quarterly meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, how best to win for Victoria's merchants this important commerce—their natural heritage—being under earnest consideration for the encouragement of the trade of business rivals. At a six cent rate from Seattle it was therefore to be presumed that a fair profit remained, and the transportation cost to the company

goods used in this country would be purchased from the merchants of your contract of the pretition sets forth that "We, the pretition sets forth that "We, the understance of cost, which would be a seried the work Mr. Geneal has in hang of the pretition sets forth that "We, the understance of cost, which would be involved, that would be a seried interests well as the provided for involved that the build into the work man fall of electricity and into every find the work man fall of electricity and the valley of four thousand dollars. The finance was a provided for involved that a subsidy for the construction of a narrow gauge railway from salt water to the headwaters of the Yukon river, which would not be a distance of more than 70 or 80 miles. We therefore most urgently request that the government take immediate action in this matter, as it is more than probable that the population of this district will more than treble in the next year, and without the assistance of the government we will most certainly suffer. We believe, with the expenditure of half a million dollars in building this road, a country would be opened up

grateful."

President D. R. Ker was glad that the board had received this petition, as it would afford opportunity to let the miners of the Yukon see that Victoria business men were alive to the necessities of that district and the value of its trade. From the latest accounts the country in question was destined to astonish the world—if recent reports were proven true its mineral wealth was something fabulous—and Victoria was the natural base of supplies for this important country, only the inadequacy of existing avenues of communication preventing her from enjoying the advantages of the manner of the fact that the mining streams were in British territory until they had formed the acquaintance of Inspector Considine of the Northwest Mounted Police. This misconception of the geographical fact so greatly beneficial to the nearby American cities, had no doubt been developed largely through the persistent "talking up" of the papers, which were continually sent East—all telling of the importance of the "Alaskan" gold fields and emphasizing that Seattle was the place to outfit of them. A second point for consideration of the Northwest Mounted Police. This misconception of the geographical fact so greatly beneficial to the nearby American cities, had no doubt been developed largely through the papers, which were continually sent and the "Alaskan" gold fields and emphasizing the "Alaskan" gold fields communication preventing her from enjoying the advantages of the trade at present. Just now the first necessity was accurate information, and-he hoped the board would have early opportunity of acquiring reliable data from purely pass. "packing in" was that the trade thus developed, and which at present was keeping Setup the board would have early opportunity whence, via the White or the Chilcott pass. "packing in" was the poard would have early opportunity of acquiring reliable data from purely disinterested sources as to the best and most practical route.

Having given the problem of Yukon where the control of the

communication very earnest consideration for a long time back, Mr. Clearihue was inclined to favor the Teslin lake road as the most feasible. A wagon road would enable supplies for the min-ers to be taken in at prices that would permit Victoria merchants to compete for the Yukon trade with the Alaska company, but for the immediate present he suggested that the provincial governhe suggested that the provincial government be urged to construct a trail from ment be urged to construct a trail from ment be urged to construct a trail from the Stickeen. It would cost only a few thousand dollars, would be of great utility, and would demonstrate conclusively the character of the route. ment for a road to the Yukon country, he suggested that as the miners there would be greatly benefited by a railway they should in justice be asked to contribute—somewhat on the local improvement principle—a small assessment on the output of their mines toward construction. A very small percentage upon this output would be more than sufficient to pay interest on a sum proces-The business of these Yukon camps at the present time could not be touched by Victorians for the simple and suffiby Victorians for the simple and sufficient reason that they had no possible means of delivering their goods. The Alaska company would not carry consignments from Victoria while they themselves had goods to sell—they could not even deliver the personal freight of the miners going in. To meet the situation at once he suggested that a steamer on Teslin lake and down to the Yukon should be bonused, and the provincial authorities should act at once in this and the matter of the trail.

