not possess a very good electric The city at present was \$2,000 a year for lighting their aildings. This would pay the inon \$44,000, more than was at presvested in the company. He read paper on the subject published ne ago. It went without arguat it was better for a city to light than for it to obtain light wate companies.

Bragg seconded the resolution. were cries of Ald. Munn. Mr. first did not respond, but being on by the chair, rose and said he t present to speak but as a seeka nowledge.

chair then out the resoluti was unanimously carried and a thanks was tendered the lecturer ng the vote of thanks, Mr. Co. id he was sorry to see that the and council were not present, either were too conceited to learn ng of single tax or else they to ignore the subject. neeting then adjourned.

VÆ VICTIS.

he sound of weeping in the distant e bitter struggle for existence ever from the cradle to the grave.
ow, with me and visit haunts of men and women live without the t whose lives no single ray of gladeaks until their earthly course is hildren, weak and pale and thin and "tear each other in their slime led, by long heredity of crime.

fathers, brothers fight with destitu ng from death a respite with a crust: mothers, sisters live in prostitution God above forgive us—if they must. "Home Sweet Home," is nothing an angle by two walls—one room for twenty. milies who live and sleeq and angle. in, year out, upon a single floor; modesty and decency and virtue ualities unknown or laughed to scorn words are only curses—But I hur you think my picture overdrawn.

ake your head, you urge that in exist that never can be cured, hat "It's sad—a thousand the do you pride yourself in contempla his your country only poor in men, as you state, We've room for po n here for many millions more ****
nd then !

our hundred million men and plant your soil and hold it as your own; ill grow rich, and all that you need to live with here and there a p your country full by immigration, do you care if riches bring starvauld you heed if wealth engenders ive not learnt the lessons of ages

ten in letters he who runs may read, l in bloood red type upon the pages rery nation's history, every creed; he who owns the land owns all—is spot giving what he's forced to give; re—as much as may avoid disaster, yet allow his fellow men to live. arving on your doorstep claims prosay the man is dyzzgką vbgką vbg

not stop to make a close inspection, the question worth investigation?

you not pause to ponder and to think the reason why civilization ses so many to starvation's brink? Arthur Scaffe, in Single Tax. oria, B.C., Jan., 1894. Red Flag in France.

is, Feb. 13.—In the Chamber of ies to-day M. Auguste Bouge, Rad-Republican, questioned the governrespecting the manifestations at rave of the executed bomb-thrower, int. He made particular reference fact that the sympathizers of the anarchist had unfurled a red flag grave. What is the government. doing to protect society? Con g, he said that the threats of the chists would be followed by their fulfillment. M. Clovis-Hughes, list, frequently interrupted the er, but M. Bogue paid little atteno him. Amid tremendous applause clared that the time had come to action to suppress revolutionary festations, no matter who made M. Raynat, minister of the inreplied that the visits to Vaillant's had only assumed a seditious cter on Sunday. He had immediataken measures to prevent a rence of the manifestation. In the ent struggle with the enemies of the government would defend aw-abiding people, and would preall the sensitiveness which, he aded, perhaps prevailed in the ministry. statement was greeted with deafenipplause. M. Jules Coutant, a socmember, who took part in Sundemonstration, in the cemetery in Vaillant is buried, demanded that allowed to make a personal exon. He declared that he merely to the cemetery in recognition of anniversary of the death of a socnamed Archi. It was false that he gone to Vaillant's grave. He add that the red flag had been unfur-M. Contant repudiated the charge Socialism was in any way connected

Anarchism. Piles! Piles! Itching Piles. Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Number of Important Motions Passed Yesterday Afternoon.

SEVERAL BILLS ADVANCED A STAGE

Very Little Discussion, But a Lot of Business Transacted—Estimates Pre-sented by the Minister of Finance— Budget Speech on Thursday.

Monday, Feb. 12. The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock, The Spayers by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge. Watt presented petitions from R. Ward in reference to the Horse Fly and Cariboo hydraulic mining companies.

The private bills committee reported that the Brunette Saw Mill company had but recommended that the rules be suspended to allow the bill to be introduced. The report was adopted.

