tile to the railway com all in its interest, as the endeavors to make it ish to make this point as can make it. The raillerives no title from the ament, but what title it an act of parliament the parliament of Canada convey the land to the ny, the province has nothdo with it: but if on the rovince owns the coal unthis point, then the act ent of Canada conveyed r under the sea to the ny. That is, if Mr. Martin contention and estabcoal under the sea in Naelongs to the province, the ny will lose all its right which it claims. Thus construction of the facts it be contended that the e coal company is in the

company's contention is he 200 acres in front of its main on the shore. The er Coal Company went to 200 acres some years ago o it was decided in a suit by Committee of the Privy he Dominion owns the land ors, and immediately there ay company sought to precompany from trespassing hich it was advised was onveyed to it by the act above referred to. The ved in that suit is one of Is the land in question unharbor? If it is, it passed parliament to the railway ss something happened be was passed to vest it in If this land never be-Dominion but belongs to the railway company has tever to it.

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stituting the suit is to preon of the merits of the letduring the election camlo not know what Mr. Marnay have been in this remost distinctly say that discuss the action of the ent in issuing the letters ver we see fit, no matter uits may be pending. se to be deprived of ou freely concerning a matter blic interest because some e Attorney-General himself, titute a suit in which the volved.

the whole article of our we wish to add that the ayed by it towards Mr. wholly contemptible and alous. As a matter of fact dvertiser has laid itself open on for libel for stating that ent exists whereby Mr. to assist Mr. Martin in conf this suit being instituted. ts to a charge of conspiracy ibtedly a matter for which an may be preferred by-any one ggrieved by it.

from Ottawa, which we give is worth, says that parliament orogued about May 24, and elections be held about Oc-

papers by the headlines to one tches conveyed the impreshe South Pole had been locatspatch itself only said that Magnetic Pole had been locatis a great difference between ind the Magnetic Pole. The the north Magnetic Pole has for a long time. It is a long he North Pole.

nan be found anywhere who Mr. Yates can carry Victoria? ere an individual who believes can carry West Yale? any likelihood that Mr. Ryder

cted in Comox? will Mr. Curtis find a consti

ouver elect Mr. Martin? these questions over in your see how much of a cabinet n will have left when the elec

es speaks of "the ease with ppropriation was obtained for Victoria harbor." This is a ast. If the case was so plain not the appropriation made But it was not easy. The the people of this city to conat the hands of the governonly recognized after Colonel brought the matter to public on the floor of parliament over again. The appropriation was e after Mr. Tarte had written nt letter to the board of trade reason for not expending any

PALE WEAK GIRLS.

a pale, weak school girl, suffering effects of an exhausted nervous and thin, watery blood, has been tored to the vigor and buoyancy of ealth, by using Dr. A. W. Chase's bod. The healthful glow on the d the brightness in the eye tell of fing up process which is taking the body.

Result of United Effort.

Much Work for Hospital Accomplished by the Women's

The Women's Auxiliary Society of the Royal Jubilee Hospital held a lively meeting on Tuesday at the Driard hotel, when there were present Mrs. Rocke Robertson, in the chair, twenty members of the society, the secretary, and also Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, president of the board of directors, and Mr. Joshua Davies, chairman of the finance committee, who were there by invitation of the visiting committee, and were enthusiastically welcomed by the ladies.

After prayer and the minutes of the last meeting, which were read and adopted, the secretary's report for the month was called for and read as fol-

Madame President and Ladies: Since Madame President and Ladies: Since your last meeting work has been coming in slowly but satisfactorily. My only anxiety is over the completion of the necessary stock of night-shirts and night-dresses, which are not as much in demand as the other work. It is very essential, however, that we do make these, as those made by the ladies are much better and more durable than those bought ready made. I propose at those bought ready made. I propose at those bought ready made. I propose at the propos Madame President and Ladies: Since these, as those made by the ladies are much better and more durable than those bought ready made. I propose at thenext meeting to bring a supply of parcels, each containing material for three of these garments, and I would beg those of our members present to secure as many promises to undertake one of these consignments as possible. Of course I am only speaking now to those who have not already undertaken

such work.

