supply of pure and wholesome water."
Oak Bay asked much less than this,

A Step Backward.

think." asked the chairman.

actly three times as much.

"That was a step backward you

"Yes, the agreement sent to us with-

terms was a step backward," said Mr.

Bodwell, "and shows we will never get what we desire unless the legis-

lature compels the city."

As to present price Mr. Bodwell said

the municipality took 3,621,000 gallons

in eleven months, paying \$2,021.95, or

55 8-10c a 1,000 gallons; 4% per 1,000 without meter rate. The city consum-

ers paid 50c for the first thousand gal-lons and 10c after; Oak Bay paid ex-

J. F. Garden (Vancouver) asked if

the people of Oak Bay had not the

Accuses the City Council.

"Owing to the bad management of

the uncertainty of the supply citizens

have taken ground against supplying

tent of threatening legal proceedings,'

water all round it, and won't take

steps to get it in. They talk endlessly

end and do nothing. They keep this

inadequate supply going on, and Oak

do something for the benefit of the peo-

acity of the city council to formulate

any plan or bring in an adequate water

"I don't care whether you do or not,

any one thing has been thoroughly dis-

played it is the absolute incapacity of

the council to ensure citizens a water

"I resent that," said Mayor Hall,

it is the fact," retorted counsel.

supply adequate to their needs."

"The outstanding feature of this

the water question for many years and

same security as those of Victoria.

out any previous negotiation as

WATERWORKS BILL DISCUSSED

ESQUIMALT COMPANY WANTS PROTECTION

Oak Bay and Saanich Desire City to Be Obliged to Supply Them.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The civic waterworks bill was before the private bills committee on Tuesday but nothing was done beyond hearing the city and some opponents of particular features.

There was a large attendance of parties concerned. For the city there were present Mayor Hall, Aldermen were present Mayor Hall, Aldermen Henderson and Fullerton, Water Commissioner Raymur, W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister; J. P. Mann, city solicitor; A. P. Luxton, K. C., and Theodore Lubbe, on behalf of the Esquimait Waterworks Co.; E. V. Bodwell K. C. on behalf of Oak Pay and well, K. C., on behalf of Oak Bay and and the indebtedness was now on the Saanich municipalities; Councillors general credit of the city.

Oliver, Newton and J. Herrick McGregor and J. S. Floyd, clerk of Oak
Bey; Reeve Quick, Saanich; Senator
Council which, he said, wanted power

he Victoria Ratepayers' Association. W. J. Taylor, K. C. described the of the bill as affected borrowing, use of revenue, limitation of legal action, and collection of rates. Esquimalt Company's Case,

P Luston K. C. for the Esqui malt Waterworks Company, said their only objection was to the section rati-fying and confirming the act of 1878, and declaring the rights conferred by it not diminished by the Water Clauses Consolidation Act. In 1873 the water-works act was passed, giving the city power to go anywhere within twenty miles for water, but, he argued, it did not give the city exclusive rights in that area. In 1885 the Esquimalt Waterworks Company got power to go to Thetis lake and in 1892 they got an extension, giving them power to go to Goldstream. A very large sum had been spent on developing these sources, about a million in all. The Thetis Lake and Goldstream water-sheds having been taken by his company were lost to the city, and it should be made plain that it had no ver to expropriate their rights there.

Luxton asked that to the saving clause already in the bill should added a provision that nothing in should derogate from nor affect from nor affect in the rights of the company.

"Are you afraid they might take your water from you?" asked J. F. might try it," replied Mr.

Mr. Luxton went on to point out that in the petition asking for the bill the city asked for permission to follow its expert's advice and go to Sooke lake, but in the bill it asked for a confirmation of its original act. The clause to which his clients took exception was drawn in a very astute way and might almost be said to be, in an underhand a blow at the Esquimalt com

The City's Position. Mr. Taylor said he was entirely at one with Mr. Luxton as regards the principle that the legislature should not give a right one day and take it the next, and that no act should in an astute way, give powers in de-rogation of existing rights. But Mr. Luxton's application of the principle was incorrect. As a matter of fac when the company got power to go to Goldstream there was a derogation from the rights of the city. That per-mission did not take away the right of the city to the water within an area of twenty miles, but simply al-lewed another corporation to use the water subject to its being retaken by the city at any future time on pay ment of compensation. The company's dez, brought five survivors or the act of 1892 distinctly stated that it schooner Nugget, picked up near Lit-

grant to the city. In reply to the chairman, Mr. Tayrights under the act of 1873.