Mr. R. H. Hall, whose long and intimate acquaintance with the Northern country enabled him to give the board much valuable information, was pleased with the .strong position taken

WEALTH OF THE YUKON

by Mr. Clearinue, and certainly in favor of obtaining for Victoria the immense trade of the Yukon. The quest stion was to decide upon the most expeditions and economical way of reaching the country, in the light of present imperfect information. Opinions differed as to every route suggested. It would, no doubt, be very nice indeed if we could be sure that the Teslin Lake route was practicable, the entrance being from this province and the road, if it could be carried through, being destined to enjoy exceptional popularity. The whole matter, however, resolved itself just now into a purely business proposition—what would it cost to deliver goods at a given point. For their few favored friends whose consignments they would accept, the freight rate made by the Alaska Commercial Company from Seattle to Forty-Mile or Fort Cudahy was 6 cents a pound. This company were a close corporation and not in the position of common carriers at all; they were themselves in the trade, and it was not at all likely that they would make the best rate possible the country, in the light of practical and economical way of reaching processing as to every route suggested. It would, no doubt, be very nice indeed if we could be sure that the Teslin Lake route was practicable, the entrance being from this province and the road, if it could be carried through, being destined to enjoy exceptional popularity. The whole matter, however, resolved itself just now into a purely business proposition—what would it cost to deliver goods at a given point. For their few favored friends whose consignments they would accept, the freight rate made by the Alaska Commercial Company from Seattle to Forty-Mile or Fort Cudahy was 6 cents a pound. This company were a close corporation and not in the position of common carriers at all; they were themselves in the trade, and it was not at all likely that they would in the position of common carriers at all; they were themselves in the trade, and it was not at all likely that they would and the

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"While this is a matter of the greatest injury that it is also the same to you as you no doubt are aware. Should this petition be granted a line of steamers would be put on hetwen Vistorians."

"While this is a matter of the greatest ficient body of water to assure navigation it would be of great advantage; surveys and soundings would be necessary however to determine this point, for if the river was not navigable the route was useless. By this route it would perpetition be granted a line of steamers would be put on between Victoria and the Takou Inlet, and the most of the goods used in this country would be purchased from the merchants of your eit."

the river was not navigable the route was useless. By this route it would perhaps be possible to reach the mines a month earlier than by the mouth of the river, though at an increase of cost, which would be a serience.

this road, a country would be opened up that has no equal in mineral wealth and resource. Should your government see ducing them to go to an American city fit to take immediate action in this matter, your petitioners ever will be duly grateful."

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and that Victoria is the proper place to optifit for them. In regard to obtaining the assistance of the Dominion govern-

ment for a road to the Yukon country,

or this city wanted was must of all to get the outfitting of the miners—for if they bought their supplies here before going north, they would undoubtedly come here to spend a large proportion of their dust on returning at the season's close. Victorians in the first place should make

of the age in all that goes to make it the agree to such a suggestion as this would mean a much larger loan than the one

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For Infants and Children. Chat H. Flitchers, Trapper.

A BUSY QUARTER.

But the Yukon mining matters did not constitute the total of yesterday's business. It was the quarterly general meeting, and President Ker took occasion to briefly review what has been accomplished during the past three months. The recommendations of months. The recommendations of the board to the federal author-ities with regaed to the extension of Canadian commerce were still fresh in memory, and one of the chief points, it would be remembered, was as to the ad-visability of appointing commissioners to get as commercial agents. Singe the for Victoria" was the keynote of the quarterly meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, how best to win for Victoria's merchants this important commerce—their natural heritage—being under earnest consideration for upwards of two and a half hours. A regrettable absence of precise and unbiased information as to proposed routes was generally admitted, and as an outh come of the protracted debate a resolution was adopted appointing a special government "for the purpose of unging that immediate steps before a secretain and open up beto face a secretain and open up beto face a secretain and open up the best of the district to British Res. J. Clearinke, R. H. Half, with Messrs. J. Clearinke, R. H. Half, R. H. Half to act as commercial agents. Since the communication of the board had gone

from the London Chamber of Com-merce inviting President Ker to attend the banquet to be given to the Colonial premiers in connection with the diamond jubilee celebration. Another letter was from Mr. R. E. Gosnell askbe has charge complete statistics of in-terprovincial trade. The great value of the work Mr. Gosnell has in hand to British Columbia and Victoria was fully endorsed and the suggestion of the

mous.
"Aye," came the chorus.
"No," said Mr. Hall. "If the Dominion and the Province and the City councils all send resolutions that expresses the feelings of the country well

mough.
The president appeared perplexed.
"The 'ayes' undoubtedly have it,"
he said, "but I don't see how I can declare the motion carried that it be made "Nor I either," observed Hon. J. S. Helmcken. "I'm very much of the opinion of Mr. Hall. If we send an adfress it'll never do to rattle it off on

adopted the secretary of the board was instructed to reply to the miners' letter stating that the board was heartily in accord with them. It will be further explained that everything possible is being and will be done to secure satisfactory connection between the Yukon and Victoria.

