BLIND REACTIONARIES.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser has issued, on behalf of the Provincial government, its regular quarterly complaint about the increasing cost of education Of course the cost of educating our children grows at the same ratio as the increase of population. What else is to be expected? The addition to the population is one of the evils the moribund Toryism represented by the McBride government of this province deplores. The organs opposed the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway on that ground. They argued that to bring more people into British Columbia would be an injustice to those already here, because no single individual contributed to the treasury a sum sufficient to pay the cost to the government of supplying him with the essentials and "modern improvements" of a too exacting civilization. Beautiful, bright prospects these enlightened rulers believe to be in store for the greatest and richest province of the Dominion! Such faith has not been exhibited since the days when the robust factors of the Hudson's Bay Company

ruled the land! However, the Assessment Commission is sitting. There are business men upon it who have builded in faith that nothing can stay the progress of the province. Perhaps they may be able to instil modicum of their confidence into the bosoms of the pessimistic ministers.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

The old City Council may have been almost perfect in its qualifications for the transaction of corporation business. Its honesty and integrity may also have been as unquestionable as its ability. But we believe it will not be seriously argued that all the wisdom within the city limits assembled nightly during the past year beneath the roof of the City Hall. There is no public body that is not susceptible of improvement. There is just a remote possibility that individuals have been elected to sit upon the Board of Aldermen who had other objects in view than undivided zeal for the advancement of the welfare of their constituents. Hence no possible injury to the city could result from the presence in the Aldermanic field of a varied force of candidates. We are sorry, therefore, that in the Centre and South Wards the aspirants for the honor of serving the people are not as numerous as is the case in the North

The criticism that has been levelled as the Council has had one good result. The Mayor has been compelled to make a statement justifying the course during the past year of the Board of which he is the head and outlining the policy which will be pursued in the year 1905. There seems to have been an understanding that nothing would be said of the action that was to be taken with regard to the improvement of the water supply. We were distinctly told that there were two tentative schemes under consideration, but that it would not be "deal." It was whispered that the advice of an expert was to be secured before any definite action should be taken and that the counsel of this auto be told about this for some mysterious reason or other. They were to be asked to simply trust the Council and vote the funds necessary when the wise men had made up their minds.

In connection with the scheme for the improvement of the water supply that Hotel. One of the by-laws is to author- is about to sail. Where it is to sail to seems to be most favorably regarded there are the interests of two corporations as well as the interests of the ratepayers of Victoria involved. The Esquimalt Water Works Company at present controls the water supply available at the Goldstream lakes. The tramway company obtains its power under an arrangement with the water works have been elected by acclamation nor company. Obviously, therefore, there the Aldermen have had so little opposiare possibilities of complications here. and it is not surprising that the people of Victoria are anxious for a clear and comprehensive statement as to the apparent rights reserved for them in the premises. We believe legal opinion has been obtained upon the question from men of the highest standing in the province, and that that opinion sustains the contention that the Legislature of British Columbia has reserved for the city the right to a supply of water from the Goldstream lakes. In addition we of a new home. have the testimony of ex-Mayor Beaven that he and other representatives of the city in the Legislature strove to have incorporated in all legislation dealing with the charter, or whatever the technical name of the instrument under which the company acquired its power may be, provisions for the conservation of the rights of Victoria. Under the circumstances. therefore, it is not surprising that the ratepayers are exceedingly jealous that there shall be the fullest publicity given to all negetiations having as their object the acquirement of rights we already possess in some degree at least. The reply to these reasonable demands is the oracular assertion that too much publicity would be prejudicial to the case of the city-that no business concern could succeed if it executed its transactions in the open light of day. We suppose the Esquimalt Water Works people know all about the intentions of the council. The sented at all, or but to a limited extent." the Bast on business connected with this chased the stage rights to "The Castaframway company's representatives are As a matter of fact, the British Columnot in complete ignorance of the negotiations or of the intention to open negotiations. Why the secret whisperings and the owl-like blinking mysteries of the all. who visited the show, was the most of operations at the works.

wise Aldermanie Board? they believe to be nunecessary secrecy are met by the confounding statement that whatever is done will have to be submitted to popular approval. But have the people not the right to know all

in order that they may select the men rassments of the McBride government by culmination of deliberative wisdom.

