The Pioneer Society Hold Their Annual Dinner at the Occidental Hotel.

Reminiscences of Good Old Days of Cariboo Recalled by the Old Timers.

The British Columbia Pioneer Society gave its twenty-fifth annual dinner at the Occidental hotel last evening. Round the tables were about fifty of the sturdy pioneers of the province, men who had endured hardships in order to force from the stubborn banks of the Fraser river the auriferous metal, and some of whom are now the most prominent citizens of the province. The younger ele ment was also well represented. There were present a number of the sons of pioneers, and they, as well as the pioneers themselves, gave many reminiscences of the early days of the province. The guests sat down to the tables

about 8.30. The spacious diring roon was prettily descrated for the occasion. On the wall it the nead of the able Thion Jack was tastefully draped with the banner of the society. these was the cortrait of Sir James Douglas. The menu was excellent and was in keeping with the reputation which Mr. Jensen has earned for himself as a caterer. President Ald. Humphrey occupied the chair. Seated around him were Hen. Chief Justice Davie, Premier Turner, Thomas Earle, M. P., Lieut.-Colonel Prior, M. P., Mr. Eure. United States vice-consul, P.estdent Burnes, of the B. C. Benevolent Society, President Flint, of the Sons of Erin, and ex-Ald. Lovell. There were also present H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., Ald, McLelland and Bragg, Superinten dent H. W. Sheppard, Dr. Macnaughton Jones, A. Graham, C. E. Redfern, John J. Austin, E. A. Jacob, Wm. Temple man, A. H. Scaife, E. C. Johnson, Thos. Harvey, William Lorrimer, W. H. Jesse, Duncan Ross, James Blackwood, John Wall, Philip Oliver Coote, C. Morley, William Harrison, Charles Pagden, W T. Hardaker, J. H. Hughes, Thomas Storey, E. J. Thain, Thomas J. Par tridge, Joseph Clearibue, B. H. John, John Robertson, Andrew Tolmie. E. Metcalfe, Thomas Flewin, Andrew Lange, Robert Ridley, J. Christensen, C. Holtz, C. Taylor, D. Withrow, H. P. Orton, A. Jack, E. E. Wootton, I Braverman, J. Baker, Robert Mitchell, R. G. Cunningham, H. G. Ross and Ole

When the good things provided had been disposed of President Humphrey proposed The Queen, which was loyally responded to: also The Prince of Wales and the Royal Family. The chairman also proposed The President of the United States. Vice-Consul Eure responded in an eloquent and appropriate speech. He thought it particularly meet and proper that friends should throw aside cares and meet together on a festive occasion such as this and congratpresenting a president who has attracther centennial and pointing with pride always for having money in both pockto the sturdy manhood, the noble and cts as insinuated by the musical selecpersistent efforts and business energy of tion accompanying the toast, but were the pioneers of British Columbia, who often acting in the interest of the public were instrumental in laying the founda- at the expense of their own interests. E. tion of the successful future of the prov-

J. F. Partridge proposed His Excellency the Governor-General," and Thos. Flewin sarg a song which met with rapturous applause. The Lieut.-Governor was proposed by

J. B. Lovell. His Honor sent a letter of regret stating that owing to indisposition he was unable to be present. The letter was full of incidents of early days in British Columbia, when the Lieut.-Governor met many of the old pioneers. Secretary Grahame proposed the Dominion Senate, House of Commons and Local Government. Thomas Earle, M. P., was the first to respond. He thought the senate a much abused body, but it was useful in many ways. The senators were by virtue of their position much more independent than members of parliament and could therefore act as a check in all matters coming before them. He believed that the members of both houses were imbued with a desire to promote the best interests of the country. Much progress had been made throughout the country since the pioneer days of the early six-

ward to great things being done during the next decade. Premier J. H. Turner was of the opinion that the pioneers were the first transcontinental road builders. walking across the plains to reach the gold fields of Cariboo, they had in a measure surveyed the way for the rail-