The railway committee reported the Victoria, Vancouver & Westminster railway bill to the house with amendments. Report adopted.

Mr. Kitchen moved that whereas under the present fishery regulations of the province of British Columbia the tidal limit within which net fishing for samon for mercial purposes on the Fraser river a point across from the mouth of the Is a point across from the proregulations it is provided that the id tidal limit shall terminate at a point cross the Fraser river 100 yards below Wannock creek, and whereas the said proposed change will entail great loss and nconvenience to parties who have invest-id money for the purpose of catching salnon for commercial purposes between the said point and Sumas river, and whereas there is no good and sufficient reason why such change should be made, and as the mouth of the Sumas river is ser river: therefore be it resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor requesting him to urge strongly upon the Dominposed fishery regulations for the province. The penalty was not too severe. f British Columbia be amended so that the mouth of Sumas river be the tidal limit in which net fishing for salmon for resolved, also, that a copy of this resoluion be forwarded to the minister of

marine and fisheries at Ottawa. The mover said the resolution explain-The parties interested had petitioned the Dominion government in the same direction, but a resolution from the

house would help them. Hon. Mr. Turner said he had received letters from the board's of trade endorsng the motion, but suggesting that the words "for commercial purposes" be struck out. He could not see what was to be gained by striking out the words.

The resolution was adopted. Mr. Sword rose to a question of privilege. On Friday the chief commissioner answered a question that he had not asked. He did not think that it was done on Hon. Mr. Vernon said the resolution re-

garding the workmen on the government Mr. Speaker said there was certainly

something wrong. Hon. Mr. Vernon said he felt sure the house had made the mistake. Mr. Sword said the resolution to which |

e referred was very clear. Mr. Speaker secured the original copy resolution, which showed that a mistake had been made in printing them, but they were just as confusing written as they were printed.

Hon. Mr. Beaven contended that the esolution was perfectly clear. Mr. Kellie moved that whereas the population of West Kootenay is now very considerable and is rapidly increasing by eason of the rapid development of its timber mineral and agricultural resource es; and whereas there are towns at Revelstoke, Nelson, Kaslo, Ainsworth, New Denver and Nakusp, and outlying settlements and mining camps at Illecillewaet, Hall's Landing, Lardeau, Thompson's Landing, Trout Lake City, Fire Valley, Robson, Trail Creek, Toad Mountain, Goat River, Three Forks, Balfour, Pilot Bay Four Mile Creek and Big Bend: and whereas the judicial work is already presented to His Honor the Lieutenant- this mistake. Governor requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion government to appoint a resident county court judge for the district of West Koot-

The mover read extracts from resolutions on the question passed at public meetings in Kootenay. The distance of county court judges from the district was a serious drawback to the adminisration of justice.

Hon. Mr. Davie said the resolution was just following up what had already been done by the house. The Dominion government had been asked to appoint a county court judge, but had refused. He did not think the refusal would be persevered in

Hon, Mr. Beaven supported the resolution, and it was adopted. Mr. Kellie moved that whereas locators mineral claims within the twenty-mile belt labor under great disadvantages in comparison with locators of mineral claims in other portions of the province; and whereas the payment of \$5 per acre on a mineral claim before a crown grant can be acquired is a heavy burden on the prospector and miner; and whereas the payment of \$5 per acre only applies to the. twenty-mile belt; therefore be it resolved an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor requesting that strong representations be made to the Dominion government requesting that this payment of \$5 per acre within the twenty-mile belt be can-

Mr. Kellie said having to pay \$5 anplaced the miner within the twentymile belt at a disadvantage. It made the claims rather expensive. Hon. Mr. Davie said he had no object tion to the resolution, but he despaired

ything being done. Hon. Mr. Beaven said it seemed a waste of time to pass these resolutions the members of the commons to continu-ally pass such resolutions. It weakened of the province on current account at the minister of finance. There was over \$104, bload purifiers.

which were passed by the house.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. Martin moved that the bill (No.