WATER SUPPLY.

absurdity of the idea of installing water meters on every service within the city limits. And yet the impression of every person who read reports of the proceedan expenditure of at least fifty thousand dollars in metering the city. This may have been a mistake, but, if so, it was the result of expressing opinions in secret sessions instead of at open meetsuch superficial agencies as meters. The Times has taken the position that neither climatic conditions nor the special physical constitution of the city of Victoria and neighborhood warranted the policy recommended by the Water Commissioner and apparently endorsed by our municipal representatives. Investigation and fortuitous circumstances have opportunely demonstrated that our position was well taken. The opinion is now practically unanimous that Victoria has waterworks system. Sufficient water cannot be laid on to meet the reasonable requirements of the present population. There is no reserve in store, and the community is growing rapidly. Manifestly, therefore, there is but one course open. The new council must act with promptitude as soon as the advice of an expert engineer has been secured. With as little delay as possible, therefore, we shall proceed to settle the water question in such a manner as will relieve the present generation from all anxiety.

THE LOAN BY-LAWS

The people of Victoria do not appear o be specially interested in the outcome of the municipal elections. The undoubted apathy as to who shall represent them at the Council Board has been accepted by retiring Aldermen as an endorsement of the course they have pursued during the past year and as an augury of success to-morrow. Perhaps that is not an unreasonable assumption. But if any considerable number of electors have dewise to say anything for fear of disclos- cided that it will not be worth their the service of annihilating the parcel of in Stephens's "Enemy to the King," with ing facts that might militate against the while to go to the polls, we must ask heathen who had the temerity to go out Dan Frawley's Company. constitution of the School Board a mathority would determine the course to terial issue, there are two by-laws to be the truth about it, that their rulers are & Kemper, who have charge of the play,

consummation. It is essential that provision shall be made for the immediate prosecution of the work of construction on the C. P. R. ize the borrowing of \$25,000 for that purpose. However much disposed the average ratepayer may be to criticize the manner in which the funds voted for the they will get any practice upon the Japs. filling in of the flats have been expended -and we take it there is no censorious spirit abroad or the Mayor would not tion-there can be no disputing the fact that the passage of the by-law is essential if the work of rearing the hotel is to

go on without delay. It is generally agreed that it is a scandalous thing that the old men we have elected to maintain in comfort now that their days of usefulness are ended should be required to live in their present habitation and surroundings. The other bylaw is to authorize the expenditure of the mines. twelve thousand dollars in the erection

Ratepayers should not forget that these two by-laws are to be voted on tomorrow.

TREATMENT OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Referring to the decision of the Canexhibitions that have taken place for years. In these exhibitions the products | ada. had to bear its proportion of the expense, without particular prominence in the discases its products have not been repre-Fair, according to the testimony of all prominent and the most attractive poras a fact that increased immigration to

they believe to be best fitted to deal with entailing increased expenditures for the extraordinary issues that may arise education, the providing of roads, and all during the year. The apparent intention | the other conveniences an exacting of the Mayor and Council was to keep population insists upon having in these everything dark and to ask the people to luxury-loving days. It is possible that trust them implicitly—that there was no the federal government has listened too question that they would do the right seriously to these representations and is matured there would be no alternative | do anything that will be satisfactory to a but to endorse it and vote the money to class who are determined not to be satiscarry it out. Its rejection would involve fied, it will wash its hands of all reof the present system, with a continued his supporters. The decision to proceed limited supply of water for domestic pur- with the construction of the Grand poses and a constant menace of a con- Trunk Pacific Railway, which will be a flagration hanging over our heads. In a great promoter of immigration, despite word, we were to be forced to accept the the opposition of the local Conservative programme of our representatives as the statesmen, seems to contradict this assumption, it is true. But that gigantic enterprise was perhaps decided upon before the evils of an increased population were apparent to the people who are The members of the Board of Alderalways on the alert for the discovery of men who have condescended to express a grievance. The perplexing feature of the case lies in the fact that the great an opinion upon the subject admit the Conservative party-now, alas! fallen from its once high estate-still announces itself in favor of "adequate protection," which manifestly would mean the exaction of heavier tribute _rom the pockets ings of the Council was that all the mem- of the taxpayers of British Columbia, bers were in favor of a policy involving and the Lord knows that the taxation imposed by the first Conservative government British Columbia has ever had is neavy enough already without additions from any source whatever.

