result was a victory for the militiamen, the score being 21-11. The fatal weakness of the J. B. A. A., their poor shooting, lost them the game. The combination of the Bays was very fine, much better than that of their opponents, but they missed the basket time and again. However, the Bays take a lot of beating, and tonight the intermediates will line up against the V. A. C. intermediates in the Victoria Athletic Club. The V. A. C. team is as follows: Guards, J. Milne, F. Smith; centre, C. Whitlaw; forwards, Wales and Porter. The Bays will be chosen from the following players: Power, Bone, Lawson, Gowen, Hughes, Dillabough, McKay.

SPORTING NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, when the season's programme will be arranged. This year there will be separate classes for racers, cruisers and the six new yachts recently built for the club. The prospects for a successful season are very bright.

Preparations for the Good Friday shoot of the Rifle Association are in full swing. The shoot will probably commence at 9 or 9:30 a. m. The merchants have generously given some splendid prizes, and keen competition is expected. A number of minor details are not yet settled. Men who have not got their rifles may obtain them at the Drill hall up to Thursday.

In the J. B. A. A. ping-pong tournament last evening, R. Fell, scratch, beat B. P. Schwengers, owes 30, 3-6-6-3-6-2. The players were well matched, but in the long rung the handicap proved too much for Schwengers.

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