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way line which runs across the entire country. The pioneers were very. friendly towards each other and one was not at all jealous of the prosperity of another. There were no cruel words spoken nor pen used in those days to malign the characters of the people who the chorus. were helping to build up the province The spirit of neighborly friendship and consideration could be cultivated with advantage at the present time. He trusted the people of thirty years hence could speak as favorably of the pioneers of that time as we do of those to-day. Col. Prior, M. P., and H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., also responded in short speech-

E. E. Wootton sang "They All Love Jack," and E. J. Thain proposed "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," to which Col. Prior responded in a short speech in which he expressed his belief that the British army and navy was in as efficient a state at present as when she won the famous battles that showed her

supremacy on land and sea. Bridget Donahue" was then sung by A. St. George Flint in true Irish style and to the evident appreciation of those

C. E. Redfern, in proposing "The Mayor and Council," pointed out that he had been in Victoria for 33 years and did not growl at. He supposed this grumbling had a beneficial effect as it had a tendency to make the council more careful

Mayor Teague sent a letter of regret that he could not be present. Ald. Mc-Lellan, in response to the toast, said he would like to see Victoria made a beautiful city to live in, with good streets, good water and beautiful parks. He thought too much money was spent on education and too little on the streets and sidewalks. He believed in giving free to every child a good elementary education but after that the child's education should be paid for. The high school should be turned into a college and every pupil there should pay for his or her education. Ald. Humphrey and Bragg also responded.

J. G. Brown favored the audience with one of his old time spirited songs, and J. A. Clearibue proposed Sister Societies. T. J. Burnes responded on behalf of the B. C. Benevolent Society; J G. Brown, for the St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society, and A. St. George Flint for the Sons of Erin.

The Bench and Bar was proposed by J. Austin in a short and appropriate speech. Chief Justice Davie in response was highly entertaining. He told funny stories of early days in Cariboo, which kept those present in roars of laughter. He entirely disagreed with the sentiments contained in the resolution of the W. C. T. U. at Duncan's with reference to the habit of toasting, as he believed that a man could propose or respond to a toast without drinking or getting drunk. These convivial gatherings had a tendency to smooth the furrows of life and make men forget the hard blows they give each other in political and business life. The pioneers experienced hard times in early daysharder times than at present-and they had no single tax theories or manitoba school question to distract their attention as at the present day, but somehow they lived through these trying times. He himself had received some hard knocks in his life, and new that he had a "soft job" where people did not say hard things about him, he sometimes wishe He consedered himself fortunate in re- he were back to receive the sledge hammer blows dealt him by Mr. Templeman ed the attention of the whole civilized and others, as he enjoyed that sort of world, and who is the highest type of thing. He believed his successor fared American manhood and American citi- better than he did in that respect, as zenship; a man thoroughly imbued the papers do not seem to go after him with the necessity of principle and integ- to the same degree He closed with rity. Since occupying his present ex- some side-splitting anecdotes of pioneer alted position he has inaugurated re- days in Cariboo. H. D. Helmcken reforms against the oppressions of trusts sponded in a short speech, in which he and combines and monopolies. He clos- made reference to the lawyers endeaved with an eloquent peroration, in which oring to introduce the Torrens land syshe portrayed Victoria's celebration of tem in the province. They were not C Furniture Company, the management

> E. Wootton also responded with a short Col. Prior favored the company with a song and the Chief Justice proposed The Press in a short speech in which he stated that the press wielded an enorm ous influence for good or evil. The newspapers of this province were conducted by men of education and of principle. The editorials were ably written and the newspapers as a whole were superior in many ways to those published in other sections of the coun