The garden is progressing well, and we have to thank the following of our members and friends for kindly contributions towards it: Mrs. McInnes, Bishop and, Mrs. Cridge, Lady Crease, Mrs. Charles Vernon, Mrs. P. T. Johnson, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Le Poer Trench, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Lawrence Goodacre, the Invertavish Nursery and the Daughters of Pity. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Barrett. carpenter, who has made and installed flower shelves in the corridor windows, free of charge. The matron acknowledges four dozen table napkins received this month, cretonne for screens, and she notes that the red-bordered quilts ordered last autumn for the female ward have arrived, together with a quilt for the children's ward, worked by the younger King's Daughters at Cowichan. These quilts will be kept until the new beds for this ward are installed, when it will be found that the entire ward has been renovated by the efforts of this society and its friends. I must again point out that the canvass of the city for membership is not complete. Anyone willing to give a few days city for membership is not complete. Anyone willing to give a few days towards this work will be doing us a

towards this work will be doing us a great service.

According to your direction, preliminary arrangements have been completed for the dances to be held on the 19th and 20th instants in the Assembly rooms, Fort street, and tickets are on hand for distribution among our members, and are also on sale at Messrs. Redfern's, Challoner & Mitchell's, Hibben's and the Victoria Book & Stationery Co.'s. It will, I am sure, be unnecessary to ask that you will all help to make these dances a success. The tickets are reasonable, and the refreshnecessary to ask that you will all help to make these dances a success. The tickets are reasonable, and the refreshments are to be simple. All that we need is your time, goodwill and enthusiasm. Such an appeal has never yet been made to the Women's Auxiliary in vain. Respectfully submitted,

B. M. HASELL,

Secretary.

Secretary. The report of the visitors for the

provements if the preliminary needs were met in an unpretentious way. The president, Mr. Helmcken, spoke very kindly and encouragingly regarding the work of the women, and promised his help and support in all their endeavors, with one proviso, i. e., that the hospital must not get into debt, but must wait a sufficiently generous and spontaneous movement on the part of all its friends so that the present difficulties may be removed without incurring fresh ones.

Tick Mr. And Mrs. Rissiand left by the steamer Victorian for a tour of Lower California and on their return will make Victoria their home.

A Business Difficulty—D. R. Pottinger, the Yates street provision merchant, has assigned all his real and personal property to Arthur Brenchley, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. A meeting of the creditors has been called for Wednesday, April 18th.

(From Wednesday's Daily Colonist.) Victoria Clearing House.—The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending April 3 amounted to \$574,173.69 balances \$195,138.17.

Mrs. Burton the Winner.—In the first of the monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club, played at the Oak Bay links on Monday, Mrs. W. F's Burton proved victorious in a keenly contested match, with a most creditable score.

These reports being read and adopted.

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vements if the preliminary needs re met in an unpretentious way, a president, Mr. Helmcken, spoke California and on their return will make Mr. Mortin's

Monthly Meeting Held at the Driard on Tuesday

LOCAL NEWS

Auxiliary.

A Heavy Sentence.—In the police court yesterday morning before Magistrate Hall, Thomas Alex Murphy pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing his roommate of the sum of \$150 and was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment. A youth of tender age who had been remanded on the charge of theft, was dishapped by the Liberals. manded on the charge of theft, was dis-charged with a caution. Sing Wo, for an infraction of the health by-law was an infraction of the health by-law was fined \$5. Wing Chung Lung up for the same offence was remanded.

Improved Telegraphic Service.—Mr. J. Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. Telegraphs for the Western division, has just returned to Vancouver from a trip through Rossland, Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon and New Denver, which was undertaken to look over the arrange. Sandon and New Denver, which was andertaken to look over the arrangements for the new line about to be installed from Vancouver to those points. The new line will give a more direct service between the points mentioned. It

The property of the vision for the Secretary of the Secreta

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council Decide to Bring Out a Candidate.

Mr. Joseph Martin, premier of British Columbia by the will of Lieutenant-

CHAFF VS. FACTS.

Sir: There are all kinds of people in the world. Some like one thing, some another. One epicure revels in sausages, another pins his gastronomic faith to mutton chops, a third dotes on beef-steak and onions. So with ripe scholars. Some affect Greek, others adopt the Sanscrit. I knew one Oxford graduate who accepted the Chinook jargon, and now we have our own Perry Mills quoting the classics and paralyzing your readers with a language that is dead and gone. Why cannot he stick to his mother tongue? It is much more elegant and possesses the additional nerit that all who can read one wide.