12) intituled an act to amned the game protection act 1892) amendment act (1893)

The motion was adopted. take to verify the correctness of the vari-

ing steps to hold it. Mr. Sword asked the minister of fin- planatory statement:

ance: What is the nature of the guarantee of interest given in favor of the Nakusp that the Brunette and orders, of interest given in favor of the Nakusp not complied with the rules and orders, & Slocan railway company? Is it confined to the interest that shall accrue during the period of construction? Hon. Mr. Turner answered that the provisions of the railway aid act had not

been departed from. The papers will be brought down this week. The partnerships bill was passed through the final stages. The fraudulent statements bill was con-

sidered in committee, Mr. Sword in the chair. Mr. Kitchen moved an amendment to allow magistrates to make the nenalty as small as they liked. Hon. Mr. Davie said if the penalty was reduced to a minimum the usefulness of the act would be done away with. The

object was to make the statute a severe Mr. Kitchen said the matter should be left to the discretion of the judge. Hon, Mr. Davie said punishment was

only provided for a wilful breach of the Mr. Booth said the amendment would

weaken the act. Mr. Sword pointed out that there was a clause that provides a penalty for making a statement that is likely to deceive: the real limit of tidal waters on the Fra- He supported Mr. Kitchen's amendment. Mr. Booth suggested that the words "or likely" before deceive be struck out. Mr. Brown supported the amendment. Hon. Mr. Beaven thought it would be ion government that section 11 of the pro- better to let the bill go through as it was. The amendment was lost.

Hon. Mr. Davie moved to strike out the clause providing that any one could commercial purposes may be carried on; be prosecutor under the act and upon receipt of the penalty be given one-half of the fine. Mr. Davie said it was not desirable to encourage a lot of scavengers to go around the country seeing if they cannot find fault with a prospectus.

Hon. Mr. Beaven agreed with the attorney-general. The legislature should see that statutes that are passed are enforced. At present there is something wrong in the way the laws are enforced. The clause was struck out and the bill was reported complete with amendments. On consideration of the report of the supreme court bill, Hon. Mr. Davie moved the following amendment: "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, it shall not be necessary for all the judges who have heard the argument in any case in the full court or in the divisional court to be present in order to constitute either of said courts for delivery of judgment in such case, but in the absence of aring the working the working any judge, from illness or any other Hon Mr. Beaven said the motioness cause, judgment may be delivered by a any judge, from illness or any other it appeared in the journals was different to the original one. The proposition was at the hearing; and in such case it shall zette. We find that no such notice has that the unskilled workmen were to render that the unskilled workmen were to render that the unskilled workmen were to render that the hearing to be present at the hearing to be present at the delivery of such judgment; and any judge who has heard the case and is absent at the delivery of such judgment may hand his opinion in writing to any judge present at the delivery of judgment to be read or announced in open court and then to be left with the registrar of

the court." The amendment was adopted and further consideration of the bill was de-

The house went into committe, Mr. Smith in the chair, to consider the accidents by fire bill. Hon. Mr. Beaven objected to that portion of the bill that interfered with municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Davie said it was desirable to have the same rules in force all over the province. The bill was reported complete with

amendments, and by consent was finally passed Hon. Mr. Davie moved the second reading of the legal professions bill. It was very simple, he said. By a mistake no provision was made to allow Scotch lawyers to practice. There were several great and rapidly increasing; therefore be Scotch lawyers in the province at presresolved that an humble address be ent who could not practice on account of

The second reading was carried. The house went into committee, Mr. Fletcher in the chair, to consider the Delta, New Westminster & Eastern railway bill. It was reported complete.

Hon. Mr. Turner presented a return from the Lieutenant-Governor transmitting the estimates and supplementary estimates. They will be referred to committee of supply on Thursday. The wages and sararies bill, Mr. Horne,

passed through committee without amend The order for the second reading of Mr. Croft's game protection bill was dis-

charged. The house adjourned at 5.15.

Tuesday, Feb. 13. The speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. Mr. Kitchen prsented a petition from A. H. Daniels, Wm. Wilson and others relative to the bill to validate certain public works in Richmond.

The petition from Robert T. Ward and others opposing the bills to incorporate the Cariboo and Horse Fly hydraulic mining company were received.

