

LOST IN WILDS OF FAR NORTH. TWO SEARCH PARTIES ARE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING. R. N. W. M. P. Inspector, Body of Police and Eskimos All Disappear.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The party of Dominion government surveyors, R. D. Fry, Mr. Worrier and Frank Peters, all of Ottawa, who arrived to-day from Fort Churchill, Hudson Bay, brought with them the sensational report of the disappearance of the party which was sent out by Major Moody, of the N. W. Mounted Police, in search of Inspector Pelletier and his body of Eskimos, who also have apparently been lost.

KILLING NO MURDER IN UNITED STATES. Mrs. Florence Erb and Her Sister, Mrs. Beisel, Are Acquitted.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb, wife of Capt. J. C. Erb, who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania, and her sister, Mrs. Beisel, were acquitted to-day by a jury in the sensational murder case charged against them on the night of October 6, 1908, to-day walked from the Delaware county courthouse free women.

T. J. HAINS SAYS HIS STORY WILL BE BELIEVED. One of Principals in Yacht Club Murder "Sure of Freedom."

SUICIDE BY DESPONDENCY. Man Drinks Poison on Porch of His Successful Rival in Love.

PLUMBING FACTORY DAMAGED. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The James Ballantyne Company's plumbing factory, one of the largest in Western Canada, was damaged to the extent of seventy thousand dollars by fire last night.

NEBRASKA'S NEW GOVERNOR. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the joint session of the house and senate, T. S. Heilenberger, Democrat, was today inaugurated Governor of Nebraska.

BURYING DEAD AT MESSINA. SURVIVORS SENT AWAY FROM RUINED CITY. Earthquake Shocks Are Followed by Another Outbreak of Fire.

Messina, Jan. 7.—Earthquake shocks are still continuing here at the rate of about ten per hour. Fire also has again broken out, completing the destruction of the city hall and the records stored there.

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Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Miss Nellie O'Donnell, aged 32, a former cashier and bookkeeper for the Schwarzchild & Sulzberg Beer and Provision Company, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzlement to the extent of \$40,000 while in the employ of the company.

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T. HICKS GUILTYLESS OF LENOX MURDER. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—Thos. Hicks, accused of murdering Eccles Lennox, after an eight-day trial, was declared not guilty.

LE ROI REPORT. (Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 7.—The report of the Le Roi Mining Company for the fifteen months ending Sept. 30th shows a deficit of £24,895 due to the writing off of £40,800 spent on exploration, development, etc.

PLOTTING TO DETHRONE PORTUGAL'S KING. His Youthful Majesty is Publicly Warned—Extra Guards Around Palace.

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VICTORIA SITE FOR UNIVERSITY. CITIZENS URGES ITS CLAIMS ON GOVERNMENT. Representative Men to Prepare the Case for Presentation.

(From Thursday's Daily.) There never has been any doubt among Victorians that the best interests of the provincial university to be established in British Columbia demand that its seat be in the Capital City, which offers sites not to be equalled elsewhere in the province.

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SIXTEEN BRITISH BLUEJACKETS DROWN. Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—The pinnacle of the British cruiser Encounter was sunk in a collision with a collier here. Sixteen sailors were drowned.

NOT WIFE MURDER. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—James H. Young, who was arrested, following the mysterious death of his wife at their home, 15 Oliver street, on Tuesday night, was released from the city prison yesterday at the order of Coroner Carroll, who declared there was no evidence to connect him in any way with the death of Mrs. Young.

PROHIBITION IN ALABAMA. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 7.—The state prohibition law was upheld here to-day when a liquor license was refused in the local probate court.

U. S. NAVAL SECRETARY WANTS DREADNOUGHTS. Fleet Should Also Have More Cruisers, Destroyers, Submarines, Etc.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The authorization of an entire squadron of four monster battleships was urged on the house committee on naval affairs when Secretary Newberry appeared before that committee yesterday.

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DETAILS OF SOOKE LAKE PROPOSITION. W. J. Taylor, K.C., Meets City Council and Presents Agreement Which Canadian Agency Is Prepared to Enter Into.

(From Thursday's Daily.) At the meeting of the city council, called hurriedly yesterday afternoon to receive the report from W. J. Taylor, K. C., on the result of his negotiations in London in connection with the Sooke lake water supply, all the members were present except Ald. Pauline.

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bans touched another Norah saw a long dark more than six feet in vo feet in width. For a this tunnel sloped down- en it became level, and of was perceptible a fat electric lamp afar of e of yellow in the long, etch. They had already such lamps, we?" Norah whispered to

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times back." said Cramp- will go first, Norah, not can slip out and see if it. If you do happen to he will suppose you have the boat-house. Whereas been watching the boat- ks, father," said Norah. ne?"

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EDMAN'S... GUARANTEE.

LOWER TAX ON IMPROVEMENTS

DIFFICULTIES WHICH PROPOSITION PRESENTS

Rate on Land Would Have to Be Increased to Make Up Revenue.

The proposal to reduce the tax on improvements, which the city council recommends to the attention of the incoming council, is interesting property owners, whose holdings are in land even more, perhaps, than it is interesting owners of improved property, who would stand to have the amount of the taxes payable on account of the improvements cut in half.

The assessment of the city is \$24,640,865, of which \$15,385,025 is on land and \$9,255,840 on improvements. At the twenty-five mill rate the land would produce \$384,626 and a levy on half of the value of improvements, on \$4,627,920, would produce \$115,698. If the council decides to give exemption to the extent of three-quarters of the value of the improvements the revenue from the remaining twenty-five per cent. will be \$37,840. This would have to be raised by a higher tax on the land. One method would be by increasing the assessment, but that is out of the question. The increase would have to be the equivalent of one-quarter of the improvements assessment or \$2,163,960. Even if the land was not already assessed to its full assessable value it would be practically impossible to raise all the assessments equitably so as to get the total increased by the amount just named. The only solution would be the raising of the rate. To make up the fifty-seven thousand odd, which would go to reward the makers of improvements the land would have to be taxed at twenty-eight and three-quarters (28 3/4) mills on the dollar. Real estate owners who have figured the thing out do not like the look of the figures, and it is hinted that they would hardly look well in the Tourist Association literature or even a simple news item in outside papers.

A further difficulty arises in regard to striking the rate. The total rate is made up of four items, a general rate for civil purposes, a special rate for the repayment of the debt, the board of health rate and the school rate. These are levied on land and on fifty per cent. of the value of improvements equally at the rate of one cent in each case. If the twenty-five mill rate is taken as a basis, and the levy is made on fifty per cent. of the value of improvements, the levy would be on land there would have to be a proportionally higher rate in each case, making up 28 3/4 mills in all. This would entail an immense amount of extra work on the assessor's and the treasurer's staffs, already overworked.

One way in which this difficulty could be met would be by making a rate of 28 3/4 mills on the land and one-quarter of the value of improvements, which would produce the half million dollars of revenue secured under the present rate. From the advertising point of view this would have the same objective as any high rate would have, and it would mean that the reduction of taxation on improvements would amount to but \$80,000. In other words, the levy would be on twenty-eight per cent. of their assessed value.

It is plain that the committee on legislation of the council to be elected next week will have some difficulties to solve if it decides to act on the advice of the old council.