The birth rate in Scotland, according ings of the Board. It is now agreed that to the Registrar-General's returns, is the defects of the water system are still the highest of any part of the United fundamental and cannot be remedied by Kingdom. In 1902 the rate in England and Wales was 28.5 per cent., in Ireland 23 per cent., and in Scotland 29.2. France, the least prolific of European countries, was only 2 per cent. lower per thousand than Ireland. Roumania heads the list with 39 per cent. During the year twenty centenarians, four men and sixteen women, died in Scotland. Three of the men were aged 101, and one was 106; two were laborers, one a sexton, and the other a farmer. Of the sixteen women, eight were aged 100, two were outgrown the capacity of the present 101, two were 102, one was 104, one was 106, one was 108, and the other 110; they included twelve widows three retired domestic servants, and a retired farm servant. The healthiest "occupacion" is evidently there of widowhood tion" is evidently that of widowhood.

Maine is the last of the states to issue statistics regarding the casualties during | Monday. The advance sale of seats for the past season upon her unhappy hunt- the second and last week commences ing grounds. Fifteen persons were killed and thirty seriously wounded while in The George Ade musical satire pursuit of game. Six were mistaken by excitable hunters for deer and potted. | months. Henry W. Savage, has staged The law provides a heavy penalty for such offences, but there have been no prosecutions. However, the game suf- Williams, Nellie V. Nichols and May fered also. More than four thousand Montford, is clever and capable of makdeer and over two hundred moose were | ing the most of every line, music and bit killed, in addition to smaller animals of business in this merry piece." and birds. Despite the casualties, the authorities are well convinced that the preservation of game is a paying investment for the state. The non-combatants who suffered were all from outside points.

We fear for the faith of the Russian people. The ships and the armies that | quite pardonable, because Miss Bates is them not to forget that while the person- against the true believers have met with nel of the Council Board may not ap- no better success than if they had gone pear a matter of vital consequence or the cossack and the dark-minded serf may play, "The Woman in the Case," the Cossack and the dark-minded serf may voted on, and that the rejection of them not really anointed from on high, and will present a big cast including Dorothy at least might be a very undesirable become imbued with the outrageous idea Dorr, Kathrine Keyes, Mrs. Henry of deposing them. If the Lord should Vandenhoff, Geo. Fawcett, Alex. Von raise up real leaders for them there Mitzel, Laura Linden, Foster Lardner would be wild times in holy Russia.

> The third squadron of the Russian fleet is a debatable question. At any rate, when the fleets are at sea the sailors must get some experience. And they \$25,000 His Majesty is reported to have need that. It will be some time before

RECOGNIZES ABILITY

Managing Director Butchart Regarded as Highest Authority on Cement in Canada.

G. G. S. Lindsay, K. C., of Toronto the managing director of the Crow's Nest Coal Pass Company, in company with J. McEvoy, the company's mineral gist, is in the city for a few days. Mr. Lindsay has just returned from an inspection of the company's works a Pernie, Morrissey and Carbonado. The management at the present time do not tend making any radical change about

This is accounted for by the managing irector's statement that at present the Faust during the latter's illness. output from the mines exceeds somewhat the demands made upon it. American Citizen" in rehearsal for his

At Carbonado, where the "blow" of gas occurred a few months ago, that particular mine has been closed, and will remain sealed. It is considered inadvisable on account of the prevalence of gas Love and Millions" will exploit this re-

To-day Mr. Lindsay will attend ormal meeting of the directors of the adian government not to send an exhibit Vancouver-Portland Cement Company, to the Portland Fair, the Colonist says: or which he is a member. Its will be visit the works at Tod Creek, Mr. Lind-"Canada has been represented at all say says that in Mr. Butchart the eastarge foreign and Imperial and Colonial ern shareholders have the greatest confidence. He is recognized as the best authority on Portland cement in Canof Canada in various lines have had to his knowledge of the place. It is the to his knowledge of the practical end of prominent place. British Columbia has a very free hand with respect to the his new play, which is to be presented in

works. At the directors' meeting to-day there will be present Mr. Butchart, Mr. Lindplays that have been made, and in some say and the secretary-treasurer, Mr.