"Then would not the privy council Nus decision be worth more to you than ity. an expression of the opinion of private bills con an act?" asked Stuart Henderson

the city had a concrete scheme in view Mr. Taylor replied that his instructions did not enable him to say it had. In the matter of borrowing Mr. Taylor pointed out that the city was so clo waterworks, and it was desired that any moneys already borrowed or here after borrowed for waterworks pur

The chairman suggested that provision might be made for the liteutenantgevernor-in-council approving of any crrowing powers required. with the city authorities on this sug-

poses should be made upon the security

of the waterworks system.

Mr. Bodwell proposed to leave statement of the case for Oak Bay and Saanich over till another meeting, when the committee might be fresh.

This committee will not be fresh again this session, with long meetings very day," remarked H. B. Thomson. Bodwell said that all that was | tion of such equipment, desired was a declaration that it was obligatory on Victoria to supply the two municipalities, it having a mon-

Stuart Henderson suggested that the two municipalities should get into the

Mr. Bodwell, "but as a ratepayer I am lulu and the Orient, returned yesterahead than last year."

simply one of terms. The city was prepared to supply water upon fair terms. It had to be considered, however, among other things that Victoria citiens had to bear all the debt, and Oak Bay could not expect to be supplied at the same rate as Victoria consumers unless it assumed a share of that bur-

Councillor Oliver said all the municipalities wanted was the imposition of the obligation on the city to supply

This matter also was left over fe further hearing.

Borrowing Powers, Senator Macdonald, on the berrowing clause, said that years ago the council was forbidden to borrow without the consent of the people, but power was now sought to get over this and allow it to borrow as it pleased. Loans to the extent of \$3,700,000 had been approved of by the ratepayers, and now the council sought to over-ride the wishes of the people who had dealt so generously with it in the past. Hardly ever had a money by-law been turned

down in Victoria. Mr. Bodwell expressed his personal opinion that the clause should be very carefully scrutinised before it was passed, to see that it did not destroy

City Solicitor Mann stated that all stated the position of the city clearly the waterworks bends had been paid off declining to be bound by any obliga-

duald, T. C. Sorby, secretary of to borrow money on a blank cheque at any time without going to the people. "You may be sure we will change that, if there is anything of the kind, said Stuart Henderson, The bill was left over till to-morrow.

Other Bills A bill incorporating Westminster hall Presbyterian theological institution in Vancouver, was passed, and the mittee then took up the consider-

way & Thompson Rivers Boom Co.'s bill. MAYOR OF KAMLOOPS SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENTS

ation of the reasons which it will give

the house for throwing out the Shus-

New City Hall and Park System Among His Recom-

Kamloops, Feb. 16. - An adequate light and water service, a new city hall, permanent improvements on Victoria street, and a properly regulated park system were amongst the things enunciated in the policy of Mayor Robinson as he presented it at the last meeting of the city council. With increased borrowing powers as a result of the greater assessment, His Worship pointed out how it would be possible to borrow the money. He estimated the cost of these various public works at \$100,-000, and the annual burden on the city representative in the interest and sinking fund would be but \$6,050.40. The other aldermen were in hearty sympathy with the policy and the enthusias with which it was considered was most reassuring and indicated an apprecia tion of the urgency of the various

SURVIVORS RESCUED THROUGH WOMAN'S SCREAM

Party of Six Has Terrible Experience Off Alaska Coast

Juneau, Feb. 17 .- The steamer Northwestern, which has arrived from Valdez, brought five survivors of the first and to impose such an obligation subject to any existing uya bay, who had been at the mercy of the elements for nearly a week.

A party of six left this city last sum mer prospecting. They remained at on practically affirmed the city's Lituya until their provisions were exhausted. Then they started out in the Nugget, a schooner of five tons capacity. The party was caught in a storm and drifted helpless until picked up by in the Northwestern.