> Mr. Templeman responded. He would say in reference to the remarks of the Chief Justice referring to Mr. Turner not being criticised as severely as he was that that may be possibly for a very good reason, which he would not care to mention, but he thought it was also in a measure due to the fact that the papers are becoming less parti-The press to a great extent reflect the character of the people, and they do not take the extreme views of public questions as formerly. He prophecied that since the proposer had before it in a libel suit. Heretofore the ago, when it published a faithful report was libellous. The minister and not the paper was really the guilty party. Mr. Scaife always entertained a friendly feeling towards those sturdy men who had so pluckily taken their part in laying the foundation for the success of the province. He regretted that he could not lay claim to pioneership himself, but was proud that he

could claim relationship from the fact that he is a nephew of one of the best known characters of early days-a character well known to all the pioneers and familiarly called by them "Bloody Edwards." Mr. Scaffe could thoroughly agree with all that had been said about the character of the newspapers of this province, but while commending the press for the high standard of efficiency already obtained, he was of the opinion that newspaper men should not rest sat isfied till their papers had reached that state of perfection when they will not only have a powerful influence in the

province but be known and respected in ali parts of the world. Mr. J. McCrea of the Colonist also re-

C. E. Redfern sang "The Old Pack

After the toast to The Ladies the company spent a pleasant half hour in relating stories of pioneer life and listening to some excellent songs from the Chief Justice, E. E. Wootton and Mr. Fisher The company broke up about three o'clock after enjoying what was in

sponded most happily.

the opinion of the pioneers, the most successful annual dinner held since the organization of the society in 1871.

VALHALLAH SOCIETY

Gave Their First Social Entertainment Last Evening.

Last evening the members of the Valhallah, the recently formed Scandinavian Society, gave their first social entertainment in Oliver's hall. The Danish "Comedy Eu Little Datter," was well staged and the characters were acceptably sustained. The cast follows: Nana Mrs. Bay. Ellingsen Mr. Geo. Amorsen.

Stine Mrs. Andersen. Vocal music by Miss Hansen, Messrs. Amorsen, Mrs. Droop and Mrs. Day followed the play. The evening's entertainment closed with a dance.
"Eu Little Datter" will be given more public production later on

NEW COMPANIES.

Certificates of Incorporation Published in Yesterday's Gazette.

Certificates of incorporation of the following new companies were published in the last issue of the British Columbia Official Gazetta:

Banner Lodge, No. 31, I. O. O. F., of Wellington. Trustees, J. L. McKay, M. Matheson and S. A. Sutherland. Cumberland Mining Company, of Three Forks, capital, \$500,000; trustees, A. D. Moore, W. H. Yawkey and C. Yawkey.

Metropelitan Club Company, of Rossland; capital, \$10,000; trustees, Charles Gibbs, John N. Peters and Alexander, Austin

Peter Creek Gold Mining Company, of Cariboo; head office, Vancouver; capital \$25,000; trustees, C. S. Douglas, W. H. Boorne, James D. Peebles, C. J. Loewen and R. G. Tatlow.

Queen Charlotte Oil Company, of Victoria; capital, \$14,000; trustees, Thomas Shotbolt, W. H. Dempster and B. Williams. This company will carry on the work of an oilery and the business of storekeeping and trading at Clue, Queen Charlotte Island. Another object of the company is to mine for oil or mineral. Sunshine Mining Company, of Three Forks; capital, \$500,000; same trustees as the Cumberland Mining Company. West Coast Packing Company, Vancouver; capital, \$30,000; trustees Thomas Hooper, of Victoria, and R. V. Winch and G. M. Macdonald, of Van couver. The objects of this company are varied, including dealing, in lands. sealskins, fish, fruit, vegetables and lumber, and to carry on business as sealers,

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transportation, storage and dairying."

Erskine Company. The business known as the Sehl-Hastie-Erskine Furniture Company. Ltd., has entirely changed hands, having been purchased from the mortgagees. The purchasers will continue business at the old stand under the name of the B. which will be in the hands of Mr. Jacob Sehl. The announcement of the change will be found in another column. It is the intention of the B. C. Furniture company to dispose of the entire stock-without doubt one of the finest on the coast-at such prices as will ensure a speedy clearance.

CHARITY CONCERT.

Successful Concert Held in Institute Hall in Aid of the City Poor.