TO LINK S. PACIFIC WITH MEXICAN ROAD

E. H. Harriman and Other Capitalists Said to Have Projected Scheme.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.—According to private information received here from New York, E. H. Harriman has decided to build a railroad line from the main line of the Southern Pacific into Mexico. Beginning it at a point east of El Paso the proposed new line will extend through the new oil fields in northeastern Chihuahua and through the timber region of north central Mexico to a connection with the Guaymas and Guadalupe line now being built. Former Governor Terrasas, Governor Cresol of Chihuahua, William Randolph Hearst and other prominent men are said to be interested in the gap to be owned by the new line, and to be lending financial support to the undertaking.

FIRE DAMAGE IS \$100,000.

Whitney, Man., Jan. 6.—A serious fire visited the business section of Whitney, Alberta, this morning. The Burns and Compton-Montgomery blocks, occupied by several merchants, who lost their all. The total loss was one hundred thousand dollars.

SMALLPOX IN SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—Following the removal of a patient suffering from smallpox from the Hotel De France, 51 Main street, 50 persons who lodged at the place were vaccinated by doctors from the city health department yesterday.

About 2,500 acres of abandoned farms in New England have been planted in trees as part of a general reforestation scheme.

FRISCO'S NEXT BRIBERY TRIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—The trial of Adolph Newburgh, a former attorney of Abe Ruef, who was indicted several months ago on a charge of attempting to bribe John A. Kelley, a prospective juror in the Ruef trial, was commenced yesterday in Judge Murphy's department of the superior court. The examination of witnesses occupied the entire session.

FRANK BUCKLE TO VISIT CANADA

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 6.—Frank Buckle, editor of the Times, will visit Canada in the spring.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE LOCAL POLICE

Large Number of Persons Were Taken Into Lockup.

The police records for the year 1908, the compiling of which was completed by Jaier W. P. Allen on Tuesday, show an increase over 1907 to a very large extent. This was to be expected as a result of the growth of the city and also owing to the closer attention which the police have been able to give since the enlargement of the patrol force.

Looked at closely, however, the figures do not show such an increase as need cause any concern. There has been some small increase in serious crimes but even then the total number is not large. Greater part of the expansion of the figures is credited to small offences and to cases of persons brought in for safe keeping or seeking shelter. As a matter of fact the number of cases sent up for trial in the higher courts was just half the number committed in 1907.

In 1908 cases came in for attention during the year, as compared with 1211 in 1907. There were 861 arrests, 266 persons were summoned, 715 were given tickets and twenty-nine persons were sent to New Westminster. In comparison with the number of cases of safe-keeping the record for the year before was 434, 136 of these dealt with in the police lockup, the remaining 298 were committed to the assizes as compared with twenty-six in 1907, and 162 were discharged, against 81 in the preceding twelve months. The comparative figures were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1908, 1907. Rows include: Convictions in police court, Sent up for trial, Charged with offence, Sent to the assizes, Safe keeping, Total cases, Assault, 52; aggravated assault, 2; assaulting police officer, 2; assaulting sheriff, 1; infraction of the auto speeding regulations, 13; criminal operation, 31; breaking and entering, 37; larceny, 20; 13; carrying concealed weapons, 6; cruelty to animals, 1; cutting and wounding, 1; infractions of city by-laws, 124; rumpus, 475; infraction of the prohibition act, 14; liquor license regulations, 3; libel, 2; malicious injury to property, 14; murder, 1; neglect to provide for family, 3; obscene language, 1; obtaining money under false pretense, 8; obstructing justice, 1; receiving stolen property, 40; pointing revolver, 1; being in possession of intoxicants, 4; infractions of Public Morals by-law, 3; infractions of Provincial Tax Act, 2; robbery with violence, 1; robbery from the person, 2; rape, 2; stealing, 67; infractions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 4; using threatening language, 4; vagrancy, 740.

In both years there were the same number of charges against Indians, 55, and in the case of Chinese there was a slight falling off last year, from 34 to 28. The other cases are all included under the general title "whites." The patrol wagon made 1218 runs in 1908, as compared with 869 in 1907, and earned \$64,787.

Of the annual civic reports which have to be prepared at this season, the police report is always first. This year Mr. Allen, who has kept the records for many years and prepared the report, is as prompt as ever.

TWENTY MINUTES IN ICY WATERS STRAITS

Japanese Fell Overboard From Steamer Oscar and Was Hauled in With Rope.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Twenty minutes in the water on a day like this is hardly a thing to be desired, especially when the wind is lashing up the waves along the shore. This was the experience of a Jap, who fell overboard from the steamer Oscar off Lewis Rock, in the neighborhood of Cadboro Bay, this morning. The Oscar was taking fifty drums of glycerine that had been brought on the Titan, to Telegraph Bay, but the wind proved too strong to allow a landing. On the way back, just opposite the rock, the Jap fell over the rail. He was wearing gum boots at the time, but these he managed to kick off and swim until the steamer was brought round and a rope thrown to him. None of the men on board expected ever to see the Jap on board again alive, but he was tenacious of life and was soon hauled on to the deck dripping and cold but very much alive, and he seems none the worse for his experience.

DIES OF APOPLEXY.

Portland, Ogn., Jan. 6.—H. Barker, proprietor of the Barker hotel in Seatonville, who had come to Portland with his wife to attend the funeral of the latter's mother, suffered an attack of apoplexy at Leffert's jewelry store on Washington street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, from the effects of which he died several hours later at the Good Samaritan hospital.

CONSOLIDATED GAS.

Shares on New York Exchange Record Another Sensational Decline.

New York, Jan. 6.—Consolidated Gas shares made another sensational decline on the stock market yesterday. The stock opened at from 133 to 140, as compared with the previous day's close of 141. It moved slightly downward during the early session, but rallied somewhat, but recovered, on persistent liquidation, sold as low as 126 1/2. From this price the stock rallied feebly.

11 MURDERS—NO HANGINGS.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—Police statistics for last year show eleven murders committed here and no death penalties imposed. There were 53 violent deaths.

COAL COMPANY PLANS EXTENSION WORK

Measures Purchased on Queen Charlotte Island Will Be Fully Developed.

Some time ago the announcement was made in these columns of negotiations for the acquisition of coal measures on Graham Island. Ephraim Hodgson, for years a coal prospector on Vancouver Island, investigated the showings and a local syndicate, Messrs. C. H. Todd, Capt. John Irving, Robert Tennant, Major Nicholls, T. T. Gore, Dr. G. L. Milne and others, while the original locater never for an instant doubted the importance of the deposit on the fact that it would ultimately come into great prominence, it has remained a long time awaiting full development. The presence of mines on Vancouver Island sufficient to meet the immediate demands on the coast has acted as a barrier to the taking up of the Queen Charlotte Island and properties as commercial producers. Rapid development on the Pacific coast has increased the necessities for coal, and the compulsory removal of all the living in the destroyed cities. The work of searching under the ruins has almost ceased.

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CONGRESS MEMBERS AND ROOSEVELT ESPIONAGE

Committee Considers How Best to Resent Mention of Secret Service Legislation.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Drastic measures were considered yesterday by the Perkins special committee of the house, appointed to recommend action in defence of that body in reply to the criticism made by the president in his annual message in reference to secret service legislation.

After the meeting open rumor said the committee would recommend that the portion of the message referring to the secret service be expunged from the record. Another report was that his recent message in reply to the request for more information on the subject would be returned to the chief executive. Neither report could be confirmed.