This evening Mr. Butchart leaves for Portland cement concerns with which he bia exhibit at the St. Louis World's is connected. He expects to be absent about a mouth, getting back to Victoria again about the time of the commencing

The objections of the people to what tion of the display. A short time ago it Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have was proclaimed by the opposition press | had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was inducthis province would be a calamity, inas- ed to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, much as every new-comer who was inabout the policy of their respresentatives duced to come here added to the ember- minutes." 50 cents.—17. in America for the first time at Wheel-

Theatrical Gossip. MAYOR BARNARD

outlived its usefulness.

piece at their music hall.

will go along.

priced houses.

tragedian.

s appearing in New York, has proved so

decided to put forward a burlesque of the

Fred Leslie, jr., a son of the late con

London, reached New York recently from

England, to join one of Charles Froh

Chorus Lady." is to be transplanted to

England and France in the spring and

Rose Stahl, who has been playing the

leading part in the vaudeville houses,

Manager A. H. Woods will have two

new thrillers for next season. They are

Home." Both will be seen in the cheaper

Miss Pauline Chase, who is in London

at present, is to have a prominent part

in the new fairy play written by J. M.

Barrie, which is to be presented at the

Amelia Bingham has closed her sea

son for the holidays at Boston. Un-

nan's musical comedy companie

James Forbes's little sketch.

ful that Weber & Ziegfeld have

If the theatre habitue of the past ten | Bourchier and Miss Vanbrugh will give rears were to reclime in the most com-fortable chair in the manager's office at theatre after "The Walls of Jericho" has thing. Then when their policy was fully determined that as it evidently cannot the Victoria and fall into a reflective mood what a flood of memories would be recalled by the picture gallery on the wall. Grim old Dan Godfrey, in full egimentals, glares from one the continuation for an indefinite period sponsibility for the woes of McBride and calling the engagement of his band at Miller and Margaret Anglin smile ami ably from other parts of vantage, playing over again in the mind "The Aftermath," in which they last appeared here: Then there is Mary Mannering (Mrs James K. Hackett) a clever actress who is starring independently of her talented Marie Wainwright, erstwhile Mrs. Louis James, one of the finest Camilles of the present stage; Rose Coghlan, the perennially, good-natured, substantial one, representative of a familly conspicuous for its histrionic ability: Maxime Elliott, the beautiful; Florence Roberts, the emoltional one, who next eason will delight the play-goers of the East. Anna Held, "dat winsome leetle Mam'selle Napoleon," and her dozen rgeous chorus satellites; the stately. brilliant Modieska, a voice from the days of Booth, Barrett, McCullough, Florence and the rest, and many others look down upon one from the positions artistically assigned to them by Manager Boscowitz or his assistant Mr Then there shouldn't be overlooked lesser lights, such as Rose Cecelia Shay or Alice Archer. Smoking a cigarette with a world of diablerie in her eyes is that melodious aggregation of avordupois, Collamarini. hardly knows whether to designate her "Signora" or "Signorina," as it is difficult to keep track of her matrimonial

equally known to fame.

ough success. He will continue to hold

cluding a special holiday matinee on

forth throughout this and next week, in-

this morning, and the demand for all the

remaining performances is very heavy.

best piece of its kind heard here in many

A. Lawrence, Fed. Frear, Maude K

Blanche Bates has been delighting the

cess Belasco's "The Darling of the

playgoers of San Francisco in her great

Golden West, and scored her first hits as

a member of the Frawley Company. It

is, therefore, quite natural that 'Frisco

should be proud of her, a pride that is

regarded as one of the cleverest actresses

. . .

and theatres." This is outside of

Needless to say it was largely patron-

Notes.