TERMINUS AT VICTORIA A Happy Thought

The Coast Railway Delegates Submit a Definite Scheme to the

Victoria has been named the terminus of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway Co., and as a result of the meeting between the government and the delegates from Vancouver and New Westminster a definite proposal is now before the executive in regard to the assistance desired from the province. The delegates had two interviews with ministers yesterday. The first, which was held in the forenoon, lasted nearly two hours, and the matter was gone into so thoroughly as to clear the way for drawing up modified terms. These terms were submitted at the evening meeting, which was of only a few minutes duration. They are contained in the followtion. They are contained in the follow ing memorandum:

VICTORIA, B.C., April 8, 1897. To Hon. J. H. Turner and members of the Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia:

"GENTLEMEN: -The undersigned delegates representing the city councils of the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, and the boards of trade thereof, having had the opportunity discussing with you this morning the provisions of the railway aids bill, and having partially ascertained the views of the executive the railway aids bill, and having partially ascertained the views of the executive thereon, hereby beg to submit for your consideration the proposal made verbally concerning the subsidy to be asked in aid of a direct line from the coast, that is with a ferry to be operated from English Bluff on the Mainland, as will secure the city of Victoria what practically will be the western terminus of what is be the western terminus of what is known as the Vancouver, Victoria and

Eastern railway.
"The line to be constructed from the city of Vancouver to the city of New Westminster, thence to a point of junction with the extension of the road to the coast as aforesaid, and thence easterly through the valler of the Fraser river to a point at or near Hope or the upper end of Chilliwack. The total mileage of this division or section to be about one hundred miles, more or less, and to be known as section No. 1 of the aforesaid railway scheme. The aid to letter was from Mr. R. E. Gosnell ask-ing that the board use their best efforts be voted by the legislature for this divis-

lace the completion of this urgently

"The views of the delegation were thoroughly expressed at the interview, and we can only further accentuate these by repeating that it is the belief of the delegates, as well as a large majority of the people of British Columbia, that the early completion of the line of railway thus outlined will prove to be an enormous factor in the development of the latent resources of the section of the province proposed to be traversed and

served thereby.
"In conclusion, we sincerely trust that your government will acquiese in the views we have now laid before you, and

appen way to try and get to an than the one interviews lay in the evening meeting, some quotations from the Premier's several speeches in the morning are of public interest. Hon. Mr. Turner, for example, gave a most emphatic denial to a statement that the C.P.R. had anything to do with the government's railway policy. "I did not expect," he said to statement that any gentleman here to the same time, they felt that any gentleman here to the said the province to the said the province to the said the province to the same time, they felt that much the larger proportion of such works should be done by the Dominion of Canada. As everyone knew, he said, the Dominion government realized that the C.P.R. had anything to do with the government's railway policy. "I did not expect," he said the province the correct that much the larger proportion of such works should be done by the Dominion of Canada. As everyone knew, he said, the Dominion government realized that the C.P.R. had anything the province the same time, they felt that much the larger proportion of such works should be done by the Dominion of Canada. As everyone knew, he said, the Dominion government realized that the C.P.R. had anything the province the same time, they felt the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the Easter recess upon the question of the policy of the government in the statement that the C.P.R. had anything to do with the government's railway policy. "I did not expect," he said, "that any gentleman here would make the statement that this matter before matters of duty. He thought the Dominion of the bound was a matter of duty. He thought the Dominion of the bound was a matter of duty. Mining Companies' office stationery a due influence from the C.P.R. or anyone specialty at the Colonist office.

I want simply to repudiate that.

York Herald.