A report will be agreed on by the committee to-day, and it is thought that the house will be called upon to take action to-morrow. Friends of the president will resist any drastic action that may be recommended. On the other hand, reports say that Tawney, Smith, Shirley and Fitzgerald are preparing to defend themselves against the reference to them in the message.

POLITICAL SCANDAL IN ST. PETERSBURG

Chief of Secret Police Sentenced for Manufacturing Evidence.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—Col. Sevast'itsky, chief of the secret service, sentenced to four years penal servitude and the loss of his military rights on the charge of having manufactured evidence in political cases. Two of the colonel's subordinates were sentenced to shorter terms. Many political prisoners will be released as a result of these revelations.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 6.—Joseph Chamberlain published a New Year message reminding tariff reformers that the year will likely see a dissolution of parliament and a possible change of government, and that therefore they must be prepared to table their practical proposals the moment the opportunity arises.

REBUILDING OF RUINED CITIES

PEOPLE MAY NOT RETURN TO STRICKEN TERRITORY

Typhoid Fever Breaks Out in Messina—Italian Government Aid.

Rome, Jan. 6.—Plans for the rebuilding of Reggio and Messina already being discussed in detail. It is estimated that about 415,000 will rebuild Messina for 50,000 inhabitants. It will take about \$2,000,000 to rebuild Reggio for 25,000 people. In any event many years must elapse before the terror-stricken population can be induced to return and live in the stricken territory.

Another project is to transfer Messina provisionally to Millessevo, a small town near Messina. It has been decided to reconvene the Italian parliament on Friday or Saturday to consider measures of relief. Three members of the chamber of deputies perished in the earthquake. The Pope yesterday visited the wounded in the Vatican hospital accompanied by Dr. Guiseppe Petacchi, his private physician.

The prompt despatch of a part of the American battalions with the fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Sperry, to offer aid in the earthquake relief work, has added to the public feeling of appreciation and gratitude. Word has been received that the fleet has opened a fund for the sufferers, and that the men of the fleet are contributing generously.

Despatches received from Messina and Reggio state that although the situation is in some respects better, fresh complications have arisen. Typhoid fever has broken out in Messina. The medical administration in consequence has ordered the compulsory removal of all the living in the destroyed cities. The work of searching under the ruins has almost ceased.

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DOG ATTACK REFUGES.

Messina, Jan. 6.—Dogs now institute one of the dangers of the refugees. These animals were seen attacking a group of thirty frequently attack the refugees. Among the wounded who went to Payermo was a refugee whose body has been terribly torn by dogs. He was buried in the debris up to his neck, and while unable to move was attacked by three of the animals and seriously hurt before his cries attracted help. Many people are shooting all vagrant dogs at sight, and stray bullocks are another danger in the city.

The work of rescue is being pushed on indefatigably night and day, and even now persons alive are occasionally dug out from the ruins. A woman was released from a narrow space in which she was wedged. She did not realize that she had been buried so many days. She explained she thought she was entombed in the church after having died a natural death, and that she was living in the hereafter.

The rain has at last ceased, and the sky has cleared. Nature appears to have wishes even to cancel history. Cathedral is Mass of Ruins. Messina, Jan. 6.—The visitor cannot refrain from a cry of sorrow when he realizes that the cathedral, the glory of Messina, has been razed. The central dome and the spire, which were the only parts that escaped the ravages of the earthquake, are now a mass of ruins. The magnificent tombs of the kings of Sicily have been reduced to ruins. Among the many dreadful scenes none is more pathetic than those in which men and women, who have lost their reason from shock and suffering. It might almost seem that the little army of survivors has become demoralized. To-day a party of soldiers came upon the scene. They were once the city hall. They found an old man standing there half-naked. He held a blanket in his hands, but he did not think to put it around him, although the air was cold. The soldiers asked him why he did not cover himself, and one urged him to take refuge in a hut, but the old man answered: "I cannot leave. I am the porter of the municipality."

residence of Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, at his invitation, today voted a fund of \$1,000,000 toward the relief of sufferers in Italy. Among the officials and bankers in attendance were Count Matsukata, Marquis Nabasha, M. Matsuo, governor of the Bank of Japan, Baron Sonoda and M. Sakai, president of the Hypothetic Bank of Japan, and over thirty others. The commission appointed a committee to raise 100,000 yen (\$50,000) within a fortnight.

Movements of U. S. Warships. Port Said, Jan. 6.—The battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont left here for Naples last night. Upon their arrival Admiral Sperry will place the vessels at the disposal of the authorities. The battleships Louisiana and Virginia arrived last night. The Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to-day.

LONDON'S RAGGED CHILDREN.

Victoria Contributions Provided Dinner For 1,500 Urchins.

London, Jan. 6.—Fifteen hundred ragged school children had a substantial dinner last night provided by funds subscribed by friends in Victoria, B. C.

CLERGY AND RAILWAY FARES.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—The special rates accorded to clergymen by railways in Western Canada for many years have been withdrawn, and the clergy now pay full fares when travelling. None still get a lower rate.

YUKON INDIANS ARE TAKING TO LIQUOR

Natives to Engage in Agricultural Pursuits as Antidote to Debauchery.

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 6.—Liquor consumption has increased among the Indians of the Yukon in the last year or two to an alarming degree. All the authorities and the clergy are striving to hold down the practice, but the reds, having had a taste of the white man's liquor, will not let it alone. In Dawson just now are four men serving time in the jail for supplying Indians with liquor, and two of the Indians are doing time for having been drunk and disorderly.

In White Horse several of the Indians are in jail for the same offence, and some of the whites, who provided the liquor, are in duration.

It is anomalous that through the early days of this camp the natives eschewed drink and walked in the paths of righteousness and sobriety, while now they are taking the devious track. Plans were made last year to institute agriculture at Meade Hill as it was believed that the natives there might just as well be bending their efforts toward raising good potatoes and other vegetables for their own use as sitting about drinking liquor or absorbing nicotine. If the idea is not cast aside the natives may be put on a self-supporting basis. For a long time the Indians have been more or less of an expense and a charge to the government, but those undertaking the reform believe that if the agricultural industry can be inculcated the returns not only would include material goods, but would do the natives good and bring them back from the highway to vice.

BRITAIN UNEASY AT REMOVAL OF YUAN SHI KAI

Sir John Gordon of Opinion That Foreign Interests Are Endangered.

Peking, Jan. 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, accompanied by the members of his family, left yesterday afternoon on a special train for Wei Hai Wei in Honan province. There were only a few railroad officials at the railroad station to see him off.

Immediately after his dismissal, Yuan Shi Kai, desiring that the members of his family would be seized first by Tien Tain, taking his family with him. He considered his flight, and in the light of certain assurances decided to return to the capital. The fate of this dismissed statesman is still regarded as problematical.

U. S. TROOPS FOR HAWAII

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—The army transport Thomas sailed for Honolulu and Manila carrying the largest number of army officers transported across the Pacific since the Spanish-American war. Col. Walter S. Schuyler, with 561 men of the fifth cavalry, will leave the Thomas at Honolulu to take station at the army post at Honolulu. The freighter Virginia, which also started to-day, will transport to Honolulu 588 horses for use of the fifth cavalry.