It has been reported that Ethel Barry-

more will have a new play by Jack Lon-

don, to be founded on one of his novels.

Nat Goodwin has struck another fail-

ure in "The Usurper" and has put "An

It had to come. Mrs. Chadwick has

been dramatized. A play entitled "For

markable woman on the stage next sea-

Lew Spencer, a well known black face

comedian and at different times a mem-

ber of all the best minstrel companies in

When the Liebler company puts on al dramatization of "In a Bishop's Car-

riage," Miss Beverly Sitgreaves, who is

now with Kyr'e Bellew, will probably

William Gillette is hard at work on

Klaw & Erlanger are to put forward in

the spring a stage version of General Lew Wallace's "The Prince of India,"

and also a play from Marion Crawford's

ciple figure, and will probably be seen in

Richard Harding Davis is writing a

new play for William Collier, which will be called "The War Correspondent." Mr.

Collier expects to take "The Dictator"

chier and Violet Vanbrugh have

this country, died at Chicago recently.

coming engagement in Boston.

and Samuel Edwards.

Roland von Berlin."

musical treat.

turn to america

have the star role.

book, "Zoroaster."

the piece in the spring.

to London next spring.

London in the spring.

Gods." Miss Bates is a daughter of

the two weeks' layoff Miss Bingham may disband her organization for the restatus. Edna Wallace Hopper, who remainder of the season. cently dropped comic opera for comedy Miss Dallas Tyler has been engaged frama, is another who is honored by a as leading woman for Robert Edeson, place in this gallery of Thespian talent. who later in the season will present a Sol Smith Russell, who deserves to have t new play in New York entitled "Stronga halo round his head, perhaps stirs up heart." by William C. DeMille, Mr. Edeson will play the part of a college the fondest recollections of the men. Then there are pictures of the late Ededucated Indian. win Mayo-"Pudd'nhead Wilson"- Wilams and Walker, the ebony comedians who are to come here shortly; Fred

Maude Fealy will tour America next season as Sir Henry Irving's leading The arrangement was made re-Warde and Louis James, Jos. Jefferson, cently in an exchange of cable Ezra Kendall, Paul Gilmore, Nat between Sir Henry and Frank, L. Perley, Goodwin, James Neill and others who has Miss Fealy under a long term contract. Of the "Sultan of Sulu," which ap-

When "Sergeant Brue" is presented for the first time in New York next March, with Frank Daniels in the role, it is more than likely that Blanche Ring will play the opposite part to the comedian. Miss Ring is now starring in the west in "Vivian's Papas." Blanche Walsh has purchased a sum-

mer cottage at Great Neck, L. I., near ler, who was formerly Minnie Ashley. The price paid is said to have been hand. \$14,000, and many improvements will be added to the place before next summer. it on an elaborate scale, and the cast, Alfred Henry Lewis signed a contract whereby Coloned Henry W. Savage and headed by Thomas W. Whiffen, Walter Frank McKee, theatrical managers, obtain the dramatic rights of "The Boss" and the right to dramatize all of Mr. Lewis's works written during the next

> After turning down the proposition to unite Hallen and Hart, William A. Brady has finally decided upon the new piece in which he will star Mr. Hart and Carrie De Mar. This pair will go out they could not do so, because the ques after the Christmas holidays and try the riece for a couple of weeks on the road. ratepayers, and the Municipal Clauses The new offering is a big musical show, carrying about 50 people. The book is of time given for full discussion, and, Joseph Hart and the music by A. Baldwin Sloane. The title selected is

HONORED BY MILLIONS.