The private bills committee reported that the rules and orders had been complied with regarding the N. E. T. & L. company's petition, but had not been con plied with by the municipality of Chilliwack. The committee recommended that the standing orders be suspended to allow the latter bill to be introduced. Received and adopted. Mr. Croft, chairman, presented the fifth and a majority and minority report

of the public accounts committee, as fol-PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The fifth report of the public accounts committee was as follows: Your committee further report that the amount received from the Dominion were brought up by Mr. Kellie. government under the Terms of Union read. ernment, and they would deal with them 1894, was \$122,464.73. That this amount to be printed. is they wished. It was a reflection on was paid into the current account at the

the force of resolutions of some benefit bank on February 1st, 1894, was \$10,- 000 difference between the statement CITY'S EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS treasury at the same date was \$3,058.19. majority report.

The sixth report from the majority of Hon. Mr. Davie rose to a point of or-The sixth report from the majority of

the committee follows: Your committee on public accounts be referred to a select committee consist-ing of Messrs. Stoddart, Eberts, Adams, ing report: That, as stated in the sec-Croft, Hall and the mover, with instruc- ond report of the select committee on tions to report a bill to this house amend- public accounts, dated February 5, 1894, the total expenditure for the half year ending December 31st, 1893, was \$794, Mr. Sword asked the leader of the gov- 547.32, and that during the same ernment: What steps did the government period the total receipts of revenue were \$334,241.96, showing an exous sums paid by the Canadian Pacific penditure of \$460,305.38 in excess of rerailway company as 40 per cent. of the ceipts, requires further explanation. Your in a position to discuss the reports. Other of the Shuswap & Ogana-committee would therefore remark that er members had not yet seen them. Began railway company, for the different the over expenditure at the half period of periods mentioned at page 14 of the public accounts? the financial year does not involve the province beyond available resources of Hon. Mr. Davie said no audit had yet the year, nor is it anticipated that at the been held, but the government was tak- close of the fiscal year there will be any Mr. deficit, as shown from the following ex-

RECEIPTS. Surplus fund on hand July 1st, 1893. Subsidy deposit Nakusp & Slo-can R'y. Cash in hands of agents and \$334,919 38 118,400 00 40,347 68 treasury Estimated revenue for year ending 30th June. 1894.....

EXPENDITURE. Expenditure as per estimate ..\$1,277,157 45 and additional amount required to provide for special warrants, as shown by report dated 1st February, \$135,170.04, less amount included in the

less amount included in the same, \$53,995.35, for discount on loan 1893 81.180 91 \$1,358,338 44

Showing a probable surplus of at the close of the financial year 1894 \$194,020 07

That although there was an over draft on 31st December, 1893, it was more than covered by the Dominion subsidy, paid \$121,120.73, and that at the same time there was a special deposit to the credit of the province at the Bank of British Columbia of \$50,000, bearing 4 per cent. interest, showing plainly that at that date the over draft was not a necessity, but a temporary convenience, thereby saving the withdrawal of an interestbearing deposit. (Signed)

GEO. B. MARTIN. R. H. HALL. HENRY CROFT.

MINORITY REPORT.

Mr. Speaker: The undersigned members of your committee on public accounts beg to submit the following:

With respect to the payment made Dr. J. C. Davie as provincial health officer from 1st October, 1892, to 31st December, 1893, at the rate of \$200 per month, namely \$3,000. That Dr. Davie received \$1.800 for nine months' salary from the 1st of October, 1892, to 30th January, 1893, fro which no vote was asked or obtained from the legislature, although that body was in session for two and a half months of that period. That he also received \$1,200 for months' salary from 1st July to 31st December, 1893; that this latter sum was ostensibly but erroneously paid out of vote 228, supply bill, 56 Vic., chap. 44, which reads as follows: "Vote 228, provincial board of health, including salaries (act, 1893), \$10,000." Section 105 of the health act, 1893, states that the statute shall not come into force until a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieut.-Governor in council, notice of which shall zette. We find that no such notice has journ fill Thursday. appeared, and the health act, 1893, is could not therefore have been properly made out of a sum of money voted for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of an act after it had been prought into effect, which in this case has not been done. The undersigned are informed that no other sum has been paid out of vote 228. We also report that in addition to those sums Dr. Davie was paid \$1,000 as health officer from 9th of July to August 28, 1892; \$268 for vaccinating 268 persons; \$10 for reporting on a case of smallpox at Cadboro Bay, and \$1,300 as a fee and expenses for aton April 12, 1893, of \$76,000 for "quarantine expenses" of smallpox has been

expended in payment of expenses incurred and payment made for services be-tween the months of July, 1892, and April, 1893, and also that the appropria ion was exceeded by \$8,196.73.