CHICAGO BLIZZARD SENDS MERCURY TUMBLING

Fall of 53 Degrees in Twenty-four Hours—Telegraphic Communication Crippled.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6.—True to the weather bureau's schedule, the first blizzard of the winter swept down on Chicago to-day from the north. From 44 degrees above zero yesterday the mercury dropped to 9 below to-day.

Telegraph wires were crippled in every direction, and there are a number of accidents due to the cold weather recorded. Twenty-five guests of the Humboldt Park hotel suffered severely for a time. They were driven half clad into the street by a fire. To-day was the coldest in the last three years.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Officials of the immigration department are doing their best to discourage winter carnivals in Canada. One says: "Any literature, exhibition or any other thing which tends to create the impression that Canada is an extremely cold country is very hurtful to the work carried on by our officers in other countries. You will remember the great prominence given to Rudyard Kipling's poem 'Our Lady of the Snows,' and the opinion of many of those best able to judge was that the title did inculcate damage to our Dominion."

ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES AT WESTMINSTER REDUCED

Recommendations Adopted at Last Meeting of Old Council.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—In accordance with the custom that has been observed by the city from the date of its incorporation, the outgoing and the incoming councils both held special meetings yesterday. A council meeting in the morning and the new council at noon.

The members of the old council were all present, with the exception of Ald. Garrett, and immediately proceeded to discuss the electric light rates of last year, in order to give the new council a clear start.

The most important matter that called for the attention of the old council was the proposed reduction in the electric light rates. The mayor, in putting the matter before the aldermen, stated that at present the city of Vancouver had the lowest light rates in Canada.

Ald. Gray, chairman of the light committee, added that the proposed reductions would make the rate in this city a trifle less than that of Vancouver for the same service.

The recommendations were taken up clause by clause and the reduction finally decided upon with a few changes from the original. The first clause makes it to be taken for the first kilowatts 11c per kilowatt hour; the next thirty kilowatts 10c and the next forty or over 9c, these rates being based on meter measure. Clause two provides for electric hospitals, educational and charitable institutions to be supplied with light at eight cents per kilowatt hour. Clause three deals with signs and window light for business houses, the rates to be determined from time to time, the minimum to be not less than fifty cents per month. Clause four provides that the corporation be charged \$36 per year for each arc light, and five cents net for all other electric purposes.

A change was made in the cost of light to the city from the regular rates to fifty cents per kilowatt net, which is slightly more than the cost of transmission and production. The other clauses were adopted with the exception of the last, which provided that the profits be deposited as a sinking fund to be used to pay off the bonded indebtedness of the Electric Light. This was laid over until a later period.

JUDGE'S PECULATIONS.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 6.—The county grand jury yesterday returned 25 indictments against Judge E. B. Boone, former chief clerk in the office of the state auditor, charging him with uttering, forging and defrauding the state with vouchers. Records placed before the grand jury indicate that the total amount of Boone's peculation was over \$30,000.

ARIZONA MINING MAN MISSING.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—It is now believed that T. A. Cox, the Arizona mining man who disappeared from the Fairmount hotel on December 20th, is still alive. Detectives who stated that Cox had gone to Portland, Ore., were yesterday convinced that they had located another man of the same name.

NEW STEAMER TO BE OPEN TO INSPECTION

Seamen's Institute and Lifeboat Association Will Share in Proceeds.

The general public of Victoria are to have an opportunity to inspect the new steamer Princess Charlotte, now lying at the Belleville street docks. She will be thrown open on Saturday evening, with all her furnishings complete, and a charge of 25 cents made for admission for adults and ten cents for children. The proceeds will be divided between the Seamen's Institute and the Lifeboat Association. This has been made possible through the kindness of Capt. Troup, superintendent of Pacific Coast steamships for the C. P. R. In order that the visit may be made enjoyable an orchestra will be provided and the ship beautifully illuminated.

GOLD IN U. S. TREASURY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Yesterday's statement of treasury balance in the general funds shows an available cash balance of \$165,730,461; gold coin and bullion, \$28,142,049; gold certificates, \$61,496,750.

Steamer Iyo Maru left Tuesday for Japan and China, taking a large and valuable cargo consisting of flour, cotton and herring, canned salmon, crude rubber, cut glass and other miscellaneous goods. She had in all some thing like 5,000 tons.

FIRE SWEEPS PORT ESSINGTON

TOWN PARTIALLY WIPED OUT: LOSS \$100,000

Buildings Blown Up to Check Progress of the Flames.

Aberdeen, B. C., Jan. 5.—Port Essington was partially destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the annex of the Caledonia hotel, caused by a defective flue. On account of lack of water pressure and the severe weather prevailing it was found necessary to blow up buildings east and west of the fire centre.

The total loss will amount to about \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The following buildings were completely destroyed: Caledonia hotel and annex, with Royal Bank loss about \$15,000; Mackenzie & Jackson, general store, \$10,000; Bagstadt's jewelry store, contents saved, loss on building about \$1,000; Miss & Co., drug store, \$3,000; photograph gallery, \$1,000; church and schoolroom, \$5,000; Lorenz residence, \$2,000; Warren's restaurant and its contents, \$2,000; Chinese restaurant and laundry, \$3,000.

Other losses including about 15 small cottages and the contents and part of the wharf belonging to the Skeena River commercial company, would amount to about \$30,000. Windows were damaged by the explosions to the extent of about \$3,000.

SEATTLE TRAGEDY.

Strange Death of His Wife Leads to a Candy-maker's Arrest.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—James Young, a candy-maker, with a store at 1023 Pike street, was arrested at the order of Coroner F. M. Carroll last night, following the death of Mrs. Young, after the couple had quarrelled in their home, 715 Olive street. Although the cause of the woman's death could not be ascertained by Deputy Coroner John T. Honeycutt and Dr. I. B. Green, the city physician, last night, they are inclined to believe that the woman either took poison or died of acute heart disease brought on by the quarrel.

During the quarrel in the bedroom of the Young home, a revolver, which Young later passed to Joseph Roba, a roomer at the house, was fired. The bullet struck Mrs. Young in the chest. Mrs. Anna Young, the dead woman, was formerly a Mrs. Robinson. She was 38 years old. She and Young were married last August. They had lived together for two years. She died last night since last November.

Young insists that he did not strike his wife, and says he cannot understand what caused her death.

SIXTEEN VESSELS LOST.

During the past season sixteen vessels, ten steamers and six schooners, made a record of existence on the Great Lakes. The boats that were total losses were valued at \$831,000. They had a carrying capacity of 26,250 tons a trip. Eight of the vessels stranded and were pounded to pieces, five steamers were destroyed by fire, two were lost in collisions and one steamer was foundered. Only two were of steel. The greatest loss of the season was the steel steamer D. M. Clemons, which foundered in Lake Superior. Twenty-four lives were lost on her. She was valued at \$300,000, and her coal cargo was worth \$12,000. The package freight steamer North Star, which was sunk in collision with the steamer Northern Queen on Lake Huron, was insured for \$120,000, and she had a valuable cargo which was also insured.

DEAN FARTHING'S CONSECRATION.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 6.—The consecration of Dean Farthing as Bishop of Montreal in Christ Church cathedral to-day brought to a close the preparations for the Anglican church in Eastern Canada, and was a most impressive ceremony, despite the absence of the anti-climatic wing of the church. There was no disturbance.

CHINESE SOLDIERS IN OPEN INSURRECTION

Both Government Troops and Mutineers Claim Victory in Engagement.

