From THE DAILY COLONIST, Nov. 20.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

The Date Fixed.

The concert in aid of St. Barnabas church, postponed from Thanksgiving Day, will be given on Wednesday, the 26th inst., when the ordinary concert programme will be varied by a lecture on phrenology by Mr. J. H. Sutton, the local exponent of the science of bumps.

The Zambesi-Dutard Collision.

As the steamer Zambesi of the Upton line is expected back from China and Japan on the first proximo, an application will be made to have the trial resulting from the collision with the Fanny Dutard fixed for the 5th or 8th day of December. The documents in the case are now being prepared.

New Episcopal Church.

The contract has just been let to Parker & Phillips, for a new Episcopal church at Northfield. The new building is to seat about 300 people. The church at Wellington, being built by the same contractors, is rapidly approaching completion. It will be ready for occupation in January.

To Practice Medicine.

The ranks of Victoria's doctors have been recently swelled by the arrival of well known physicians from other parts, the latest of whom to open an office is Mr. Roderick L. Fraser, M.D., who was for five years a teacher in Saanich. Dr. Fraser is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and was resident physician at the Howard hospital, Philadelphia, for some months.

Victoria's Pioneers.

The annual general meeting of the British Columbia Pioneer society will be held on the evening of December 2nd, and the reunion and banquet is announced for the following Saturday night, at the Delmonico. The Pioneers have added to the attractions of their hall the mineral cabinet of the late Mr John Kurtz, who, could he express his wish, would like to see it nowhere else.

Gray vs. McCallum.

In the Divisional Court, yesterday, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Crease on the bench, a motion was heard for a new trial in the case of Gray vs. McCallum, Mr. F. G. Walker appearing for Gray, and Mr. Irving (Bodwell & Irving) for McCallum. The ground on which the applications were based was misdirection to the jury. Their lordships reserved their decision.

Sold to New Yorkers.

The valuable property of the Lillooet Hydraulic Mining Co., situated about a mile and a quarter from the town of Lillooet, on the Fraser river, was sold, yesterday, to New York capitalists for a sum in the near neighborhood of $300,000, and the papers are to be at once forwarded to New York, through the Bank of Montreal. The company selling is composed of residents of New Westminster, and Mr. W. Tietjen was its secretary.

Poultry, Dogs and Pet Stock.

At the meeting of the Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association, to be held in Messrs. Crane, McGregor & Boggs' officer, to-night, definite arrangements for the forthcoming exhibition will be made. Mr. John D. Mercer, lately of Los Angeles, and now superintendent of the Seattle exhibition, and well-known to poultry fanciers on the Coast, is in the city and will meet those who attend the meeting, by investigation. He will be able to give the members some valuable pointers.

Cedar Hill Sale of Work.

The Ladies' Aid of the Rev. D. MacRae's charge at Cedar Hill realized at their recent sale of work the handsome sum of over $200, which will form the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a church at Cedar Hill at an early date. In the account of the ladies' efforts, which appeared in a previous issue, among the names of those who contributed so much to the successful results, those of Mrs. R. MacRae, the president, and Miss McDonald, of Twin Oak, and Mrs. Thistle, of Cadboro Bay road, were inadvertently omitted.

The Salmon Fleet

The British bark City of Carlisle is now daily due with a full general cargo for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., and is under charter to Robert Ward & Co., outward, with salmon. She will be the last of the salmon fleet loading at Victoria this year, her predecessors with similar cargos from this port being the Serica, Callao, Lebu and Wanlock. The Titania will load her homeward cargo on the mainland, and it is not unlikely will shortly go out of the Hudson's Bay Co.'s service, in which she has been so long, the company finding that the bottom has dropped out of shipping.

The Chinese Boodler.

The Chinaman, Wong Yuen, now in custody on a charge of embezzlement, yesterday, renewed his efforts to get clear of the city and the police officers. Legal skill was brought to bear in the endeavor, and was also the wealth of the prominent Chinatown merchants, but to no avail. It was argued that the man was illegally contained, whereupon Chief Sheppard secured a bench warrant for the detention. Wong is still in custody, and, to-day, a police officer from San Francisco is expected, when extradition proceedings will be instituted. The local Chinese are taking great interest in the case, although 'tis "me no sabbee" when they are approached on the subject.

Awaiting Examination.

Dr. Helmcken, medical officer of the provincial jail, yesterday, examined Joseph Bayley, with the object of pronouncing on his sanity or otherwise. Bayley is a prisoner in the jail on remand, and had been drinking very heavily prior to his arrest—his condition in fact bordering on delirium tremens. The doctor did not, yesterday, consider the man in such a condition of mind or body as would justify him in pronouncing upon the case, and he accordingly deferred giving a certificate for a week, during which time a close watch will be kept on the movements of the man. The police court case, in which he is defendant, is accordingly remanded for eight days.

From Penticton.