Summary of payments to Dr. Davie, provincial health officer, from July 1 to August 28, 1892: Provincial Health Officer from July 1st to Aug. 28th, 1892... Public vaccinations, 268 persons \$1,000 00 at \$1
Reporting on smallpox cases at Cadboro Bay
Fee for attending conference at \$1 10 00 1.300 00

at Ottawa and expenses Provincial Health Officer 1st October, 1892, to 31st 1893, at \$200 per month

\$5,578 '00 With respect to the balance of the subsidy received from the Dominion government under the Shuswap railway guarantee acts and the cash deposit received from the Nakusp & Slocan railway company and the amount at the credit of the intestate estates fund and the suitors' fund, which have been paid into the current account at the bank, amounting on the 31st of December, 1893, to a total sum which should be on hand of these sums at that date of \$277,211.66, but which have been paid out as ordinary revenue. Your committee recommend that hese sums be replaced in the bank to eparate accounts and kept there in future distinct from the ordinary revenue, and that they be only paid out for the purpose for which they are obtained; and they also recommend that the balance of the sum on hand from the sale of inscribed British Columbia stock, issued under authority of the parliament buildings construction act, 1893, be also kept separate at the bank and be dealt with only in the same manner.

(Signed) ROBERT BEAVEN. F. C. COTTON. Members of the Public Accounts Com-

18th February, 1894. Mr. Speaker asked the chairman where he got his authority to present a minority

Mr. Croft-The leader of the opposition was my authority. Hon. Mr. Beaven said it had been the universal practice to receive minority re-

The speaker allowed the report to be

The reports were received and ordered Hon. Mr. Beaven said the majority re-

der. Even if he was not out of order, the leader of the opposition should not refer to financial matters when the minis ter of finance is not in his seat.

Hon. Mr. Beaven said he was not aware that the finance minister had anything to do with the report. He proposed to discuss the report.

Hon. Mr. Davie again rose to a point of order. It was not the proper time to discuss the report. The members of the committee were the only ones who were sides this, the motion to adopt the reports had been carried before the hon. leader of the opposition had rose to

Mr. Speaker ruled the discussion out of Mr. Kitchen introduced a bill intituled an act, to amend sections 277, 278 and 279 of the municipal act, 1892. Hon. Mr. Davie introduced bills amend the county court and B. C. railway acts.

Mr. Watt moved that whereas it has been the experience of other countries that the indiscriminate denudation of the land of its natural forest growth has an injurious influence on agriculture and climate, causing diminished or more irregular rainfall and the drying up of the streams or destructive floods followed by prolonged periods of drought; and whereas there are large areas in our province already bare of trees, and others are becoming rapidly denuded of their natural wealth; therefore be it resolved, that a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Anderson, Sword and the mover, be apof \$53,771.38 on the current bank account pointed to consider the subject of forestry as it affects our province, and among other things to report to the house how best two days subsequently, amounting to (1) to prevent the devastation of our forest lands, whether by fire or the axe; (2) to encourage the replanting of trees in place of those cut down for commercial or household purposes; (3) to test by a with power to act. series of experiments the possibility of uable or not; (4) to encourage in portions of the province suitable therefor the cultivation of the various kinds of economically valuable hardwood trees.

Mr. Semlin asked if the third paragraph the supply committee. of the resolution was in order. bia should profit by the experience of the applications were filed. eastern provinces and the United States, where the forests had been devastated. It was not too soon for the house to number of bills.

prevent the indiscriminate denudation of Trustee Vates reported that the the lands. He had a lot of statistics regarding the amount of timber used in the Helmcken and others growing out of different countries of the world and the amount destroyed by fire on the North American continent. Miles and miles of the forests of British Columbia had been

swept by fire. The motion was adopted. Mr. Eberts introduced a bill to incorporate the Hall mine company tram-The Victoria, Vancouver & New West-

minster railway bill was read a second finally passed. Mr. Sword asked when the report of Mr. Pierson, the auditor, was to be presented to the house.

would be ready to-day.