Amoy, China, Jan. 6.—Official reports have been received here of a revolutionary outbreak in Manchuria near Mukden. One thousand mutinous soldiers have taken the field, a column of government troops with a gatling gun was sent out against them.

An engagement was fought on Sunday in which the insurgents, according to the official version, were repulsed. Native reports, however, are to the effect that the troops were driven back with a loss of sixty men killed. The fact that the insurgents occupy an impregnable position would seem to indicate a government reverse. Reinforcements have been asked for. The women and children have been sent away from the locality.

The cause of the mutiny is not explained. Insurgents' agents are busy recruiting in Amoy. They are offering a dollar a day for men.

SCHEME CITY

LOCAL COMMISSION HAS

Would Engage in Landscape Planning

The following "landscape scheme" for the city has been presented to the local commission. The scheme has been prepared by a committee of business men, and is a most interesting and practical one. It is called "Victoria in its present and future," and is in order to be presented to the city council at a public hearing on Friday next.

Although Victoria is a bright future commercial point, it is not a city which is capable of a proper landscape plan. Its present appearance is a disgrace to the city, and it is in order to be presented to the city council at a public hearing on Friday next.

No one in particular is to be held responsible for this. As a result of the scheme, the city will be a more beautiful and healthy place, and it is in order to be presented to the city council at a public hearing on Friday next.

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and Jackson, general
stad's jewelry store,
loss on building about
to, drug store, \$3,000;
church, \$1,000; and
Mrs. Lewis residence,
restaurant and its
Chinese restaurant and
including about 15 small
contents and port-
belonging to the Skeena
Company, would
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treme.

TRAGEDY.

His Wife Leads to
maker's Arrest.

Jan. 6.—James
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F. M. Carroll last
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One family of this class would
pend on an average not less than \$10-
00 in buying land and building and
furnishing a home which would be
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NG'S CONSERVATION.

Jan. 6.—The conserva-
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Church cathedral to-day
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REPAIR WORK ON THE STEAMER

Repair work on the steamer
Glen-fang is proceeding rapidly and will be
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named in the contract.

SCHEME TO MAKE
CITY BEAUTIFUL

LOCAL COMMITTEE
HAS OUTLINED PLAN

Would Engage Services of
Landscape Artist—Financ-
ing Proposal.

The following memorandum on the
"Tasse" scheme of beautifying Vic-
toria has been prepared by a commit-
tee of business men who make num-
ber of suggestions as to the manner in
which the proposal should be carried
out:

Although Victoria has unquestionably
a bright future before it, from a
commercial point of view, it is not
adequately capable of immediate and profit-
able development is its gift from
nature, its exceptional climate and
magnificent situation—in these re-
spects it has no rival among the re-
spects of Europe. So long as it remains
a village, it was justly entitled to be
called "Victoria the Beautiful," but
in its present day condition, it may be
more truly called "Victoria the un-
tidy" and in order to bring it up to
one must keep one's head up and eyes
fixed far above the level of the streets.
No one in particular can be blamed
for this. As a city we have simply
failed to recognize that we have out-
grown the municipal system of years
ago.

Twenty-five years ago, Vancouver
was practically a forest, and Seattle a
saw mill town. To-day, both are
thriving cities, humming with industry,
and possessing municipal improve-
ments far superior to ours. While we
probably can never again be a rival of
them, in industrial growth, we can by
a proper awakening of civic pride and
public spirit far surpass them in many
ways, and make Victoria the most
beautiful and desirable place to live in
on the continent of North America.
We want a clean, healthy, just and
mildness city. We must have an
abundant supply of good water, deliv-
ered to the consumer at a cost which
will encourage its use. We must have
a perfect system of sewerage, streets
well paved and lighted, with perma-
nent sidewalks, boulevards, and we can
ent sidewalks, boulevards and shade
and ornamental trees in all residential
districts, and we can have all this, if
we will only wake up and say we will.
We can have more, we can have parks
and breathing spaces in every section
of the city.

With these improvements, and our
natural advantages of climate and
scenery, we can attract to Victoria
as permanent residents, thousands of
wealthy and moderately wealthy peo-
ple, particularly from the Northwest
provinces, who are weary of struggling
against the heat of summer and cold
of winter.

Each of these families would ex-
pend annually for ordinary living ex-
penses an average of \$5,000, which means
that one thousand families would spend
and not in circulation for \$5,000,000,
the benefit of which would be reaped
by the mechanic and laborer, as well
as all other classes. It would only be
a few years, before this would be mul-
tiple by ten and we would have a
capital expenditure of \$100,000,000,
new wealth, and an annual ex-
penditure of \$500,000,000 from these people
alone.

The C. P. R. has expended over \$1-
000,000 in building the Empress hotel.
This showing that the men of genius,
who control this vast corporation, have
faith in the future of Victoria. Why
should we not follow their example?

What shall we do? Follow a
modest way, the example of Napoleon
III., who in the middle of the last cen-
tury, appointed Baron George Eugene
Hausmann to prepare a plan for the
beautification of Paris, a plan to be
worked out not in one or two or three
years, but a complete plan, which is
still being followed.

This plan should be prepared by the
best landscape architect obtainable—it
should indicate the order in which the
work should be done, and divided into
periods of say ten years. The munici-
pality should include certain portions
of work in the general system, but
matters lying outside of general mun-
icipal work, should be controlled by a
commission.

Every national capital and many of
the state capitals of the United States
receive large grants of money from
their respective governments, which is
expended solely for the beautification
of the city, and there seems to be no
reasonable objection to the government
of British Columbia, if not assuming,
at least contributing to a work of this
kind in Victoria.

It is therefore suggested:
(a.) That the government should as-
sume the following:
1. Have prepared and pay for the
general plan.
2. Subscribe \$2,000,000 or guarantee an
issue of \$2,000,000 city debentures, re-
payable in forty years, and pay the
annual interest on the debentures.
3. That a commission be appointed to
carry out the work; and that such com-
mission consist of three members, two
to be named by the government and
one by the city.

General plan should include:
Improvement of all parks in and
around the city, and connecting them
by a general driveway.
The clearing of the Gorge.
The improvement and extension of
the ocean drive on the Dallas road.
Colonel E. G. Prior (E. G. Prior &
Co.)
Colonel F. B. Gregory (Fell & Greg-
ory)
H. B. Thompson, M. P. P., (Turner,
Peston Co.)
Goulding Wilson (Wilson Bros.)
Fred. A. Pauline (Pauline & Co.)
R. Kerr (Brackman-Kerr Milling
Co.)
Joseph Tasse, (wholesale cigars).

HANGING AT MACLEOD.

Bitter Weather: When Mah Song Pays
Penalty of Murder.

Macleod, Alta., Jan. 5.—Sharp at 8
o'clock this morning with the ther-
mometer at 25 below zero and in the
presence of a dozen persons Mah Song,
the condemned Chinaman murderer,
was hanged, showing no emotion. Rad-
cliffe officiated and performed the
work without a hitch.

CARIBOO OLD TIMER DEAD.

Capt. Hugh Stalker Came to Coast
During Gold Rush Nearly Fifty
Years Ago.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—The death took
place yesterday of Capt. Hugh Stalker,
aged 77. Born in Nova Scotia he came
to British Columbia at the time of the
Cariboo gold rush and had lived on
Burrard Inlet since 1867.