The lookout on the big vessel heard confirming the city's rights under its original act, so that it should not be subject to harassing Manual act, a woman scream. The sea was extremely rough, and in ascending the rope ladder Louis Jordan lost his hold rope ladder Louis Jordan lost his hold subject to harassing litigation, was and fell into the sea and was drowned. prepared," said Mr. Taylor. "The doc-The engineer of the Northwestern was ument was in front of me and after-struck by the mast of the plunging wards I handed it to the Colonist remained behind at the Sisters' hospital

The survivors of the Nugget are The survivors of the Nugget are obligation. In a desultory conversa-Charles Byron, captain; Daniel Wag- tion which ensued I said to Mr. Oli-

COMPULSORY WIRELESS **BILL BECOMES LAW**

estion and the section was allowed to carrying five hundred or more passenprisonment not to exceed one year, or oth, for violation of its provisions. One year is allowed for the installa-

> BASEBALL IN ORIENT. American Team Enthusiastic Over Reception in Japan.

San Francisco, Cal. Feb. 17 .- The All-American baseball team, which has the city. "We have no interest in it," replied been playing a series of games in Honog the water question was a willing to do sier, of Tessier village, cut his throat the city council referring it to Mr. The last year."

Councillor Oliver was willing to do sier, of Tessier village, cut his throat that, and both he and Reeve Quick yesterday in an hotel here. He had been professed themselves satisfied to have drinking heavily. The wound was not

IS INCAPABLE

E. V. BODWELL TALKS PLAINLY TO THAT BODY

Waterworks Bill Occupied Attention of Private Bills Committee.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The long-standing dispute between Victoria and Oak Bay as to the supply of water by the city to the suburban nunicipality occupied the attention of the private bills committee for two hours and a half this morning. The municipality wants the obligation imposed upon the city of supplying it with the precious fluid, and will not be content with anything less than a declar-ation in an act of the legislature. W. J. Taylor, K. C., city barrister, remore favorable to the people of

toria, but expressing perfect willingness to place them on the same basis The same city and other representatives were present this morning as yesterday. There were some warm bassages, especially when E. V. Bodwell accused the council of incapacity in water works matters.

Oak Bay than to the citizens of Vic-

At the outset of the proceedings Chairman Ross stated that as the re-sult of a conference between the city thinks it will not prejudice the interrepresentatives and the premier, the ests of citizens of Victoria. It is time government would consider an amendnent to the municipal law giving the eutenant-governor in council power ple if not for its own credit. to approve water works plans and oans for that purpose contingent upon whole question is the absolute incaptheir being endorsed by the civic electorate. The city would withdraw its bill if such an amendment was introduced and passed the House.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., proposed to go into the case for Oak Bay.

Mr. Taylor thought this would be a waste of the committee's time. The city had no plan of water works extensions yet, and when it had it would have to submit them to the lieutenantgovernor in council, when all interests

definite obligation imposed. Last year

Oak Bay took ground this was obliga

tory, but the city ridiculed this. Later on

when the executive heard all interests

Mr. Taylor said he had not made an

Mr. Bodwell read from a report of

be made an obligation, and that Oak

Bay could depend on getting water on

a perfectly fair basis, the lieutenant-

"We adhere to that still," said Mr.

do not propose to contract with that

Mr. Taylor went on to point out that

the city had to get a supply of water

as Oak Bay asked would be mon-

Mr. Bodwell considered that Mr.

when before the executive on March

18th last and read from a report in

Never Admitted Obligation.

'I was very careful in what I said

if there was any dispute.

Victoria could not make.

the city barrister admitted there was

no obligation.

with water."

the Colonist.

Forcing the City's Hands. "Mr. Bodwell thinks the only sensible people are those who cry with the Col-The Case For Oak Bay nist that we should throw ourselves into the arms of the Esquimalt Com-pany," said the Mayor. "It looks to me Mr. Bodwell, by reference to a map, explained the position of Oak Bay as as if Oak Bay and the company are to water supply, and asked that, being ependent on the city, the latter should working together to that end, but the city does not want the Esquimalt Co." be obliged by legal enactment to sur "That is a most impertinent suggesply the municipality. The water con tion, which I resent on behalf of Oak missioner had the duty thrown upon him by the act of 1873 to suplyy any Bay," said Cou Mr. Bodwell declared that he had othing to do with the Esquimalt Co toria, but it was a question whether and declined to take back a single word this was more than permissive, and he had said as to the capacity of the for that reason Oak Bay wanted

supply.