A large and appreciative audience attended the charity concert given in Institute hall last evening by the ladies of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral The proceeds will be devoted to alleviating the sufferings of the city's poor-regardless of class or creed. The programme was made up of selections by the popular singers of the city, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A special orchestra under the direction of Messrs. Finn and Bantley was heard in two pleasing selections, while Mrs. C. A. Lombard played the majority of the accompaniments with marked ability. The cathedral choir was heard to advantage in "O By Rivers," and a male choir consisting of Messrs. Shedden, spoken in such laudatory tones of the press that the bench would treat with Oliver, Baynton and Sehl rendered very onsideration newspapers that appeared effectively "Winds Whistle Cold." The other parts in the programme were takpress of the province had not received fair treatment at the hands of judges and juries. The Dominion libel law is a most pernicious one and should be Richardson and Dooley furnished the amended. When a newspaper reports a comic part of the programme. They public speaker accurately it should not were particularly happy in their selece mulcted in damages for any libellous tions and were rewarded with enthusiasmatter uttered by the speaker, as was the encores. Miss Ina Brash, in her the case of the Montreal Star some time recitation, "The Roman Sentinel," gave evidence of careful elocutionary trainof a speech by a cabinet minister, which ing. The concert was successful in every respect, and the ladies are to be congratulated upon the result of their efforts in such a worthy cause.

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avenue, James Bay, has been called up-on to mourn the loss of his wife, who died yesterday. She was a native of Scotland, aged 31 years.

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THE CANNERS' PAST YEAR. Meeting of the British Columbia Canning Company in London.

The ordinary general meeting of this company was held on Monday at Winchester House, Mr. J. H. Brodie presid-

In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman congratulated the share-

holders on the improved result of the company's operations during the past year. Instead of a loss, as was the case in 1892 and 1893 seasons, they were able to show, after making good some cf the damage sustained by the floods on the Fraser river and writing off £864 for depreciation, the substantial profit of £5508. It was decided to retain this in the coffers of the company against the accumulated debit to profit and loss account, and there would then stand in the way of any division of profits £3854. The stocks of salmon shown in the accounts to May 31st had been nearly all disposed of since that date, and the item of goods sold under contract, £11,283, had been realized. With regard to the 1895 fishing season, which had now closed, he was glad to say that the results thad heen satisfactory, although their production was smaller than was at one time anticipated, owing to their not having been able to pack on the Skeena liver in consequence of the unfortunate fire which destroyed their plant at the commencement of the season. There was no immediate prospect of a return to old prices, but he thought they might reckon on steady markets with a large and possibly increasing consumption of this class of food supply. The directors would, in the near future, enlarge the field of the company's operations, and endeavor to render the results of the anneries more profitable.

Mr. A. G. Kendall, seconded the motion, which after a short discussion; was agreed to with three dissentients. At an extraordinary general meeting, which was subsequently held, the scheme of reconstruction recommended by the board with the object of extinguishing the heavy arrears of preference dividends and placing the ordinary shareholders in a position to participate at an earlier date in any surplus "profits was approved.-Canadian Gazette.

PALATIAL RESIDENCE.

Just Completed by Contractor Catterall for Mr. W. J. Pendray.

Mr. W. J. Pendray's residence on Belleville street, James Bay, has just been completed. This elegant mansion shows up very prominently from any part of the harbor. It is really an imposing structure, with its well proporcircular bays and cosy balconies. The general outside appearance is very neat and trim, indicating attentive mechanical skill and faithfulness to the plans and details of the architect, Mr. A. C. Ewart. The whole of the outside wood finishing is composed of assorted cedar and painted in four tints to harmonize with the surroundings, while the interior, with its light, airy and spacious cooms is a marvel of elegance and convenience and leaves nothing to be desired for family comfort. The inside wood finishing consists of red cedar, English oak, California red wood and maple, the main hall and vestibule being richly panelled on both walls and ceilings. The whole of this work is artistically oil finished in the natural wood. The building is heated by the hot water system and is supplied with all the latest sanitary equipments. The whole residence is abundantly supplied with electric bells, speaking tubes, etc., and will be lighted with electricity throughout. The contract for this substantial frame structure was awarded to the well known builder Thomas Catterall, who has now completed his contract ii. a very creditable manner.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday the full court dismissed the defendants' appeal in Hogg v. Fanell The action was in reference to mining claims, and the argument went off on a question of pleadings, the defendants not having complied with the rules as to pleading in specifically denying that the claims had been located. Mr. Chas. Wilson, Q. C., for the appellants and Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., for the respon-