FRANCO-CANADIAN
TRADE TREATY

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR
ITS RATIFICATION

Likely to Go Through With
Modifications—Hon. W. S.
Fielding Still in Paris.

(Special to the Times)

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Word which has
been received from Paris within the
last few days indicates that the pros-
pects for the ratification of the Franco-
Canadian trade treaty by the French
senate have greatly brightened, and
the present outlook is that the treaty
will go through with modifications.
Hon. W. S. Fielding is still in Paris
conferring with members of the French
government relative to the treaty. He
is expected to return to Ottawa just
prior to the opening of parliament.

TELEPHONE PLEDGE
STILL UNFULFILLED

(Special to the Times)

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—At
a bye-election meeting in Vir-
den last night the Hon. R.
Rogers announced that although
there were profits of \$300,000, on
the telephone operations last
year, the reduction in the rates
would not be given till next
year.

The government before taking
the system from the Bell
company offered to cut the rates,
in half.

LABOR MAYOR.

Port William, Ont., Jan. 5.—Mr. Pel-
lier, the labor candidate, has been elect-
ed mayor.

RED RULE STILL HOLDS
SWAY IN RUSSIA

Military Court Pronounces 41
Death Sentences—Strik-
ers Are Victims.

Yekaterinoslav, Russia, Jan. 5.—The
military court has pronounced forty-
one death sentences—nine for recent
crimes. Thirty-two of the condemned
men were strikers in the railroad trou-
bles of October, 1905. In addition to
the death sentences, twelve strikers
were condemned to penal servitude for
life, forty-eight to lesser terms of exile
and thirty-nine were acquitted.

These sentences grew out of the
event of 1906, when strikers attempted
to tie up the whole railway system,
the reducing of the tax on improve-
ments from one to 50 per cent, and the
appointment of two assessors to assist
City Assessor Northcott in an equaliza-
tion of the assessment.

INDIAN KILLED.

Brother Reports Finding Him Lying
Unconscious on Roadside.

Ashcroft, Jan. 4.—An Indian known
as Pop met his death at Soda Creek on
Monday last. He is in company with his
brother Sandy and three half-breeds
were drinking during the evening.
About 8 o'clock they started for their
homes. Before parting they wrestled
for the drinks and passed the bottle
several times. The half-breeds say
that they were drinking about 9 o'clock.
At midnight Sandy came to Wab Sun-
and told them he had found Pop lying
unconscious on the roadside. The
Chinaman assisted in bringing the In-
dian to their house where they tried to
warm him up. Half an hour later he
died.

Coroner Hoops was notified and held
an inquest. The verdict was that de-
ceased came to his death by being
beaten about the head at the hands of
some person whose name is unknown
to the jury. Sandy was given a pre-
liminary hearing and sent up for trial.
The half-breeds were heavily fined for
supplying liquor to the Indians.

LEAVES FOR NEW ZEALAND.

North Vancouver, Jan. 4.—Mr. Peers,
who has been residing at the corner
of Keith road and Mahon avenue, left
with his family yesterday for Sydney,
N. S. W., on route for Auckland, New
Zealand, where he intends to settle.

Repair work on the steamer Glen-
fang is proceeding rapidly and will be
completed well within the 35 days
named in the contract.

COME FOR A HOLIDAY.



Joseph Martin, K. C., stated yesterday that he was going to England in a month or two. He said that he was not going to practice before the Privy Council or to enter English public life, as has been stated. He was quitting the law and was going home for rest and enjoyment.—Vancouver News Item.

FAVOR BOARD OF CONTROLLERS

ALDERMEN RECOMMEND
IDEA TO NEW COUNCIL

Reduced Tax on Improvements
and Equalized Assess-
ment

It is getting close to civic election
day and the aldermen are not anxious
to commit themselves to any policy
which may have an adverse effect on
votes. The increase in the water rates,
which is evidently going to meet with
some objection from the consumers,
was not taken up on Monday, but will
be left over for the new council to face.

As an offset to this the old council
will pass on some ideas for their suc-
cessors to think over and put into ef-
fect if they see fit. Three recommenda-
tions were made on Monday after
some discussion. They were introduced
by Mayor Hall, who said they had
come up during the year, and it would
be advisable to refer them to the in-
coming council for consideration.

The first matter the mayor brought
up was that of the appointment of two
persons to assist the city assessor in
making an equalization of assessment
throughout the city. A great many peo-
ple thought that some property was
assessed too high and other property
not high enough. Mr. Northcott had so
much to do that he could not visit and
see every bit of property.

Ald. Mable thought this would be all
right if these two made a separate as-
sessment and reported to Mr. North-
cott. While he was fully aware of the
ability of the city assessor, the making
of this step to the incoming council.
Tax on Improvements.

Mayor Hall remarked that when the
tax rate was being struck last year
the matter of a reduction of the rate
on improvements had been mentioned,
but it was then too late to do any-
thing. He suggested that a recommen-
dation be made to the new council to
take this matter up early. It was
thought by many that the rate should
be levied on 25 per cent. of the value
of the improvements instead of on 50
per cent, as at present. The rest would
go on real estate.

Ald. Cameron believed the majority
of the council was in favor of the pro-
position. It might be deferred now and
the details left to the legislative com-
mittee to work out. For instance, there
would be the question how far this
would let out large companies whose
property was almost entirely in build-
ings.

Ald. Fullerton pointed out that the
E. C. Electric Company, among other

large concerns, might escape their fair
share of taxation by this means, but
as an advocate of single tax he favored
the reduction as a step towards that
end. He moved, therefore: "That, in
the opinion of this council, the tax on
improvements be levied on 25 per cent.
of the assessed value of 50 per cent., as
heretofore."

of securing the coal which lay below.
He built a small cabin, cleared 2 1/2
acres about it, and got his food from
a sister, who lived on another claim.
It was a time when men were flocking
to the land for the coal that was in
it, and Fiddick was not a bona fide
agricultural settler.
The court adjourned at half-past
twelve until afternoon.

HELENA BISHOP'S PROMOTION.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Monsig-
nor O'Connell, appointed auxiliary
bishop of San Francisco, will be suc-
ceeded as rector of the Catholic Uni-
versity of America within a month by
Bishop John Carroll, of Helena, Mont.

LOGGER MURDERED.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—A Robie, a log-
ger, was murdered near Sechelt on
Sunday by two loggers, according to
information received here to-day.

PROVINCIAL APPLES ON
AUSTRALIAN MARKET

Objection is Urged That Fruit
is Too Large for Dessert
Purposes.

Shipments of British Columbia apples
have been made to Australia in the
hope of developing a trade. This fall
quite a number were sent forward, and
apparently meet the demand fairly
well. J. S. Larkie, Canadian Trade Com-
missioner, reporting on them, says:
"The first considerable shipment of
apples from British Columbia by the
last Canadian-Australian steamer, the
Marama, landed in admirable condition.
The only objection to them is that
they average a little too much in
size for the fruiterers to handle to the
best advantage. Three pence each is
charged for them. There has been an
unusually large importation of apples
from Australia and New Zealand from
California and Oregon. The Californian
apples affected with the codling moth
were refused admission into New Zea-
land, but were allowed into this market
after being treated. The consequence
was a very great congestion of apples
upon the arrival of the Canadian fruit.
The demand here is not because of
any failure of the Australian apple
crop, but simply because good Aus-
tralian fruit does not come into the
market until the beginning of the year,
and apples from Canada or the United
States arrive here when there is com-
paratively little dessert fruit to be had."