Mr. Thomas Ellis, Penticton, has been in town for the past couple of days. He is still slightly lame from the effects of his recent accident, and says that all the other members of the family are fast approaching complete recovery. Mr. Ellis reports everything doing well in the interior. When leaving for Victoria a heavy frost had set in, and in the Thompson, at Kamloops, quantities of ice were floating about. He did not believe, however, that winter weather had set in—it was but the first cold snap of the season. The ranges, as a rule, are well eaten down, but there was nothing to fear for the winter, as there was plenty of fodder on hand. So mild was last winter that on several of the ranges the season's hay had not been touched. Even should this year not be above the average in point of mildness, the reserve supply would be adequate in most instances. "I know as much as most of them about weather," said Mr. Ellis, "and I don't believe, from present indications, that we will have a bad winter."

It Was a Forgery.

A check for $25, presented by a female resident of Broad street, and bearing the signature of a young man in business, was presented at one of the city banks, yesterday, and refused payment, the teller detecting that it was a forgery. The case is being looked into.

No Inquest Necessary.

The circumstances surrounding the death of the Chinaman found dead in his bed on Belleville street, on Tuesday night, possessing no element of mystery, the coroner yesterday decided that no inquest was necessary, and the body was handed over to the friends of the deceased for interment upon their securing a burial certificate.

A Post Card from Heaven.

A post card, bearing American cancellation marks, and addressed, "Care of the Mayor of Victoria, British Columbia, N.A.," was read at the City Council, last night, as follows:

"A.D., 1891, Egra 11, 11, 10.

"Your city bears the name of a woman I hold in very high esteem—a woman who would never turn a poor leper out of doors. I curse the city of Victoria and I will destroy it.

"HEAVEN."

From Chili Direct.

The British ship Athlone, Capt. Dexter, arrived in Royal Roads, yesterday morning, direct from Iquiqui, and 40 days out. She is seeking, and expects to load lumber or wheat for the South. When she left Iquiqui, the harbor was full of shipping unable to carry out their charters to load nitrates owing to the excessive duties imposed, and which have ruined the nitrate trade. Order has been restored in Chili, but the country is bankrupt and war prices still rule. When the Athlone sailed, beef was quoted at $40 a barrel, and flour at $18 per hundred-weight.

Held for Trial.

Police Magistrate Belyea, yesterday morning, returned for trial at the assizes the notorious Marie Bouttiere, Mary Branton or Lottie Hastings, upon the charge of stealing a couple of watches, several rings and a quantity of clothing from two inmates of her house on Broad street. The bail was fixed at $1,500. It will be remembered that a short time ago this woman charged two girls living with her with stealing $100 from her trunk. The information was dismissed by the magistrate, and, it is alleged, that the prosecutrix then seized the property of the girls in her house, pawned it and appropriated the proceeds. An offer to deposit cash bail was not accepted.

Mr. Shakespeare's Lecture.

Last night the handsome school room of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church was crowded with a large audience, assembled to hear Mr. Shakespeare's lecture on "The Lives of Christ and Joseph, and the Stately Homes of England." The lecturer, who illustrated his words profusely with beautiful stereopticon views, was listened to throughout with marked attention, and, at the conclusion of the entertainment, was warmly thanked and loudly applauded. Several times during the progress of the lecture Sankey's hymns were heartily sung by everybody present, the whole proceedings being most informal, and, as a natural result, delightful.

He Gets There Just the Same.

The few sightseers who witnessed the departure of the Empress of Japan from the Outer Wharf, yesterday morning, were treated to as lively an exhibition of the fistic art as has been given here in many months. The participants were two Chinamen, both of the better class. One was going home on a visit, and, just as he was about to board the tender, the other appeared with the Sheriff and a capias. The Maude left the wharf one Chinaman short, and the would-be tourist, enraged, turned upon his creditor, and for a few minutes the air was filled with pigtails and Mongolian expletives. The efforts of the Sheriff finally brought peace, and with a small tow boat, Chinaman No. 1 managed to catch the big liner, remarking as he did so, "Heap d——n smart."

Mr. and Mrs. Allice.

The home of Mr. Thomas H. Glaholm, Nanaimo, was the scene of the second wedding celebrated within its walls during the month, at 9:30 yesterday morning, when Rev. P. McF. Macleod, of St. Andrews Presbyterian church, made Mr. Glaholm's niece, Miss Jane Johns, the bride of Mr. Thomas H. Allice, of the firm of Lowe & Allice, Wharf street. Although only relatives were present, they alone formed a merry company full fifty strong, and their good wishes, as well as the congratulations of all who know bride or groom, follow them upon their wedding journey. The ceremony was performed in the main drawing room, which had been tastefully decorated with hot-house flowers, and the bride was attended by her sisters, the Misses Johns, Mr. C. P. Lowe, supporting his partner. After the wedding breakfast the bridal party took train for Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Allice leave for California this morning by direct steamer, returning overland in about three weeks.