The redistribution bill not being ready, the premier moved that the house ad-

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The house adjourned at 3.30.

More Deputations Waiting on the Gov-

gernment-A Short Session. Mayor R. A. Anderson, of Vancouver, and Mayor Hoy, of New Westminster, are in the city. They were deputed by the councils of the cities which they represent to come to Victoria and interview he government in regard to the Delta. New Westminster and Eastern railway. tending a conference at Ottawa. We Mayor Anderson also joined a deputaalso report that the appropriations made | tion of Victorians interested in the Great Western telegraph company who urged upon the government the reasons why the bill should be passed. One of those connected with the company stated that werk on the line would be commenced certainly did not mention "total abstias soon as the necessary legislation was nence," and was clearly for "temper

> Aulay Morrison, L. P. Eckstein and E. A. Jenns compose a deputation of New Westminster lawyers who are here to wait on the attorney-general in regard to the Supreme Court bill now before the house.

> At a meeting held at Kaslo on Monday evening, word of which was received yesterday by J. M. Kellie, M.P. P., the following resolution was passed "That the citizens of Kaslo, in public meting assembled, strongly represent to the provincial government that the did, trict of West Kootenay, having a voting strength of 1,200, of which 450 are in the city of Kaslo; and it being the fourth assay revenue producing district of the province; therefore it demands an increased representation, in accordance with its increasing importance, of two additional members; and that these resolutions signed by the chairman (George T. Kane), be immediately conveyed by wire to the representative of the district, for

presentation to the government." There will be some lively debating in the legislature during the next few days, commencing to-morrow. The redistribut that committee, to offer the following: tion bill will be brought down at to-morrow's session and the debate on the esti- to furnish a satisfactory guarantee bond short one. Night sessions are being held earlier than usual and everything points to an early dissolution.

West's Defence Closed. San Francisco, Feb. 13.-In the West ase this morning the defence announced that as the testimony of Dr. Johnson had been ruled out by the court they had decided to close their case. The announcement caused much surprise. Argument then commenced.

Carnet's life Threatened London, Feb. 14.-The Pall Mall Cazette says hand bills, dated London, and threatening the life of President Carnot, are in circulation in Algiers. London, Feb. 14.-Silver declined today to 29 1-2d.

There is no claim made for Ayer's Sarsa parilla which cannot be endorsed by scores of testimonials. This fact plainly proves the blood is the source of most disorders and that Aver's Sarsaparilla is the best of Try it this month.

Charges of Lack of Decipline at the Branch Central School.

SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

Temperance vs. Total Abstinence Discussed by the Board-North Ward School Boller Matter-Withdrawing to Prevent a Quorum.

Chairman Hayward presided and Trustees Marchant, Lovell, Yates and Saunders were present at the regular meeting

of the school board last night.

Letters were read from Mrs. Elizabeth
McFarlane and Mrs. Mary Hardie complaining that their daughters had been placed in the branch Central school. Objection was made to placing the girls among a number of boys, whose language was not at all times what little girls should hear. Want of discipline and lack of efficiency were complained of. The mothers had, in fact, withdrawn their

girls. Trustee Lovellesaid he had heard of the complaints, but understood there had been improvement.

Trustee Saunders hoped that the girls would be permitted to return to their former classes until the new ward schools

were completed. Trustee Marchant pointed out the objections to mixed classes. He said there were undoubtedly two sides to the question, and moved the naming of a committee of inquiry. The chairman said he sought to

straighten the matter out by having the girls transferred back to their former classes, but one change would involve many more. He favored a committee. The chairman and Trustees Bishop and Saunders will investigate the matter,

Edith Allen Bridges wrote making an covering portions of our arid interior with a growth of shrubs or trees, whether James Bay school. She was granted perthese are in themselves commercially val- mission to do so, providing regular school hours were not interfered with. 'A fallen tree will be removed from the

yard and a defective chimney repaired at the Hillside ward school by direction of J. Robertson, William Stead, James Mr. Speaker thought it was in order. Partius and William McArthur applied The mover thought that British Column for positions on the janitor staff. Their