"Nor will the Mayor when he says city will not buy the Esquimalt Co." said Mr. Taylor. The chairman asked how much water the Esquimalt Co, could supply if the city took a supply from it.

day." Mr. Bodwell replied. "And it went down to four million gallons last summer," added Mr. Tay

Mr. Bodwell denied this.

the proceedings at that time, in which Mr. Taylor was represented as saying that he did not see why it should not Mr. Taylor's Offer. "I have not seen the books. which only the council and the B. C. Electri railway have access to," said Mr. Tay vernor in council to settle the rate | lor. "but I will make the statement that it went as low as four million gallo last summer. It has been stated in the Taylor. "Let the lieutenant-governor in newspapers that it went down to three council settle it. We were willing then millions, but I am willing, if it did not and now to put them on the same go down to four million, to give \$50 to

basis as citizens of Victoria, but we two hospitals." Mr Rodwell did not take up the offer corporation at all hazards to supply it but contented himself with saying that the average consumption of the British Columbia Electric Co. was fifteen

million gallons a day. Mr. Taylor said the situation be tween the city and Oak Bay had be strous. Victoria had always been quite misrepresented. The city had not willing to supply that municipality on the right to all the water within twenty fair terms, but it would be absurd to miles, but it had the right to take it if enable its citizens to make a demand required. It was only with reference apon the city which the citizens of to the water already taken that the city could deal with Oak Bay, and that was all that was considered in the ne-Taylor had admitted an obligation gotiations. The duty of the water commissioner to supply water was not mandatory. It was a duty conditional and not absolute. It was not likely that such insane legislation would be enacted as that the commissioner would be compelled to furnish citizens of and I read from a statement I had Victoria with water when they might refuse to give him the money to do so. Oak Bay was now getting all the water it was entitled to, and in fact more porter. If he did not use it I am not in proportion than the citizens of Vicresponsible for what he made me say. In proportion than the responsible for what he made me say. It toria got for being at a lower altitude the flow was that way.

to the limit of twenty per cent. of the assessment that it could not borrow enough to instal a large system of Luken. Jordan was a brother of Mrs.

Luken.

Unaries Byron, captain; Daniel wagton which ensued I said to Mr. Oliver that there was some moral obliver that it could not borrow Luken. Jordan was a brother of Mrs.

Luken.

"And you were willing to have that the wasterworks and the same plane as citizens of Victoria with regard to statutory rights to a supply "and you were willing to have that "And you were willing to have that regard to statutory rights to a supply "No," said Mr. Taylor, emphatically.

Mr. Bodwell insisted on going by the notes and said the Oak Bay representatives had gone away with the impression that an obligation was admitted. It was not enough for them to have a moral obligation recognized by the city they wanted the lightly they wan Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The Burke bill, requiring all ocean ships carrying five hundred or more passengers to be equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus, was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday. The bill prescribes a penalty not to The bill prescribes a penalty not to cil by Hon. Dr. Young that minister to buy the Esquimalt company's works. wished was helping himself to the flour then gave a list of figures showing that cert in Boston, and then continue her

> in bulk at the municipal boundary, at ground as Victoria, so far as concerns at house, while the fore part the water commissioner's duty to suphish and dry on the rocks. olying it plus a reasonable profit to ply them with water. But as the city would be probably withdrawing its bill At the request of the city the heads those municipalities should contribute

of an agreement were drafted on these towards the fees.

parts of the act and submit them to inion submitted to council last August, Mr. Bodwell argued that clause 4 of the act of 1873 imposed upon the water commissioner an obligation to supply citizens, from the sources re-served for the city, with "a sufficient Mr. Taylor this afternoon The matter will again be taken up or Wednesday next.