Jumped Into the Sea.

Constable Cameron, of the city police force, left Victoria on the Yosemite, on Wednesday morning, for New Westminster, taking with him the lunatic Icelander, Thurston Swanston, who had been consigned to the asylum at that place. Swanston, who was not under any restraint when the steamer left, seemed very quite and contented, passing away the time by strolling up and down the deck with his guard or sitting in the deck chairs gazing at the scenery. All went well until the Yosemite reached Ten Mile Point, when Cameron suddenly became aware that his captive was not visible. Hastily running to the starboard side of the steamer, he was just in time to see Swanston take a flying leap overboard, striking the water on his side and at once disappearing under the waves. The alarm was immediately given, and though the vessel was making a good thirteen knots she managed to turn very quickly and get back to where the man had gone under. Then to the astonishment of all on board it was seen that he was swimming a splendid easy stroke towards them, utterly unconcerned about his unenviable position, and calling out lustily that he was quite comfortable. It took half a minute to lower a boat, and Chief Officer Langley with four deck hands soon succeeded in reaching the demented man, who was quickly hauled aboard and rowed back to the steamer. On deck once more, the captain ordered Swanston a hot bath and warm drink, and he was soon all right. No further mishap occurred, and when Westminster was reached he was placed in safe hands at the asylum. Constable. Cameron returned last night.

J. F. Watson, of Portland, is at the Driard.

SCHOOL TROUBLES.

Again Discussed at the City Council and Referred For Legal Opinion.

A Long Session, and an Adjournment Until Tuesday Evening Next, to Finish Business.

Accident From Electric Wires—Lawyer's Letter to the Council—The Blasting Nuisance.

There was a quorum, last night, of the City Council, the adjournment of the previous night having had the effect of bringing the members to time. The Mayor presided, and there were also present Ald. Smith, Coughlan, McKillican, Munn, Robertson, Holland, Renouf.

The Board of School Trustees was represented by Messrs. Hayward, Morrow, McConnan, and McLaughlan.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was read from E. G. Prior calling attention to a dangerous hole in the foot path on Pembroke street.—Referred to Street committee.

From Joseph Phœnix calling attention to the nuisance of blasting being carried on day and night on Store street. It was bad enough to be in danger all day, but when the blasting was carried on in the night it became intolerable.—Referred to Sewer committee.

From A. & W. Wilson calling attention to a breach in the fire limit by-law on Broad street. It was alleged that what was called a "bow window" had been constructed of wood on a fire-proof building. The bay-window or verandah projected out over the street some feet, and ran the whole width of the building. The projection was within a few yards of Mr. Wilson's premises.

Several members of the Council, who had seen the building complained of, condemned it strongly.

Referred to Fire Wardens, Building Inspector and City Barristers.

Dr. Bredemeyer wrote from Vancouver, stating that he had lost over $4,000 since his advent to B.C., and was now completely broke. If not assisted, he would be thrown penniless on the world—perhaps a pauper on the charity of the United States. As a means of averting this calamity, he suggested that the Council should buy his collection of B. C. minerals—888 samples in all—which he would part with for $600. Referred to Finance committee for report.

An explanatory letter from Chairman Hayward (which has already appeared in the columns of the COLONIST) was read, as was also the following reply thereto from Trustees Richards, McLaughlin and Morrow. Both communications were laid on the table:

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of Victoria.

GENTLEMEN,—That Mr. Hayward should find it necessary to address you by letter on the 13th inst., necessitates a reply from us, which we hope you will have the goodness to accept. We regret that we are constrained to bring this unpleasant matter to your notice. The importance of the trust you reposed in us, and our inability to deal with Chairman Hayward without your assistance, is our apology. If you find, as we have no doubt you will, that the Chairman of the School Board has violated the very principles on which in his letter he invokes your support, and that he has disregarded the tenets by which the chairman of a public body should be governed, then on him only rests the responsibility.

1st. The chairman denies our allegation that he instructed the principal of the Boys' school to defer carrying out the wishes of the Board. A glance at his letter to Mr. Netherby, with the "serious and inevitable interruptions" alluded to by him, shows that he meant his letter should be received as an order; and that Mr. Netherby did so receive it is evident from the fact that he did defer carrying out the wishes of the Board. Why did the chairman not call a meeting before giving those orders? He cannot plead ignorance. The resolution on our minutes empowering him to call a meeting; his long familiarity with the duties of chairman; the secretary's reminder to him to call a meeting to discuss the letter of the Council of Public Instruction on the date of its receipt; and the fact that the secretary, while on his way to the school with the chairman's message, met two members of the Board, to whom he did not communicate his message, all preclude the plea of ignorance. The chairman's denial, then, does not alter the fact contained in our allegation.