Sir: I see by your paper there are still in political Leonides of British Columbia and the man of the hour. That he as premier will not allow the affairs of this province to be administered by or for the benefit of corporations or a class, but that the voice and will of the people shall now prevail. The Hon, Joheph Martin is still in possession—beati possidentis! To the men suffering from weakness in the back I humorously present them with a little starch to stiffen the vertebrae.

S. PERRY MILLS.

JUST A LITTLE LATE.

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S. PERRY MILLS.

All the people dead who wrote it.
All the people dead who spoke it.
All the people die who learn it.
Blessed death! They surely earn it.

Mr. Mills' letter in this morning's issue affords a good example of the incomprehensible. When he speaks of comprehensible. When he speaks of wobblers he is understood, for having himself wobbled from the Conservative to the Liberal fold in the short space of

one younger is preferred to thee."

To Mr. Higgins I would further say that if he is desirous of seeing the province advance in prosperity, and in the future of obtaining power or office—a legitimate ambition—the sooner he discontinues writing letters to the press containing such prejudicial statements about the affairs of this province the better for himself. I would

Letters to The Editor suggest that he should not be immoderate in his desfres, or language. What the people require at the present time is not a woobler but a leader with a strong personality, and I think that in the Hon, Joseph

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to his mother tongue? It is much more elegant and possesses the additional merit that all who can read can understand it. I commend to his attention these lines on Latin:

Sir: I see by your paper there are still two vacancies in the cabinet of the Hon.

Joe Martin, I would respectfully call your attention to an old-time resident of Conglehan who after forty years' experience. Cowichan who after forty years' experience in farming, etc., ought to be equally fitted for either vacancy. He has one recommen-dation which might find favor in the eyes of Hon. Joe-that of being just a little

COWICHAN.

IS RELIEF AT HAND?

Over Japan.

Russian Movements in Korea All Point to Early Hostilities.

Both Sides Assembling Forces and Tension Daily Becoming Greater.

According to advices by the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Japan just arrived at William Head Quarantine from rived at William Head Quarantine from the Orient, there is no longer any attempt in Japan to ignore the belief in the imminence of war with Russia, nor that preparations for the struggle on both sides are advanced. Russia has practically assumed control in Korea by methods peculiarly Russian; she is now hurrying her troops and warships to the scene of future action; and when the long threatening cloud does burst, it will find her well prepared. Japan's statesmen realize with reluctance the inevitable; they say that—and the conservative And the second control of the contro

the mine, the peninsula government being forced to order a company of soldiers from the Tiang Yang garrison to

It is Incontrovertible!

The Editor of the "Christian Million. under the heading of General Notes, on August 20, 1896, wrote:—

"A good article will stand upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will continue long which does not, in a more or less degree, harmonize with the state-ments which are published concerning it."

Mr. Hall Caine, Author of "The Deemster," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently, said :
"When a thing that is advertised greatly is good it goes and goes permanently; when it is bad, it only goes for a while: the public finds it out."

The Proprietor of BEECHAM'S PILLS

has said over and over again:

"It is a fallacy to imagine that anything will sell just because it is advertised. How many nostrums have been started with glare and snuffed out in gloon? The fact is, a man is not easily guiled a second time; and every disastisfied purchaser does ten times more harm than one satisfied does good. Assuredly the sale of more than 6,000,000 boxes of BEECHAM'S PILLS per annum, after a public trial of half-scentury, is conclusive testimony of their popularity, superiority and proverbial worth."

Beecham's Fills have for many rears been the popular thanly medicine whorever the English language is spoken. at all drug stores.

BORN. MOORE—On the 2nd inst., the wife of R. L. Moore, of a son. O'LEARY—In this city, on the 27th instant, to the wife of H. J. O'Leary, a son.

MARRIED. RISSLAND-POWELL-On the 4th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. J. D. P. Knox, Miss Celia Gertrude, youngest daughter of ex-Alderman George Powell, to Mr. Herrmann F. L. Rissland, of London, England, and the Naval Yard, Esquimalt.

DIED. SMITH—At the Good Samaritan Hospital,
Dawson City, on March 18th, Andrew
Johnstone Wolsey Smith, of pneumonia;
aged 24 years, Deceased was a native
of Victoria.
CHESTER—On March 31st, at his residence, Herald street, Samuel Chester,
aged 64 years, and a native of Kent
Co., England.
HARRIS—On March 31st, at the Royal

HARRIS—On March 31st, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Frederick Harris, aged 19 years; a native of Cobourg,