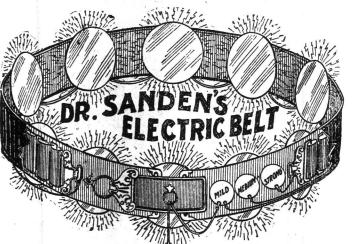
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Mr. C. H. Hall said no. Every public body in the country seemed to think it necessary to send in its own expression of congratulation—in fact the thing was so overdone that whole shiploads of congratulatory addresses would find their granted there are the properties of the seemed to the service of the country from the coast into the granted there are the congratulation—in fact the thing was so overdone that whole shiploads of congratulatory addresses would find their granted there are the coast into the government of British Columbia is

will ensure an early start being made on the undertaking, and its completion being secured at the earliest possible period.

"From the Columbia river to Hope, or its vicinity, the Federal government, we believe, will supplement the aid asked for, and which, it it is to be hoped, will be granted by your government as will place the completion of the worst cases can be reached in three months by this belt. As an evidence of recent results the following will be interesting:

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From THE DAILY COL THE C

THE Victoria-Texada (
assay made of an averag
ore from the face of the
resulted in a return of \$5 and copper. As the lepoint nine feet in width highly satisfactory one.

THE son of William stream, met with a se yesterday. He was hun and in doing so fell off a stick to enter his groin. sent for and the boy, th hurt, is progressing favor

In view of the increa tween British Columbia tralasian colonies, Victo should certainly be repr Queensland internations which is to be held at B the months of May, Ju Messrs. Murdoch & Co. the Canadian representa who contemplate exhibit information from that fir

Negotiations which ha ing some time between Losan Francisco, representa ican firm, and the owners for the sale of the schoone been completed. The s being overhauled and for sea will sail South Capt, F. Green, who are several weeks ago for the effecting the purchase. as previously stated, is trading along the South her sale means, it is said about \$4,000.

MR. D. Doig, teller of B.N.A. in this city, leav morning for Trail, where charge of the branch offi just opened there. Mr. I connected with the bank many years, and during made a host of friends, no of his genial disposition unfailing courtesy and ab While regretting his amongst them, he has th tions on his promotion tion in the service of the good wishes for his fur his new field.

MR. J. W. LAING's illu The Beauties of Van was attended by an autaxed the capacity of the Assembly hall. The le teresting and instruct and the views were very close some portraits were them being the following classified among the Governor Douglas, Gove Dr. Helmcken, Premier T Higgins, and the oppositi leader, Mr. Semlin. A was given the lecturer, a truly said that the audier wery great obligations to hours' entertainment of

In connection with the ceptance of Major Ben raise a British Columbia the Canadian Jubilee ba appeared in yesterday's
Col. Gregory is in receipt.
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to defrave all averages will to defray all expenses, wil subscriptions have alread amount to \$50. These rat portation and maintenan treal to England and retu lines as that supplied to I The refusal of a troopship been secured. The me candidates, who must ages of twenty and thi have been fixed at a min 8 inches and 37 inch ches of character and of length also be required.

BOARD OF HEA

In the second annual provincial board of healt the legislature yesterday, the legislature yesterday, the chairman, calls att urgent need of an incr money. He sketches in hof the board, and says the of money appropriated fo ance of the board and finto effect of the pub throughout the province large. The five medica tuting the provincial boa allowed to exercise the needs. allowed to exercise the poon them by the healt claims, undoubtedly sa annually than the rest

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Dr. Watt, the retired s
board, in his report decla
sential adjunct to the boa a properly equipped anal teriological laboratory. tory could, he says, be e of the new laboratories fi Carmichael in the new pa ne remarks, be attached whom could be referre water supply and sewers the board is required to upon all plans of propo tems of water supply and as there is no engineer of essential that the advice ing expert should be ava quired. Clive Phillipps-Wolle

Clive Phillipps-Wolle the different mining cam pages of the report. He land: "I found Rosslar able condition, but I wou to the fact that this is bu condition of new mining first years of their exist. compared with certain m this continent, the ill-h land, or any other town nothing. Where a town everish rapidity of Ros evitable that at first sani should be disregarded, hope that the measure been taken in time, and upon and carried out health of Rossland from compare favorably with any mining town on Concluding, he remark would venture to propo to our critics. It is the mining camps in the small a death rate as our

"Dah's only one time dat's when he puts on a an' stahts in ter tell 'h gittin' ter be."—Washing