Blanche Walsh will appear in New The total admissions to the World's Fair were 19,000,000; of this number approximately 3,000,000 were officers, exhibitors, concessionaires and employees; first modern production in which she has played since "Aristocracy." Wagenhals 6,000,000 were residents of St. Louis and 10,000,000 non-residents. that each 'non-resident visited the fair at least four times, it would appear that 2,500,000 people came to St. Louis in the seven months and during this same period more than 1,250,000 people passed through the Anheuger-Rusch plant. Never before has an establishment been The Emperor of Germany is reported to have said: "I don't think many Gerhonored by so many visitors, and it is mans know that I spent last year out of safe to say that at least one-half the people who came to St. Louis availed my private income \$1,000,000 on operas themselves of the opportunity to inspect the greatest plant of its kind in the spent on Leoncavallo's new opera "Der

tory of the Auheuser-Busch Brewing Association, its sales being 1,365,711 bar-Ignace Paderewski, the great pianist, rels of beer, showing an increase of 163. gave a concert in Seattle this week. 949 barrels. The latter as an annual output would exceed that of the majorized, and like all the recitals by this celebrated virtuoso proved a thorough ity of the larger breweries of this coun try. This phenominal increase is the more remarkable, because the past year, owing to the long winter and abnormally summer, was a decidedly off year for the beer business. The total gain of the beer output for the United States for 1904 was about 900,000 barrels, thus Charles Frohman has withdrawn proving Anheuser-Busch's increase of "Merely Mary Ann" from the London 163,949 barrels to be about 20 per cent. stage, and Miss Robson will at once reof that of all breweries combined. Such an exceptionally good showing can only Etta Gilroy has been singing the "Sambe attributed to the excellence of their my" song in "The Wizard of Oz" in products and the courteous treatment of New York, taking the place of Lotta their patrons.

MONKS DEAD FROM COLD.

overed six bodies of Italian smugglers rom the summit of the Colvalsari and transported them to Bourg, where they Dogs at the hospital St. Bernard also

lay passed the order recently adopted by he common council, authorizing the city of Boston to acquire and maintain gas plants of the manufacture and distribuion of gas and electricity for lighting

reight car burned in the Mott Haven reight yards of the New York, New aven & Hartford railway on Monday. The powder did not explode, but burned ompany, and adso with the eastern ways," in which Lord Byron is the pring surrounding country for a great radius. with so bright a glare as to light up the

> tacked by thugs on a leading residential street in Winnipeg on Monday night. He escaped, but had his overcoat badly slashed by a knife used in the melee.

The rapidity with which theatrical events follow one another is well extries than in warm climates, the ear being emplified in the fact that Arthur Bourvery sensitive to atmospheric changes. chased for England the rights to "The Kreutzer Sonata,' which was presented

"Leah Kleschna," in which Mrs. Fiske IN WHICH HE DEALS

edian. Fred Leslie of the Gaiety theatre, Explains at Length Douglas Street Extension By-Law-Denies That Star Chamber Sessions Were Held.

place the legal opinions obtained have it be said that it would be to the interof the nature of the legal advice the city of health has obtained should be made public and the information given to parties adverse in interest? I submit not. No business man would adopt such a course in his own business, and I have always been of the opinion that the affairs of the city tors, assigns, etc., according to law. should be run on business lines. You have the home of Mrs. William Astor Chan- a poor chance of winning when your adversary knows all the cards in your

"At present we are in communication with experts in Ontario and the United States with a view to getting the best man available to give us a full report New York during the past week upon both the improvement of the present system and the Goldstream water, so that the whole matter can be laid be fore the ratepayers to enable them and

tion on the question of secrecy is this, that even if the council desired to work in secret in such matters, which I deny, tion must be finally passed upon by the Act requires that there must be plenty therefore, no snap judgment could be

don't think," the statement

1904 was the banner year in the his-

New York, Jan. 10 .- Two more Trappist monks, making a total of four since the recent blizzard in the Alps, are dead from the cold in the mountain tery near Brescia, says a Herald dispatch rom Geneva, Switzerland. Thirty guides and villagers have re-

recovered three bodies from the snow.

The Boston board of aldermen on Monpurposes.

F. Armington, a young artist, was at-

Deafness is more common in cold coun-

ing, W. Va., three weeks ago. Mr. world.