2nd. Mr. Hayward "denies emphatically" that he instructed the secretary to name certain individuals as guilty of truancy, &c., contrary to the resolution, and he states, "that letter is not mine, nor does it purport to be from me, nor did I instruct the secretary to write it." What he here "emphatically denies" he admitted before you on the 9th inst. The letter to which we now reply also admits our allegation.

Referring to this truancy it states: "I felt justified in giving to the secretary . . the details in order that the clearly expressed views of the Board might have effect." Now here is a chairman, according to his own showing, conferring with the secretary, and each in his official capacity discussing a resolution of the Board, and devising the means for bringing the Board's "clearly expressed views" before the Superintendent, and yet the chairman "emphatically denies" what he actually here asserts, and he disclaims all responsibility for the very transaction, which, as executive head of the Board, he was considering. In connection with this letter, it is conspicuous that the chairman avoids stating that the secretary's letter also contained a serious charge against a teacher contrary to resolution.

3rd. "Your petitioners say that by my casting vote, the resolution of the 21st October was cancelled"—and here he affects to believe that we would deny him the right to vote as his "conscience dictated." That the chairman has an undoubted right to vote according to his convictions was never denied by us. A charge against him is in effect that he prevented our voting on the letter of the Council of Public Instruction until after he had decided for us. His three reasons for voting he is "now pleased at the opportunity of giving," and then "he feels bound," he declares, "to say that if these reasons do not meet with your approval," he regrets that your views and his "so hopelessly differ" that he can not longer remain your nominee.

Let us examine these reasons:

Reason 1. "Because two monitors were given to us for certain definite purposes, etc." This does not state the proposition fairly or according to the actual facts, as the full transactions in our minutes, beginning with the report of the Committee, will clearly show. There was, therefore, no "breach of agreement" on the part of the Board, but the appointment of monitor teachers on the part of any other body was in direct violation of the Statute, Sections 33 and 50.

Reason 2. "Because the instructions to Mr. Netherby involved charges unjust to the teachers and detrimental to the pupils." We ask whether it is more unjust to the teachers to promote them regularly from the 8th to the 4th division, than to place a monitor in the 4th division over the heads of regular teachers? Thd teachers themselves were first to complain of the injustice done them by the chairman's arrangement. The pupils in after time will complain of the "detriment" done them when, after furnishing qualified teachers for their instruction till their arrival at the 4th divison, they were "promoted to the care of a monitor."

Reason 3. "Because the efforts of the Trustees to meddle with the internal arrangement was contrary to law and a stultification of our resolutions of the 1st of September and the 21st of October." The resolution of the 1st of September, referring to the grading of the High School, and having no connection with the question at issue, will probably not be accepted by you in evidence. On the 21st of October we "acknowledge the force of Section 8, Subsection 5," and to-day we acknowledge all the force of that Section, but that acknowledgment in no way compromises all we now claim under Sections 33 and 50 of the Act.

The chairman's three reasons, are no doubt, valid to him and meet with his approval. We complain not of his reasons, but that he did not give us an opportunity to use our reason before he decided for us, and that he, contrary to the rules of all deliberative bodies, misused his position to subvert the resolutions of the Board. We respectfully submit: What dignity or usefulness remains for the Board if it permits its chairman to override its decisions?

We have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Yours very truly,

F. G. RICHARDS, JR.,
J. H. MACLAUGHLIN,
D. W. MORROW.

Victoria, B.C., Nov. 18, 1891.

A letter was read from Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, asking what action the Council intended to take in the case of Luke Wagner, who was now in hospital, suffering from an accident sustained by him at the corner of Superior street and Bird Cage Walk, by reason of the falling of one of the electric wires.

ALD. ROBERTSON asked for information on the point.

ALD. SMITH explained that the accident occurred on the occasion on which Bryce's horse was killed. Wagner went to the assistance of Bryce, and sustained the injury complained of.

ALD. MCKILLICAN said that there was no doubt that the accident was attributable to the trancar wires. There should be guard wires to protect the lives and property of the people.

ALD. HOLLAND moved that the communication be referred to the Fire Wardens and the City Electrician. Agreed to.

Messrs. Clearihue and Phillips wrote, stating that they could not carry out the order of the Council calling upon them to remove the fence at the gravel pits, Spring Ridge. Referred to City Surveyor and City Barristers.

Gilbert Clayton East wrote, asking that his claim for $50, for extra services, be reconsidered.

ALD. MCKILLICAN explained that the Hall committee had given Mr. East's application every consideration, and were satisfied that he had been amply rewarded for his services.

A claim for $80 was received for rent of the weighing machine from the deputy commissioner of lands and works. This covered a period of eight years.

Several of the aldermen expressed their surprise at learning that the scales were not city property.

The bill was referred to the Finance committee, with instructions to pay it if found correct.

The residents of Third street petitioned for a box drain on that thoroughfare, between Bay and King streets. Referred to Street committee, with power to act.