ROYAL CITY SCHOOL CROWDED

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Owing to
the lack of accommodation at the
High school, thirty-five children, en-
titled to promotion from other schools,
have been excused from attending for
one week, while temporary provision
is made for them.

51 BELOW ZERO.

Battleford, Sask., Jan. 5.—The ther-
mometer was 51° below zero here last
night.

GETS FIVE YEARS FOR
KILLING MOTHER-IN-LAW

'Frisco—Court Gives Murderer
an Extraordinarily Light
Sentence.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—For kill-
ing his mother-in-law, John Mangin re-
ceived a sentence of five years in San
Quentin prison from Judge Cook on
Saturday. Mercy was extended because
of the previous good character of the
defendant.

Mangin, according to the records of the
case, went to the house of his mother-
in-law in the Mission district on the
night of October 17th last, and endeav-
ored to persuade his wife, who had left
him, to return to their home in Contra
Costa county. His wife refused to
comply with his request and was up-
held by her mother. A quarrel ensued
and Mangin shot his wife's mother
twice, death being instantaneous.

Besides his wife there was an eye-
witness to the deed. Mangin eluded
the police for two months and then
gave himself up and on Saturday
pleaded guilty.

\$75,000 FIRE AT BRANDON.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—The large
warehouse of Codville & Co., grocers,
at Brandon, was gutted by fire at
midnight. The loss is fifteen thou-
sand dollars on the building, and sixty
thousand on the stock.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS
IN KOOTENAY MINES

Manager of Le Roi No. 2 Tells
of Outlook in In-
terior.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Paul Couldey,
manager of the Le Roi No. 2, mine,
of Roseland, is staying in the city. Mr.
Couldey stated that the mining busi-
ness was better in the Kootenays at
present than it has been for some time.
"About a year ago," he said, "the
business was rather depressed. The
rapid rise in the price of metal was
followed by a boom. Everything was
worked to its utmost capacity. Labor
became scarce and wages high. Then
metals went down, a lot of operators
were wiped, and depression followed.
Now business has got back to normal
conditions and is in a more healthful
state than it has been for a long time
past."

Consul Norton, of Chemnitz, Germany,
says that public recognition of Esperanto
is steadily advancing in Germany.

AMENDMENTS TO
MUNICIPAL ACT

PROPOSALS THAT AFFECT
CITY OF VICTORIA

Routine Business Transacted at
the Council Board Last
Night.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Outside of the discussion of new ideas
for next year's council the city fathers
did little last night, and after adjourn-
ing from the council chamber they sat
in the committee room to discuss the
programme for Friday evening, when
those in charge of street works will be
called to explain the cause of the trou-
ble in that connection.

There was an echo of the refusal of
Oak Bay to accept the city's terms for
the supply of water in the reading of a
letter from the city solicitors, enclosing
one from Bodwell & Lawson, the Oak
Bay legal advisers, who told the council
that "the agreement is not a proper
one for the municipality to enter into."
The communications were ordered filed.

Council was advised of the prepara-
tion of the requisite petition in support
of the city's bill asking for the right to
utilize its water powers for the produc-
tion of light and power. A suggestion
that the petition be signed in the polls
on election day was negated by the
mayor, who said there would not be
time, and the petition will be circu-
lated in the usual way.

Municipal Amendments.
The city solicitors advised council of
the receipt of the report of the execu-
tive of the Union of British Columbia
Municipalities on the consideration of
the amendments to be proposed in the
ensuing session to the Municipal
Clauses Act and the Municipal Elec-
tions Act. So far as Victoria is con-
cerned the programme of the Union in-
cludes the following:

To increase the council's power to
levy taxes for school purposes from
five to ten mills.
To compel the fencing of unfenced
lots in specified streets and districts.
To prevent depreciation of assessable
property by advertisement, upon or
adjacent to public streets, etc.
To prevent acquisition of title by pre-
scription to land of city streets.
To tax lands adjacent to parks, etc.,
for local improvement.

To enable numerous works of local
improvement to be grouped together,
To provide regulations for the fencing
in, darning, filling up or leveling
city lots.
To enable the council under section
59 of the Municipal Clauses Act to better
deal with nuisances.

To adjust the mode of tendering com-
pensation before arbitration proceed-
ings.
The following matters, in which
amendments were recommended by the
legislative committee of the Victoria
council, were omitted from the report
of the Union: Power to charge a rea-
sonable fee for recouping administra-
tive expenses on all licenses, etc.; the
like as to liquor licenses and matters
coming before the board of licensing
commissioners; for consolidating messy
by-laws without the consent of the
Lieutenant-governor in council.

Ald. Pauline suggested that the com-
mittee on legislation meet the executive
of the Union when that body comes
here to meet the legislature.
The petition of the members of the
fire brigade asking that the scale of
pay be placed on the same basis as in
Vancouver was referred to the favor-
able consideration of the incoming
council along with the petition of many
of the merchants of the city supporting
the request of the firemen.

Question Time.
Ald. Gleason wanted to know why
the council had not followed the plan
of collecting the taxes a month earlier
this year.
Mayor Hall said it was because of
the great increase of work and the
cramped quarters in the city hall.

Ald. Fullerton asked why the audit-
or did not make a report to council every
three months as it was understood he
should.
The mayor replied that no one had
asked for it.

Ald. Fullerton insisted that it was
understood when the appointment was
made that there should be a quarterly
report.
Ald. Gleason asked when the financial
statement of the Agricultural Associa-
tion might be expected. The auditor
was supposed to furnish that statement
too.

DILEMMA IN NEW WESTMINSTER

Newly Elected Alderman Cannot Sit
on Board Until He Resigns Gov-
ernment Position.

New Westminster, Jan. 5.—Alex.
Garret, elected alderman at the recent
election, and who has since been no-
tified by the provincial government
that he must not sit on the board be-
cause he holds a government position,
did not take the oath of office yester-
day in company with the other mem-
bers of the council. Mr. Garret has
thirty days in which to decide wheth-
er he will abandon the aldermanship
or his government employment as leg-
islator.

LOOKING FOR CRWB.

Master of Ditton Will Engage Number
of Men Here.

Capt. Saunders, of the steamer Dit-
ton, which is loading lumber at Che-
mainus, was in the city Monday to
see about a crew for his outward voy-
age, his cargo being nearly complete.
The ship will need about fifteen men
over and above those already signed
on. These will be secured here, but it
is not known whether or not she will
call for them or whether the men will
be sent up to her.

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SOOKE LAKE WATER SCHEME.

It remains to be seen whether a critical examination of the project whereby an ample supply of water can be secured from Sooke Lake shall disclose anything objectionable from the point of view of the public.

In considering this proposition there are a few aspects of the municipal situation which ought to be kept in mind. The people have adopted the principle of going to Sooke Lake for the supply of water which will be imperative within a very few years.

From the time that the water delivered would be so great that it metering, costly, harassing and out of place in a city such as Victoria, could be immediately abandoned. Thus the former prestige of the city as the floral beauty spot of the continent would be restored.

LAW OF PROGRESS AS AFFECTING CITIES.