In reply to Mr. Garden, Mr. Bodwell said the municipality could not get water from the Esquimalt company without laying pipes through the city. Councillor Oliver expressed the willdesiring only that it be given a rea-sonable supply at a reasonable price. The further steps in the negotiations last fall were recited, down to the ingness of Oak Bay to pay a rate which would include a reasonable amount for interest and sinking fund sending of an agreement executed by the city early in November, which the municipality rejected.

LARGE INCREASE

IN ORE SHIPMENTS

Week's Output of Boundary and Kootenay Mines Totalled 54.973 Tons.

Nelson, Feb. 16.-There is an increase shown in the ore shipments of the Kootenay and Boundary districts for the past week of over 10,000 tons, the total being 54,973 tons compared with 44,560 tons for the week ending February 6th. The smelter receipts were 52,675 as against 42,250 tons.

The chief event in mining circles during the week, outside of the increase in the shipments, was the taking over by James McMartin of the bond on the Kootenay Belle and Mother Lode groups in Sheep creek. This deal it is considered by mining men. marks a new era in the development of that

The following are the shipments for in the council from year's end to year's the past week and year to date in tens: Boundary.

5.233

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1	Total	46,141	177,51
1	Rossland.		
		Week.	
1	Le Roi No. 2	1,107	3,59
1	Le Roi No. 2, milled	260	1,30
1	Centre Star	2,307	11,72
1	Le Roi	1,351	4,31
	Other mines		9
	Total 4	5.025	21.02
1	Slocan-Kootenay.		
3	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.	Week.	Year
3	Queen, milled	420	2,31
	Granite-Poorman, milled	250	1,35
1	Whitewater Deep, milled	700	4,00
3	Kootenay Belle, milled		39
1	Second Relief, milled		80
	Nugget, milled	110	61
7777	Blue Bell, milled		5.00
	Blue Bell		54
	Rambler Cariboo	21	4
9	Emerald		21
	Reco		37
i	Silver Hustler	14	1
	Silver Cup	30	22
	Silver Glance	9	
	St. Eugene	408	1.97
	Richmond-Eureka	100	- 44
	Whitewater Deep	25	7
	Nugget	31	20
	Molly Gibson (Burnt Basin)		4
	True Fissure		11
	\$1000 PAGE STONE SANDERS SANDE	12000	(7) S. A. S. S. S.

Total 8,807 19,487 The total shipments for the past week were 54,973 tons and for the year to date

Other mines

The total smelter receipts from the various mines for the past week were 52,675 tons and for the year to date

LINER INVERIC

HAS STORMY TRIP

Continuous Gales on Voyage from Yokohama Which Delayed Steamer.

The steamer Inveric of the Bank

points raised by them. On June 18th a water supply.

In a feeted by the water, which mixed to the order, there had been a joint meeting of the After further discussion Mr. Taylor with the flour formed a pasty cover. A short ad letter asking for the supply of water ing Oak Bay and Saanich on the same der water with the exception of the a close with the National Anthe

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 17 .- Dr. Tes

PRINCIPLES OF ORANGE ORDER

PROMINENT OFFICERS ADDRESS MEETING

Interesting Figures Showing Growth of Organization.

A large crowd attended the public meeting in the A.O.U.W. hall Tuesday night held under the auspices of the are very much in earnest in their en-Frevincial Grand Lodge of British Co- deaver to have the government introlumbia to hear Rev. Mr. Madiil and duce legislation in their favor is made Grand Organizer J. W. Whiteley on the manifest by the presence of another reasons why the existence and prosper- large deputation in the city. This depuity of the Orange order is necessary to tation includes a number of the best the interests of Canada at the present known timber men in the province, juncture. The hall was decorated for such as C. F. Lindmark, of Revelstoke; the occasion, special attention having P. Lund, of Wardner; E. H. Heaps, of been given to the platform decorations. Vancouver; L. A. Lewis, of New On the platform with the chairman Westminster; H. S. McClinton, W. Grand Master McLaren were Past Ellis, Capt. Garland, R. H. Alexander, Grand Master T. Duke, Past Grand J. W. Hackett, all of Vancouver; A. D. Master Thos. Cunningham of New McRae, of Winnipeg; E. H. Bucklin, Westminster, Organizer E. A. Whiteley, Junior Deputy Master R. Fawcett. Past Master J. C. Sproule, E. C. Bagshaw, Master of L. O. L. 1426, Past Master Rev. Mr. Madill, Grand Chap-lain Rev. R. McIntyre, Deputy Grand Chaplain A. J. Brace and Rev. T. W. Gladstone

