## TALES OF THE TOWN.



Sunday afternoon I strolled through the Indian Reserve, and on mend the West Enders' grievances to

statements are correct—and I have no per month. reason to question his veracity-Victoria West has been unjustly dealt It certainly is the most thickly with. settled portion of the new additions to From information thus the city. learned, together with practical experience in wading through their so-called across the railway bridge, streets, I can conscientiously recom-

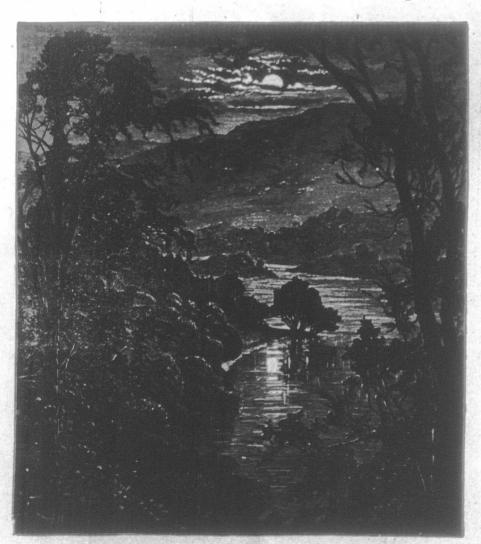
the condition of their public thorough- I would not advise the reduction of fares, the latter being suggestive of a anyone's salary, but it is just possible pig ranch. In the course of a conver- that some superfluous officials may sation with a pioneer resident of the have crept into the municipal service. section referred to I learned that the Take the street department, for inpeople of Victoria West, like all other stance. On an average, taking it all people, have a grievance. Briefly through the year round, I don't supstated, it is as follows: - Last year's pose much more than a dozen laborers year's municipal council spent over are employed in each ward of the city: \$10,000 on the new limits of the city, each ward has a foreman, and then over less than \$100 of which was spent in and above all these the Council had to Victoria West. If my informant's appoint a street commissioner at \$125

> The reader may think that our streets ought to be well managed with so many bosses, but a few minutes' walking along any of our principal thoroughtares will suffice to dispel any such idea. In this connection, I might state that the dispensing with the services of a street commissioner seems to meet with the approbation of the general public.

Besides economy there are many other important questions that need the consideration of the municipal toard. The building by-law is defective, in fact it should be repealed and an entirely new one enacted. The city is rapidly building up, and requires more stringent building regulations than at present exist, especially in regard to matters pertaining to the prevention of fire. Overhanging and swinging signs, wooden verandahs, and all other unsightly and dangerous obstructions. should be strictly prohibited. I The removal of the hack stand from Government Street would certainly improve the appearance of, and facilitate traffic on, our principal business thorough-

Another matter which has often been referred to in the press of the city, but without any good results, is the congregating of crowds of men around certain corners and saloons, making it impossible for a lady to pass without having to elbow her way through the crowd and having to hold her skirts pretty high to avoid gathering up the accumulation of tobacco juice invariably to be found round about such quarters.

These and many other matters require attention. Alderman Humber



THE ARM (VICTORIA) BY MOONLIGHT.

Victoria West, This community of Council. churches and cottage residences is certainly keeping pace with the times, quite a large number of houses being cy." This evidently is Alderman Humin course of construction at the present ber's motto in municipal matters, and time. This wet season leaves an appal- it is a good one, too. It does seem as ling contrast between the building enter- though \$70,000 for municipal salaries prise displayed by our West Enders and was a little high for a city like Victoria. has made the first move in the direction

to that section of the city known as | the serious consideration of the new

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