> Some insurance matters were referred to the finance committee. So were a tractor had settled the claims of Mr.

hill Trustee Marchant reported on the matter of absence from the Teachers' Institute. There was a good excuse in nearly every case and the investigation had

accidents in the open drain on Marvin's

the desired effect. "Temperance" and "total abstinence had a rather amusing inning. At the last meeting of the board a resolution was adopted directing the clerk to notify the teachers of the provision in the The fraudulent statements bill was school law requiring that the evils effects of stimulants and narcotics on the human | P. N. Company might loose the passensystem be pointed out to the children. ger business and light freight, but they The matter came up last night by Trustee Marchant asking the secretary to Home Mr. Davie said he thought it read his letter. It was the last sentence in the letter which was objectionable. directed the teachers in laying the matter "rather the evil effects of the abuse of give the desired information."

> want the school law carried out. a little, but do not go too far with it. Be all right with the last sentence left off. He asked the secretary to explain the

matter. Secretary Williams said that at the neeting when the letter was authorized Mr. Yates, in seconding it, had used lanruage precisely to that effect. After he had written the letter he had shown it to Mr. Yates, who had approved of it. Trustee Yates affirmed the correctness of what Mr. Williams had said. He saw nothing wrong in the letter. The law

It was finally decided to write an explanatory letter; stating that by the last clause of the first letter the teaching of "total abstinence" was not necessarily cluded.

Trustee Marchant objected to the practice of sending children home from school during session for excuses for absence. The matter was discussed, but no action was taken. Trustee Marchant said Vancouver city was using wood in its schools and effecting a saving of about one half. He believed that work could be given to a

number of unemployed. He moved that the supply committee be authorized to take the matter in hand to investigate it. It was so voted. Chairman Hayward said he would like. to have the board consider the minority report on the boiler for the North ward

The minerity report is as follows: "As the committee appointed to report on the proposal of Messrs. Elford & Smith to place a local made boiler in the North ward school house have not yet been discharged, I beg, as a member of "1st. That the contractors are willing same as any other business. mates will follow. The government are to carry out their proposal and also to evidently trying to make the session a guard against invalidating their present contract or releasing their bondsmen.

"2nd. That the plans and sketches here but said it did not seem right to bonus to annexed show that the contractors have at their own expense and with the approval of the architect made vital alterations in the arrangements of the steam pipes so as to insure satisfactory work and that the expense so incurred is far in excess of the estimated difference in the value of the boilers.

"3rd. That in addition to the exhaustive and conclusive report of the Domin- the interest of the city was to support the ion boiler inspector both as to the quality Mr. Rithet could offer any valid objection and capacity of the proposed boiler and his demonstration of its being ample for the purposes intended, and also of its view economy with regard to fuel, a certificate is herewith produced from an expert from Seattle, Wash., named W. H. Dwyer, who gives his opinion most positively that the boiler is much larger than is required for the same work in Wash- Ald. Wilson, Harris and Styles.

"4th. That the proposal of the coatractor reduces the price of the work, and thumb-screw. It retreats be the conditions are or can be made so of Hood's Sarsaparilla, wh definite and binding that he possible inju-

ry can result to the trustees; and as the acceptance of the proposal would be a great convenience to our local men, it is strongly recommended that the offer of Messrs. Elford & Smith be accepted, providing that the same can be done without prejudice to the existing contract and that satisfactory bonds are given for the due execution of their offers.

"(Signed) "CHAS. HAYWARD." Trustee Yates said he regarded the matter as settled, as did Mr. Bishop, who was then absent. Mr. Yates said he objected to anything being done in Mr. Bishop's absence. They had a report in course of preparation. He did not see why the secretary had not carried out the instructions of the board. Trustee Lovell said he had seen Ar-

chitect Soule, who objected to assuming any responsibility in the matter. The architect would be relieved of all responsibility, and he could hardly support he proposition to make any change. Trustee Saunders moved that the whole matter be left in the hands of Mayor

Teague, and moved that way. Trustee Yates submitted that it was out of order, and again urged that the matter be left over.