A by-law for the appointment of three sewerage commissioners was read a first time and passed.

An official report was received from Vancouver as to the disposal of lepers in this province, the particulars of which have already appeared in the COLONIST.

On motion of Ald. Renouf, it was decided to defer the consideration of the loan by-laws for a special meeting, to be held on Tuesday evening.

The Street committee presented a report. In reference to the sidewalk called for at Oak Bay, or Fourth street, it was recommended that it be allowed to stand over for the incoming Board; that the Hillside avenue sidewalk would be proceeded with; that the Pandora street sidewalk is now in the hands of the contractor; that P. T. Johnson had received permission to plant the shade trees complained of; that the sidewalk asked for on Government street to the Fountain be not laid; that the sidewalk asked for on Fernwood road, being on private property, be not undertaken; that the subject of the widening of Chatham street, Spring Ridge, be referred to arbitration; that Mr. McCandless's application for compensation for alleged injury to his property on Saanich road be not acceded to, the previous owner of the property being bound to hold the corporation blameless.

The report was adopted.

The sanitary committee reported in favor of the adoption of the crematory system now in operation in Vancouver—the Engle crematory. A committee had inspected the working of the plant, and were so favorably impressed with it that they recommended its adoption here.

THE SCHOOL TROUBLES.

The Council went into committee of the whole on school troubles, with the Mayor in the chair.

ALD. ROBERTSON—All we have to consider is whether Mr. Haywood exceeded his duty. If he did, let us dismiss him and be done with it.

The correspondence on the subject, which has already been published, was read over once again.

ALD. RENOUF—The alternative presented to us in this letter is to elect a new chairman or appoint other trustees.

ALD. HOLLAND asked if the opinion of the City Barristers had been obtained.

THE MAYOR replied in the negative. The City Barristers wanted a case stated to them.

ALD. ROBERTSON—Then there is no use of us trying to settle it here.

THE MAYOR suggested that the City Barristers might be asked to interpret the School Act and give an opinion as to whether the school trustees had any control over the internal arrangements of the schools.

ALD. SMITH—It is alleged that Mr. Hayward exceeded his duty. Can't we ask whether or not he did so?

THE MAYOR pointed out that unless some binding opinion were had on the point there would be trouble in the board. If Mr. Hayward, as no doubt he would, still held to his opinion as expressed by him, he would continue to act on the same lines. If the other trustees were equally satisfied as to the justice of their action, they would continue to act on the same lines. Here would be the trouble. Whoever was wrong would either confess the error or retire from the Board. It was evident that they could not work harmoniously, each having different opinions, and each being convinced as to the correctness of his own action.

ALD. MUNN favored the proposal of having legal advice.

THE MAYOR without in the least wishing to disparage the city barristers, or to reflect upon them, suggested that they might be authorized to get the opinion of Hon. Mr. Richards on the point.

Several suggestions were made as to how the question should be submitted.

THE MAYOR asked Chairman Hayward if he would confer with the other Trustees and draft the questions for legal advice.

CHAIRMAN HAYWARD said he had handed in a very concise statement of the case, by which he was prepared to abide.

TRUSTEE MCLAUGHLAN argued that there was no legal point involved. The Board of Trustees did not claim full control over the internal management of the school, but they did object to being overruled by Chairman Hayward.

TRUSTEE HAYWARD hoped that a legal opinion would be obtained. If he had done wrong, he would at once retire. He pointed out that Trustee McLaughlan had seen the letter from the Superintendent of Education before it was sent to Mr. Netherby.

ALD. MUNN asked if the School Board had the power to enforce their original resolution after the receipt of the letter from the Superintendent of Education.

MR. MCLAUGHLAN undertook to answer the question in the affirmative.

A long discussion ensued, during which the whole ground already gone over was retraced. For a time the trustees alternately held the floor, and in turn the Aldermen warmed up to the discussion. During the debate, which was wearisome in the extreme, several suggestions were made that supper be provided, beds furnished, and other accommodation supplied.

To bring the matter to a close, Alderman Renouf suggested that each member of the Council give an opinion briefly on the different points. His opinion was that Mr. Hayward had not exceeded his duty.

Again the discussion was started from this keynote.

ALD. SMITH ultimately expressed his opinion that Mr. Hayward had exceeded his duty.

ALD. MUNN then moved, seconded by Ald. Robertson, that a legal opinion be asked on the following points: Have the trustees control over the internal working of public schools, according to the wording of the Public School Act," and "from the evidence submitted in the accompanying documents (those above alluded to) has the chairman exceeded his duty?"

ALD. RENOUF moved that the last clause be struck out.

The amendment was lost.

ALD. RENOUF—we are simply referring to the city barristers a question which it would seem we have not backbone enough ourselves to decide.

ALD. HOLLAND—Those three trustees came here asking us to pass a vote of censure on the chairman.