Rev. Mr. Madill commenced his address with a description of the rise of the Dutch Republic and the persecutions in the Netherlands. He said William of Orange had stood for religious liberty throughout the world not alone in Great Britain and Ireland. "What a priceless memory was his motto. England's liberties and the Protestant religion I will maintain." In the oath of Succession were now words William of Orange had placed there, which many would be glad to blot out if they could at the present moment. This however, the speaker thought could never be changed as long as the col onies and possessions remained true to the mother country. He recalled the declaration of the women, children and the men of Derry during the seige: "We will never surrender. Rather will we willingly and most willingly die. Referring to the Orange order he said

nineteen lodges had been organized in perhaps the most unlikely place in the world, Quebec. Orangeism at the present time was doing a great amount of work which the church was neglecting The Orangemen were in full sympathy with the missions, and were liberal contributors to the mission funds abroad. He pointed to what was con sidered a remarkable fact that Orangemen were taking great and promi parts in the work of the laymen mis sionary movement. Bigotry, he said was a false idea in connection with members of the Orange order. They were broad minded, open and fair in all their dealings, and the real trouble was their opponents had not given a proper examination to the principles upon which the order was fou through which its work had bee brought to the high standard it had now attained. The speaker concluded with the remark that Orangeism was merely Protestantism properly organized, and every Protestant should be nember of the order, which was a grea and liberty loving one.
R. W. P. O., J. W. Whiteley spoke of

the necessity of the order to Canada as a whole and the various provinces in particular, and said the order stood for loyalty to the Empire, which was one of its most distinct principles. He found, however, that great ignorance existed regarding the work. Many line, arrived on Wednesday from Yoko- thought that because the Roman York a few days ago from her latest hama, nearly 21 days out, after a Catholic church did not work so much tour which embraced Victoria. Interrough and stormy passage. Gales in the open as was formerly the case viewed by the World, of that city, the blew continuously almost all the time, blew continuously almost all the time, making the ship four days late. Nothing happened out of the ordinary, but longer existed. This was, however, an Hall, of this city, for whom she prophethe weather was the cause of all the error. The speaker dealt with the be- sied a great future. Miss Hall, during delay, Sometimes the wind blew from lief of the Roman Catholic church with the visit of Madame Nordica here, sans the southeast and sometimes from regard to political or temporal power before her, other directions, mostly southerly. De- and went on to show the temporal scribing the condition one of the offi- power is the only side that the order cers said that at times the ship would opposes. He quoted documentary evitake a plunge into the sea and the dence at length to support his statestern would be right out of water, ment. On the conditions in Quebec he voices. Miss Porter, of Grinnell, Ia., a with the propeller racing. Then she said that at the present time the girl of twenty, has a magnificent voice. would stop dead and as soon as she Roman Catholic church was a strong and the intelligence to direct it, which was again under way the same thing power there, comprising nine elevenths is quite as important as anything else. The propeller was of the whole population. He said the Miss Muriel Hall, of Victoria, is anracing nearly half the time.

The Inveric came very light, with \$,000 tons of cargo, about half of which respectively.

The Inveric came very light, with rights to Protestants as were given to the Roman Catholics in English speak.

N. Dak., has one of the finest tenor respectively. was rice but only about 2,000 tons ing provinces. He declared the Roman voices I ever heard, were discharged here, the vessel leav- Catholic church was endeavering to ing for Tacoma during the afternoon.

There were four Chinese passengers spread its influence to the western provinces. It was trying to compel the Idaho. She is only seven years aboard, but these were for the United government to give separate schools but she came to my car and played her States points. The ship is manned by and other special privileges. Through own compositions marvellously well. I The city was now, and always had been, willing to put Oak Bay on the same plane as citizens of Victoria with regard to statutory rights to a supply of water, but would protest against made a statutory obligation," added Mr. Bodwell.

"No," said Mr. Taylor, emphatically.