Trustee Marchant seconded the metion of Trustee Saunders, and Trustees Yates and Lovell withdrew from the meeting. They did not leave the room and the chairman seemed inclined to regard them as present. Trustee Yates reminded him that he had ruled that "behind the pillars" in the room was absent.

The board was left without a quorum, and remained so until Trustee Marchant withdrew his second, and it was voted to let the matter go over until next Tues-

The board went into executive session at 10 o'clock.

THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Conclusion of the Debate on Ald Munn's Resolution. Owing to the late hour at which the council meeting concluded last night, the whole of the proceedings were not published in last night's issue. The alaermen were discussing the question of peti-

tioning the provincial government in the matter of the proposed new route between Westminster and Victoria. Ald. Baker said the Sidney railway would not pay if it had not a Mainland connection. The city would have to pay \$9000 a year if the railway did not pay, He thought the idea was a good one,

and it should be the policy of the council to have this connection made with the Mainland railways. Ald. Dwyer seconded the amendment He favored the betterment of facilities between Victoria and the Fraser Valley. Farmers had complained of the slow fransit by the present boats. The boat often took 13 hours to come from Westminster to Victoria. Unless the Sidney railway was a success the corporation for 25 years would have to pay \$9000 a year. If the Canadian Pacific Navigation company could show him that it was for the best interests of Victoria to defeat the resolution he would vote against it. The private interest of any company was not to interfere with the general good. railway would be of great benefit to Victoria and the country at large. The C.

would retain the heavy freight. Ald. Harris asked who were the company and what was going to be done? Were the parties financially strong enough?

Mayor Teague replied that he could not narcotics and stimulants rather than to Ald. Styles said these questions were very important. In the case of the Sid-Trustee Marchant said he did not | ney railway they had been told that the want total abstinence favored, but still road would pay if only to bring in the he did not want it discounted, and he did sand; new they were told that it would not pay. He favored the British Pathe instructions were to be followed, the cific, but he fought shy of these little teachers could say, "Boys and girls, take bits of railways especially when the council did not know anything about them temperate." The letter would have been He argued that the subject should be left

over for consideration. Ald. Humphrey said it did not matter to the city who were behind the idea. There was no money to come out of the exchequer of the city, and it might save \$9000 a year to the city. The government would look out that the company was financially sound.

Ald. Wilson complained that the scheme was too much shrouded in mystery. He had been trying to find out who were behind the scheme and had failed. He wanted it proved that this was not another Sidney railway. Who knew but this was not a scheme to cripple the idea of a transcontinental road with Victoria as its terminus. He neprecated the idea of a 31 mile ferry from the Island to the Mainland.

Ald. Humphrey replied that the C. P. Co. was running an 81 mile ferry. Ald. Baker argued that the present scheme had nothing to do with a transcontinental railway. The council should give the scheme its support. The Westminster council had recommended the

say that another communication between Westminster and Victoria would not benefit Victoria. Ald. Humphrey said the Canada Western had nothing to do with this road.

Ald. Munn asked would any sane man

The resolution was for the benefit of this Ald. Baker suggested that the guarantee be increased to \$50,000. Ald. Styles said \$60,000.

And. Humphrey said their were stock-

olders in the C. P. N. Co. who favored Ald. Harris-The C. P. N. Co. have spent \$150,000 in this city. Ald. Baker-That is nothing to do with us. It is a private undertaking, the

Ald. Harris advocated a public meet-Ald. Ledingham favored the scheme, one company as against a competitor. We might as well bonns one shoe shop against another. He had been lead to believe though that Captain Irving had been favorable to the scheme before he went east. He feared the C. P. R. thon. Now the fear for some reason or other no longer existed. He disliked the idea bonusing against any company, but resolution. He would vote for it. If

to the idea he might entertain a different The amendment was put and unanimously carried, the original motion as amended carrying on the following division: Ayes-Ald. Munn. Humphreys, Ledincham, Baker, Dwyer., Nays-

Rheumatism racks the system like at humb-screw. It retreats before the power of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the