ALD. COUGHLAN became indignant at the "backbone" reference, and assured Ald. Renouf that one side of the house had as much backbone as the other.

The committee rose and reported the resolution, after which the meeting broke up at 11:45.

A GOOD NIGHT'S WORK.

Thieves Break In and Steal in Four Different Places in One Evening.

On Wednesday night, no less than four different robberies were reported in this city. The first and biggest was perpetrated at the King's Head saloon, after closing hours, and the proprietor reported to the police the loss of a large number of valuable miscellaneous articles, including some jewelry and cash.

The second robbery was reported from Mr. William Jordan's store, on Store street. From this place several pieces of underclothing and cloth, with several blankets, were taken by the thieves, who broke in through a back window.

A carpenter, living in Maynard's cabins, reported the loss of a silver watch and a purse containing $25. He believes that he was robbed at the Club theatre by some pick-pockets in the crowd.

Several men living in cabins at the old agricultural grounds, on returning home from work, on Wednesday night, found that their little homes had been gone through systematically by thieves, who had taken everything of value that they could lay their hands on.

In no case has any clue been discovered as to the identity of the robbers.

"Gazette" Announcements.

Application of E. H. Post, John Reid and J. G. Scott for incorporation as the Pacific Coast Lumber company, limited liability; capital stock $100,000, in $100 shares; chief place of business, New Westminster.

Samuel Sinclair Manson, of the city of New Westminster, merchant tailor, on the 16th day of November, 1891, assigned all his real and personal estate, except as therein mentioned, to A. Morrison, of the said city of New Westminster, barrister, for the benefit of his creditors.

The reservation placed on Crown lands situated within belts extending back two miles from and parallel with the sinuosities of the shore lines of the north and south shores, respectively, of the West Arm of Kootenay lake and of Kootenay river, lying between the main Kootenay lake and the Columbia river, notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 12th December, 1889, has been cancelled, and the lands will be thrown open to sale and settlement under the provisions of the "Land Act."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE OAR.

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—A double scull race, three miles with a turn, to be decided during the latter part of next May or the beginning of June, has been arranged between John Teemer and George H. Hosmer, and Wm. O'Conner and Edward Hanlan. The stakes are to be $1,000 a side and the race is to be rowed at some place yet to be decided.

FOOTBALL.

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—A cable despatch from London says that the Canadian-American footballers, who played against Ipswich, yesterday, pressed the home team all through, and put the ball fairly through the Ipswich goal three times, but the referee disallowed two of the goals. Ipswich scored twice. When the game ended the score stood—Ipswich, two; Canada, one.

Geo. A. Boyden, of New York, is a guest at the Driard.

A PLAN ADOPTED

For the New Board of Trade Building—Mr. A. M. Muir the Architect.

Mr Hooper's Design Takes Second Place—A Beet Sugar Factory and Distillery.

Pictures, perspectives and plans of handsome buildings adorned the walls and littered the tables of the Board of Trade room, yesterday, when the Council met to receive the report of the Building committee, and dispose of any other business which might have accumulated since the last regular meeting.

The importance of the principal item on the programme made the attendance all that could be desired. There were present: Mr. T. B. Hall, in the chair, Joshua Davies, A. B. Gray, C. E. Renouf, Robert Ward, D. R. Ker, J. H. Todd, W. H. Ellis and W. F. Bullen; the absentees included Vice-President Flumerfelt, Thomas Earle, M. P.; M. T. Johnston, George Byrnes, H. F. Heisterman, Gus. Leiser, E. A. McQuade and Thomas R. Smith.

The president reported verbally the results of interviews had by the committees of the Board with the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway company, and with the C. P. N. company. The business transacted at these interviews has already been reported in the COLONIST, and, on motion, the committees were discharged, with thanks.

The Building committee's report was next dealt with. It recommended the adoption of the plan for a new Board of Trade building submitted by Mr. A. Maxwell Muir, and marked "Win or Bust" (in Greek). The design of Mr. Thomas Hooper (Spero) was accorded second place, with the $100 prize, his unique perspective being much admired. The successful architect has provided for a handsome three story building, with basement, with an attractive front and graceful tower, ornamented but not over trimmed. It is in the interior arrangement that Mr. Muir has surpassed all other competitors for the prize. He has utilized every inch of space well, and provides a building which should pay handsomely from the time it is completed. The members of the council, as business men, realized the advantages of Mr. Muir's plan, and unanimously endorsed the report of the committee. The eight unsuccessful plans, each of which bears the marks of unmistakable merit and good originality, will be returned to their authors, and a special general meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, December 1st, to further consider the building matter and other important business.

William Scott addressed a letter to the Board from Rosa, Northwest Provinces of India, enquiring if there is an opening in Victoria for a beet sugar factory, and a distillery operated in connection. The matter was referred to the standing committee on manufactures.

The Commercial Club of Tacoma again wrote to thank the Board for attending the late Industrial Exposition in the City of Destiny. This time the letter was received and filed.