WITH PUBLIC MATTERS

In a statement issued by Mayor Barnard, which by the way W. J. Hanna, one of the candidates for North Ward, said in his speech last night he by Hail Reid, and their titles art "Con- had read before it was submitted to the press, His Worship refers to the comfessions of a Wife" and "Lured From plaint frequently made of late, that the past council conducts its business be hind closed doors, and points out that all communications are read and deal with in open council. This has always been the custom. At times, of course Duke of York's theatre shortly after when important negotiations are going on it is not advisable that the peo During the temporary absence of Grace ple with whom the negotiations are being George recently from the all star cast of conducted should be made aware of th "The Two Orphans" her part of Louise individual opinions of the members of was played very successfully by Alphie the council James, the wife of Louis James, the

Taking the negotiations between the puncil and the Terminal railway as an instance, His Worship explained that while these were in progress it would less a suitable play is obtained during be detrimental to the interest of the city to have them made public,

In regard to the water question the Mayor says: "Again, in connection with the policy of the council with reference the improvement of the waterworks, it is no secret that the council has been considering the acquisition, by expropriation or otherwise, of the Goldstream water. The doing so involves the taking of legal opinions thereon as to the city's rights, also the obtaining of hydraulic expert opinions on the adequacy of the supply and the value of the works of the company.

"One other thing I would like to men

obtained if desired In explanation of the Douglas street extension by-law His Worship says that out of the sum of \$150,000 already bor-\$149,000 have been spent. Accrued interest, however, leaves an unexpended balance of about \$5,000. "I "that any of the money has been need the roadway in place of the old bridge could have been done more expeditiously or more cheaply than it was. The money has run out and we have not yet settled with Mr. Bertucci or the Weilers for the damage done to their property by the extension of Douglas street. In the Bertucci case, for various reasons the Bertucci case, for various reasons, the business of the meeting, congratu-the arbitrators did not make their award lated His Worship upon his re-election. until late in the autumn, when practical- He thanked his brother aldermen for the ly all the work that was done this year on the flats was completed. The Weiler received during the year, but he thought case, after protracted negotiations, was an infusion of new blood was not out of settled about the same time. I do not place. He was opposed to the carping think that it can be urged that any of of critics. Some of these men, if the

the work done this year should have been were to take their share in business of and the Weiler claim to \$5,500. This about \$13,500, including the \$5,000 we served the public acted according to still have out of the old loan. Of this what he believed was the right course. the sum of \$9,000 will be required for the Douglas street extension. necessity for the dry filling arises in this

nence work until the filling was com- a lot of preliminary work done. pleted on account of the danger to the foundations from the water that would be pumped in. It was important that construction should be commenced at construction should be commenced at striking it right on a tidal wave. Some once, and it was equally important that the city should be at liberty to fill the of the aldermen would also have wished flats by means of the dredge and thus have a large sum of money. An arrangement was, therefore, arrived at whereby it was understood that the city should fill n with dry filling for a width of 25 feet around the foundations to a height sufficient to keep the water away from the foundations. The filling is only to be put in by the city after the company have nselves filled up to the level at which they commenced to excavate. The amount of material required for this purpose is about 9,000 yards at a cost of about 50 cents per yard, or \$4,500. Later, when from the nature of the filling now in place, and which the company has had so much difficulty in excavating, it became apparent that after the foundaions were completed it would be impossible to conduct building operations upon the land on account of it being so soft, Lately the council had been accused the company pointed out to the cor- holding star chamber meetings. They poration that unless a foot or two of dry had all worked faithfully in the city's in-

filling was put in on top of the mud to terests, and had, he thought, done good be taken from the harbor, the contractors would have no place on which old members were not all in their places to deposit their material or cut their at the first meeting of the new council. stone and otherwise carry on the building operations until the mud dried out. It was, therefore, decided then, in order that the building should proceed as rapidly as possible during the coming.

On returning to Cleveland from New York Nathan Loeser, receiver for Mrs.

C. L. Chadwick, said he had received ummer, thus affording work to a large

fit to work upon. This will require another 9,000 yards, which will about \$4,500! thus making up the \$9,000 required for additional filling.

In regard to next year's programme Mayor Barnard said that the most important question would be the waterworks improvement. He also hoped to see permanent sidewalks further extended. It was highly probable, he said, that a new sewerage loan would be placed before the ratepayers during the year. The evenue derived from the frontage tax and rentals should be sufficient to enable the city to borrow another \$150,000 with-

His Worship also issued a statement showing that the amount expended on the flats was \$149,731.69.