The divisional court, consisting of the Chief Justice and Justices Crease and Walkem, are to-day hearing the plainti s' appeal in B. C. Iron Works Co. v. Ernest Buse, John G. Bugbee and Rosa Mueller, trading together as the Buse Mill Co. The plaintiffs ued for \$2218.85, and at the first trial got judgment and Rosa Mueller was declared a partner. She appealed, and the divisional court ordered a new trial, when it was held that she was not a partner. The plaintiffs now ask for a new trial on the ground of wrongful admission and rejection of evidence and misdirec Mr. E. P. Davis, Q. C., and Mr. R. W. Harris appear for the appellants and Mr. A. J. McColl, Q. C., for the respondents.

None But Aver's at the World's Fair. Ayer's Sarsaparilla enjoys the extra ordinary distinction of having been the only blood purifier allowed on exhibit at the World's Fair. Chicago. Mannfacturers of other sarsaparillas sought by every means to obtain a showing of -Mr. Walter Easton, of San Juan their goods, but they were all turned away under the application of the rule forbidding the entry of patent medicines The and nostrums. The decision of the World's Fair authorities in favor of Ayer's Sarsaparilla was in effect as follows: Ayer's Sarsaparilla is not a pat ent medicine. It does not belong to the list of nostrums. It is here on its mer

LAW SOCIETY.

The Torrens System and Other Matters Discussed at Its Meeting.

About twenty-five lawyers attended the special general meeting of the Law Society last night, held for the purpose of discussing the Torrens system of land titles. Hon. D. M. Eberts occupied the chair, and after explaining the object of the meeting, called upon those present to give their views.

called upon those present to give their views.

Mr. T. O. Townley, the registrar of votes at Vancouver and New Westminster, was the first speaker. He said he had seen the working of the Torrens system in Manitoba, and although he considered the present system here an excellent one, he thought it could be improved upon. What is wanted is certainty of title, and that is supplied by the Torrens system, under which the estate passes by registration and not by, deed, so that a person going to the registry can find out just how the title stands. The distinguishing features are that under it registration is compulsory, and transmission of title passes by registration. As far as the public are concerned, it would be much better, as the fees are less.

Mr. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., of Vancouver, said the present system should certainly be improved upon. The Torrens seems the best system and it had been tried with success in New Zealand, Ontario and Manitoba.

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Mr. Archer Martin was in Manitoba when the Torrens system was in Manitoba when the Torrens system was introduced there. Both systems were allowed and the result was that loan companies and purchasers insisted on Torrens titles. Under it dower and tenancies by the curtesies are abolished. From a commercial point of view, the rapidity of transfer is the great advantage. In Manitoba for six years the insurance fund was only once called upon to pay a loss.

Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., had seen the working of the system in the Northwest Territories for five years, and was very much in favor of it. At present a solicitor in passing a title for a loan company takes chances in making himself liable for many thousands of dollars because deeds are not recorded, and as there is a sort of registration system people are not careful or their

recorded, and as there is a sort of registra-tion system people are not careful or their deeds. The present system, he said, had all the bad points of all other systems and none of the good.

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Several others made remarks about the different systems, and the following resolution was carried on motion of Messrs. Mc-Phillips and Bodwell: "That in the opinion of this meeting the introduction of the Torrens system of land registration would prove beneficial; and it is strongly recommended that a bill of that character be introduced at the approaching session of the roduced at the approaching session of the provincial legislature."

Six of those present voted against the resolution and in favor of further consideration.

A second resolution, moved by Mr. Chas. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Bodwell and adopted, recommended "that the winding up rules and Crown office rules be brought into force as soon as possible."

There was also a lengthy discussion in reference to the new tariff of costs; and it was decided that the judges be requested to promulgate it is soon as possible.

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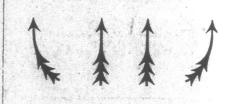
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