Chairmen of Standing committees were named as follows: Mining and property, William Wilson; fisheries, Robert Ward; and manufactures, W. F. Bullen. Other chairmen will soon be appointed for the remainder of the Standing committees.

Concluding the business of the day was the presentation by Mr. Robert Ward and Ald. C. E. Renouf, of the appended resolution, which passed unanimously:—

"Resolved, That communications be addressed to the representatives of the city in Parliament, asking them to communicate with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and enquire from the Department what steps, if any, have been taken to carry out the recommendations of the Board, and the promise of the Department for the appointment of a commission to examine and report on the working of the salmon fisheries of the province with a view of establishing regulations for the governing thereof upon a permanent and more satisfactory basis."

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Northern Pacific Dividend Declared—N. Y. Stock Market Dull—Grain Weak at Chicago.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Money loaned at easy rates, closing at 3½. The highest rate was 4, and the lowest 3. Exchange steady; posted rates 4.81½ @ 4.85; actual rates 4.80½ @ 4.80¾ for sixty days, and 4.83¾@4.84 for demand. Governments steady, currency 111 bid, fours coupon, 116; extended twos, registered, 99½ bid. Pacific R.R. bonds closed as follows: Union first 107¾ bid; Union Sinking funds 105½ bid; Centrals 106¾. The stock market was extremely dull again this morning. Prices were strong during the greater part of the morning, and advanced up to midday. Most of the rest of the stocks were ½ to ¾ per cent. higher at noon than they closed yesterday. The Northern Pacific directors to-day declared the regular dividend of 1 per cent. The market was almost stagnant during the afternoon, yet the tone was firm and most of the list closed ½ to 1 per cent. higher. Closing bids—Pacific Mail, 36¾; W. U. Tel., 82; Northern Pacific, 75¾; Northern Pacific first mortgage bonds, 116½; Canadian Pacific, 84½; Oregon Improvement Co., 20; Union Pacific, 40¾, Missouri Pacific, 60; Denver & Rio Grande, 15½; Oregon Navigation, 78; Central Pacific, 31; Texas Pacific, 12½; Great Northern preferred, 110½; Manitoba, 112; Fargo Express, 140; Commercial Cable, 140.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Flour, fairly active and steady. Options opened weak and ⅛ to 1 cent lower on the announcement that there was no truth in the report, current yesterday, that the Czar of Russia was about to issue the prohibitory ukase. There was a consequent heavy unloading; foreign houses were also heavy sellers, and the cables brought news of lower markets abroad. The market continued weak throughout, and near the close, on the report of a panicky market abroad and an impending failure in Berlin, prices went lower, closing at a decline of two cents. Spot sales No. 2 Red Winter, at 106¾; No. 2 Red Winter, Nov., 104½; do. Dec., 105; Jan., 107; Feb'y, 108¾. Sugar, raw, quiet; 89 test Muscovado, 3⅛; ninety-six test centrifugals, 3⅜ bid; refined, firm; cut loaf and crushed 5⅝c; granulated, 4 5-16c.; powdered, 4⅛c.; mould at 47 1-16c; confectioners at 43 1-16c. Coffee, spot lots steady; fair Rio cargoes, 16½c.; futures closed firm; Rio Santos, November, $12.90; December, $12.40; January, $12.10; February, $12.45. Hops continued firm; Pacific Coast, 1891, choice, 20c. to 21c.; fair to prime, 15c. to 19c.; 1890, 12c. to 16c., common to choice. Holders at London offer hops sparingly. Tin dull, unchanged. Copper steady. Lead quiet but firmer; spelter flat; iron stagnant, closing New York prices; Straits tin spot $19.75 bid; $19.90 asked. Straits, February, $19.80 bid; lead spot $14.50 bid.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Wheat closed ⅛ cts. lower. The weakness was due to the general disgust of the trade over the bogus news in regard to the Russian ukase which excited the pit yesterday, lower cables, heavy short selling by local speculators and a fear that a New York bull clique would attempt to get out of its supposed holdings. Receipts 372 cars; closing prices: wheat, November, 91½c.; December, 92½c.; January, 94c.; May, 99⅝c. Corn, November, 53c.; year, 45½c.; January, 41⅞c.; May, 42⅞c. Oats, November, 32½c.; December, 31½c; May, 32½c. Pork, December, $8.40; January, $11.15; May, $11.47½. Lard, December, $6.07½; January, $6.20; May, $6.50. Ribs, December, $5.65; January, $5.65; May, $5.95.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Nov. 19.—Cattle receipts, 20,000; market weak, 5c.@10c. lower; common to extra shipping steers, $2.85@$3.40; stockers and feeders, $1.60@$2.20; cows and bulls, $1.15@$3; Texans, $1.25@$3.15. Hogs receipts, 55,000; market weak and 10c. lower; heavy, $3.75@$4 21½; mixed and medium, $2.70@$3.90; light, $3.25@$3.80. Sheep receipts, 7,000; steady, poor to choice, $2.25@$5.15; lambs, $3 75@$5.35.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The tin plate industry in South Wales is in an exceedingly depressed condition. Since Monday last many works have shut down, throwing a number of men out of employment. In many cases these men have nothing but their wages to depend upon, and there is much suffering. They and their families are completely destitute.