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cil by Hon. Dr. Young that minister stated that the conference showed the desirability that the city should make arrangements with Oak Bay and the B. C. Electric Railway, covering the points raised by them. On June 18th there had been a joint meeting of the minister of buy the Esquimalt company's works. Wished was helping himself to the flour and other cargo. One man said he had already been voiced in the vote on a referendum by-law, declaring that Sooke lake should be gone to for points raised by them. On June 18th there had been a joint meeting of the squimalt company's works. Wished was helping himself to the flour and other cargo. One man said he had enough flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples aged, only the outside of the bag belong affected by them. On June 18th there had been a joint meeting of the flour and other cargo. One man said he had enough flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples aged, only the outside of the bag belong affected by the water, which mixed to be flour and other cargo. One man said he had already been voiced in the vote on a referendum by-law, declaring to the flour and other cargo. One man said he had enough flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples aged, only the outside of the bag belong to find the gother continue for the floure should be some to find the flour and other cargo. One man said he had already been voiced in the vote on a referendum by-law, declaring the flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples and other cargo. One man said he had already been voiced in the vote on a referendum by-law, declaring the flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples and other cargo. One man said he had already been voiced in the vote on the flour the flour the flour to do him for several years to come. It was very little damples and other cargo. One man said he had already been a list of figures showing that the flour should be several years to com A short address was given by R. W.

Victoria and Oak Bay councils and said the city would not object to amend ling which protected the inside of the G. C., Mr. McIntyre and the chairman bags. The stern of the Adato was unwhen the proceedings were brought to

MACKENZIE-MANN SILVER MINES.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 16.-Mackenzie Mann's mining engineers report that silver deposits exist in paying quantities all the way from Cobalt to the head of Silver Islet, off Fort William. They have secured many claims and purpose working Mr. Taylor said the case as between comed everywhere, and also over the municipalities was a repudiation of the obligation. The also amendment made. They will draft dangerous, and his recovery is anticipated.

R. commission during its sittings in Nelformal success of their trips.

Going on to deal with Mr. Taylor's amendments necessary in different pated. them. That is one reason why the C. N.

INVASION BY THE TIMBERMEN

GOVERNMENT URGED TO TAKE ACTION

Given Influential Body Is New in City Seeking Legislation.

> (From Wednesday's Daily.) That the holders of timber licenses of New Westminster, as well as S. H. Bowman, W. S. Dwinnel and M. J. Scanlon, of Minneapolis.

> These gentlemen, with others locally interested in the lumber business, are urging the government to bring in legislation conferring on timber licens permanent titles renewable year by year as of right.

Osborne Plunkett, of Vancouver, has the legal end of the deputation's busi-

ness in hand. The timber men urge that the present twenty-one year licenses will lead to the ruthless slaughter of timber as, in order to get adequate return for the money they have invested, a general clean up of all the timber on their limits will be made before the leases

When a former deputation waited or the government last week Premier McBride promised that the whole question of timber licenses should be taken under serious consideration, but would not indicate just what line the legislation would take. He said, however, that Hon. Mr. Ful-

ton would bring down his programme within a week, and it is with a view to impressing the government with the urgent needs of the lumbering industry that the deputation is now here. It is expected that the government's programme will be outlined in regard

to timber licenses within the next few days. what the legislation is likely to be Many predict that the government will practically no change this sesmake sion, holding off for fear of offending some of the different branches of those

with the additions from day to day to the ranks of those representing the timber interests, the city has now the most influential body of timber men that has visited Victoria for a long time. A determined effort to bring the government into line with their views seems to have been determined upon

LOCAL VOCALIST PLEASED MME. NORDICA

The Famous Singer Predicts **Bright Future for Miss**

Muriel Hall.

Madame Nordica returned to New

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was little Alta Elma, of Boise City,

MAY READJUST FRUIT RATES.

Changes in Schedules Likely to Be Announced on March 1st.

Vancouver, Feb. 16.-It is hinted that railway and express companies at he meeting with the fruit people of Victoria on March 1st are prepared to the favorable settlement anticipated is effected the new tariff will be submitted for ratification to the railway WILL N INSU

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