CONGRATULATIONS WERE THE ORDER

THE ALDERMEN SPOKE WELL OF THE MAYOR

His Worship in Turn Hoped Members of Old Council Success at the Polls.

The city council held a very short session on Monday. The various communi cations, reports, etc., were referred to the incoming council, and the members then settled down to congratulating His Worship the Mayor, Beginning with Ald. Grahame each in turn added his words in praise of the harmonious way in which the business of the year had been transacted.

A letter was read from the departmen of marine and fisheries approving of the plans for the erection of a wharf. The Tramway Company wrote inform

orks of the company.
"In the discussions that have taken laid to the sand pit. The secretary of the Royal Jubilee hos necessarily been freely talked over. Can pital wrote refusing to accept of \$471 in settlement of a large account. This was est of the city that the full particulars referred to the next meeting of the board

J. A. Sayward wrote asking leave to building which he was erecting. Ald. Fell thought this communication

should be referred to the council's execu-This was done accordingly, and the letter was referred to the incoming council. J. H. Sorge wrote complaining of an ing his property, and of a further nuisance on Caledonia avenue. This was referred to the streets, bridges and sewer

The city assessor reported that G. H. Barnard had been duly elected Mayor for 1905.

Henry Goward's resignation as librarian was read. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the question of successor referred to the incoming Miss Goward's resignation as assistant

ecretary was also treated similarly. But one tender was received for printing and binding the reports for the year. This was from the Colonist Printing & Publishing Company for \$1.17 a page. This was accepted. The electric light committee reported on various matters connected with the

service. This was referred to the new Accounts to the amount of \$215 were rdered paid on motion who added that some one else would have to leave the formal motion for next year.

The various annual reports were taken as read and referred to the incoming Ald. Fell explained that the delay in publishing the financial statement for the year was due to the fact that certain ac unts only passed a few days before had to be included in ft. The statement

would be out the next day, establishing a record he believed. Ald. Grahame, upon the completion of way in which his suggestions had been

stopped to enable us to retain funds to meet these two claims. That work would also praised the work done by the varihave had to be done in any case and there could be no object in delaying it. Ald. Vincent said he could second the The Bertucci claim amounts to \$11,000, sentiments expressed by Ald. Grahame. Ald. Kinsman thought His Worship will be paid out of the \$25,000 to be bor- had served well. Personally, Ald. Kinsrowed, leaving a balance on hand of man said he had during the time he had

Ald. Goodacre also added his congratudry filling, and the balance to complete lations to His Worship, whom he was This | glad to see returned. Ald. Stewart said the council had been When the chief engineer of the unjustly criticised by letter writers and C. P. R. Company, Mr. Tye, was out editorially for holding secret meetings here, just before construction of the and keeping things from the public. He hotel commenced, he raised the question intended to remove all this and would whether the city intended to complete show it all to the public, and he believe the filling of the flats by the dredge, stating that if so the company could not com-

> striking it right on a tidal wave. Some to have been spared the task of canvassing. Criticism had been cast upon council, but it was good to know that the council was good enough to be criti

> Ald. Oddy in turn congratulated Mayor Barnard. During the year he had personally acted to the best of his judgment, and would act as he had if he were privileged to do the work over

> Ald. Elford added his congratulations to His Worship. He thought that the way in which he had been returned augured well for the old members of the

> His Worship was sorry that Ald. Grawas not again running, and he looked forward to the old members being again returned. He had worked conscientiously in the interests of the city. work. He would be disappointed if the The council then adjourned.

A statue in honor of Sir Reduces Buller is shortly to be erected at Excess subscribed for by his admirers in all parts of the in dry filling a foot or two in depth for the indepth of the parts of the indepth of the i a sufficient distance to make the ground erty aggregating \$42,000.

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Mr. Hannathese things we the city owning Mr. Shakesp in this ward. Mr. Hanna t should have a own, and he fav piece of land no tion purposes. Geo. McCand dates who wou the Rock Bay b Mr. Hanna

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