A STREET EPISODE.

The Little Growl That is the Privilege of Every True Born Briton.

Tempus—March, 1889.

Dramatis Personæ — Two well known citizens (A. and B.).

A. "What a magnificent thing it will be for this city when we get those electric cars they are talking about now. Just fancy! You pay your nickel, take your seat, and get whirled briskly down to the office in the morning! And there you are! I tell you it will be the finest thing that ever happened to Victoria. Why, man, it will revolutionize our mode of life."

B. "Why, cert'inly."

MARCH, 1891.

A. and B. meet in a James Bay car.

A. "Well, old man, what do you say to this? Comfort laid on in slabs. No more of 'that tired feeling.' Hey, presto! and, before you know it, you're there. It's simply heavenly."

B. "Why, cert'inly."

JUNE, 1891. (THE NOVELTY WORN OFF.)

A. and B. together again at a lunch counter.

A. "Well, of all the dirty, filthy, badly managed concerns I ever saw, these cars are the worst. The noise is enough to kill a man, let alone the danger one is put to every hour in the day by the wretched things buzzing around corners unexpectedly. Mark my words, sir; they are a curse to the city. Why *I've* seen electric systems that *are* electric systems. But here? Fearful service, bad cars, *everything* bad."

B, "Why, cert'nly."

NOVEMBER 1891.

A and B on the corner.

A—"Ah now, *this* is better. Thank Heaven, we've got decent cars at last. Look at that one coming round the corner. Big, stately, handsome. Isn't she a beauty? We'll be able to travel decently at last."

B—"Why, cert'nly."

MARCH 1892. (A PROPHECY.)

A and B together again.

A—This car service is too bad to be borne much longer. The people ought to rise and make a big kick. I'll tell you ——" &c.

B—"Why, cert'nly."

Some individuals are hogs.

They will have one solace.

Reports up to the present time are to the effect that there are no tramcars in ——.

Jewish Associations.

The young ladies and gentlemen of the Hebrew congregation met at Rabbi Philo's residence last night for the purpose of organizing a literary association among the young people of the church. One of the main objects of the association at present will be to secure funds by giving concerts, balls, etc., to erect the projected building on the vacant lot adjoining the Temple Emanu-el. The lower flats of the buildings will be in connection with the church, while the upper flat of one will be fitted out for a residence for the Rabbi. The present building is becoming too small for the fast increasing congregation, and it is decided to secure more room at once. The children ranging from 5 to 15 years of age have also got up an association during the past few weeks. Each boy or girl has to pay five cents a week for the purpose of accumulating a sum large enough to buy a library for the school of their church.

The Church of England Concert.

The little school-room at the back of Christ Church Cathedral was crowded to its utmost capacity last night, the occasion being one of the regular winter concerts of the church. All those taking part were old favorites, and the manner in which the various items were carried out left nothing to be desired. The refreshment table was well patronized during the evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent by everybody present. Appended is the programme:—

PROGRAMME.

Piano.....The Sleigh Race.....Caldicott
Miss Arden and Miss Lipscomb.
Song.....Fiddle and I.....
Miss Bell.
Duet.....Banjos.....
The Misses Christie.
Song.....Mr. Kent
Duet.....Secret Voices.....
Miss Arrowsmith and Miss Lipscomb.
Song.....Whispering in the Twilight.....
Mr. Floyd.
Quintette.....Selections.....
Messrs. Wollaston, Kent and others.
Piano.....Waltz.....Chopin
Miss Jessie Bell.
Song.....Over the Billows.....
Mr. Wollaston.
Recitation.....Miss Brady.
Piano.....Miss Sharp
Song—Comic.....Mr. J. Kingham
Song.....Gondola Dreams.....
Miss Lipscomb.
Quartette..Messrs. Wollaston, Kent and others
God Save the Queen.

IN CHAMBERS.

Before Mr. Justice Drake.

LAI HOP & Co. vs. SHAW.—To examine defendant. Order made, costs to be costs of the plaintiff in first instance. Mr. Aikman (Drake, Jackson & Helmcken) for plaintiff; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

BAILLIE-GROHMAN vs. ALBERTA, OF B. C., EXPLORATION CO.—For affidavit of costs. Order made to file affidavit and documents within ten days, costs to be costs in the cause. Walker, Pemberton & Dumbleton for plaintiff; Bodwell & Irving for defendant.

A. E. Rand, of Vancouver, is in town.