Situated in the heart of a rich farming country of tremendous area, one would naturally assume that the future of St. Paul, Minn., is assured, and that the people of the city might with reason sit back comfortably in their chairs and "watch the place grow."

But they do not do that. They believe that, no matter what the natural conditions, the community which desires to go ahead in these days of keen competition, must make its advantages known to the world.

ed "upon the map" she must go ahead. If citizens are alive to their duty to themselves they will do all in their power to accelerate her progress.

INDIAN UNREST.

The Mohammedans and Hindus of India are at each others' throats. But for the restraining influence of British troops the rift might have developed into a general religious war of extermination.

BEAUTIFYING VICTORIA.

Mr. Joseph Tasse, who is a humanitarian first and a statesman afterwards, states that he is prepared to give the East Indians the fullest measure of control over their affairs compatible with their condition.

THE UNIVERSITY.

It is gratifying to note that the claims of the city of Victoria as the natural site for the provincial university are to be pressed upon the attention of the provincial government.

CHANGING CONDITIONS.

The year 1908 is to be a year of changing conditions in the city of Victoria. The year 1908 is to be a year of changing conditions in the city of Victoria.

world. It is to be a year of readjustment. The recent financial disturbances, affecting almost all countries in some degree, will have their consequences—not in crippling general prosperity, but in bringing about new conditions and new alignments in the business community.

Of course, a year of changing conditions is also a year of opportunity for the "canny" business man. Merchants who can read the signs of the times understand that some reaction from the era of high prices is inevitable.

This means that in the coming year there is sure to be a re-aligning of our local stores and business enterprises, and that the most aggressive advertisers are to forge to the front.

The local merchants who are planning their advertising campaigns for the year are also fixing, in a large measure, the places their stores are to occupy at the end of the year in the mercantile profession.

So that 1908 is to be a year of opportunity for all merchants. For the big merchant, it will be an opportunity to use his resources and experiences in advertising more fully and more liberally than in any previous year.

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Still Searching For Bodies.

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VICTORIA AND THE P. C. L. SITUATION Stronger Control and Big Financial Support Are Needed.

Victoria is through the Pacific Coast Association Football League with the last place on the list, and some regrets at what might have been. The Victoria team has played the season under great difficulties against poor public support. Enthusiasm rose when the team was successful and faded away when the eleven returned from Vancouver having been defeated in a match played in thick fog and under conditions which brought the element of luck into the game to the advantage of the mainland players.

With sporting supporters are fields, that is the complaint all sporting organizations here have against the public. The baseball club last year went through the season triumphantly and with a grandstand full of supporters till they were beaten by the champions of the Northwestern league. Then the crowd fell away and the necessary gate receipts fell with them.

When Victoria beat Nanaimo at Oak Bay by a whirlwind finish, the two hundred supporters who turned out on the Saturday afternoon went home enthusiastic over the Victoria team. On the following day when Vancouver came over there was a crowd of perhaps four hundred people. Victoria beat Vancouver and the whole city was with them. Immediately on the next day, however, the interest flagged and the support vanished, with the result that the league were soon against a hard proposition to find funds to carry out their engagements.

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PACIFIC COAST RUGBY UNION IS SUGGESTED Early Games Next Year to Decide Team to Play Stanford.

A proposal to form a Pacific Coast Rugby union has been made in Vancouver, and will have further consideration at a later date. A second proposal that a series of games between Victoria and Vancouver be arranged early next fall to decide who shall play the Stanford team for the Cooper-Kelch cup is also made. Both matters came up at a recent meeting held in the Terminal city, a report of which is given: "A Pacific Coast Rugby Union, embracing all the clubs both Canadian and American on this coast, will probably be launched in the near future. An informal meeting of the representatives of the Vancouver and Stanford clubs was held in Vancouver, and J. Cooper Koth, donor of the challenge cup, which has been carried away by the Southerners, suggested that a Coast governing body be organized, which could have absolute control over all Rugby clubs playing on the Pacific Coast. Mr. Keith further suggested that the conditions under which the cup competition is played should be revised to permit the champions of different districts to play for the cup. At present the champions of British Columbia will be eligible to play for the cup next season, but Mr. Keith expressed the opinion that the rules should be so framed as to enable the best teams in British Columbia next fall to compete for the trophy. For instance, Vancouver may win the McKechin cup this season, but next fall Victoria might have a team in the field that would be able to defeat Vancouver's cup fifteen, although the locals would still hold the championship. He proposed that next fall the British Columbia Union should arrange a series of test matches between the Vancouver and Victoria teams and that the winners of the series should be the only ones eligible to play for the silverware. While no definite action was taken along these lines by the Vancouver Rugby Union, it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being. Secretary Bull of the Vancouver Union, submitted a report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Union, but many of the members opposed the idea of test matches. The question was discussed at length and it was eventually decided to consult with J. E. Miller, president of the British Columbia Rugby Union, before acting on the suggestion."

Railway Construction. Large quantities of ballast is arriving for B.C. Electric Company's Chilliwack line. New Westminster, Jan. 6.—Large quantities of ballast is being brought down from Agassiz by the G. P. R. to be used in the fill for the new lines to accommodate the B. C. Electric Railway Chilliwack line along the water-front.

Heavy shipments of ballast for the Eburne-New Westminster electric line are arriving daily and work is proceeding rapidly along the North Arm route. On the south side of the river, opposite the city, the G. N. Railway work trains appear to be very actively engaged in hauling ballast and construction material to the incomplete sections of the new short line to the boundary.

Prince Rupert Post-Office Completed. New Building Has Floor Space of Twenty-Eight Hundred Feet. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) Prince Rupert, Jan. 6.—The new post office building, for which Anderson & McKinnon had the contract, has now been completed, and Postmaster McIntosh, with two assistants, occupied their new quarters for the first time last Monday. The quarters are roomy, and the floor space of 2,800 feet will afford ample accommodation for a population of five thousand people. Over 600 lock boxes and large number of drawers have been installed, and space for the time being provided, so that more boxes can be added as they are required. Two large double-door entrances at the front of the building admit of easy access while two letter windows and a money order and registered letter window guarantee speedy delivery of the mail matter.

The new post office is a big improvement over the old tent affair, where traffic at times became so congested that it was impossible to satisfactorily carry on the work of the office. OPIUM SMUGGLING CHARGE. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—Charged in an indictment with having clandestinely imported into the United States 55 cans of unstamped opium prepared for smoking purposes, S. B. Stevens, said to be one of the greatest smugglers on the Pacific Coast, is on trial in the federal court here today. The alleged smuggling took place on September 29th, 1919. Stevens was arrested in company with George Berger and Mrs. Stevens in Seattle. Berger was carrying a large grip which when opened by the officials was found to contain 55 cans of contraband opium. Berger and Mrs. Stevens were charged jointly in the indictment of Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and Berger were released on a bond of \$1,200. A year ago Berger was tried and acquitted, Stevens and his wife and their bail were forfeited. Stevens was arrested and his trial begun this morning. —The Columbia Sunday school Christmas tree and entertainment will be held on Friday at 8 p.m. A good programme

COMPARISON BETWEEN LONGBOAT AND SHRUBB Contrast in Physique and Methods of Rival Runners.

The race between Longboat and Shrubbs at Madison Square Gardens, New York, January 26th, will be between two of the most dissimilar men that ever took the mark. Shrubbs is an Anglo-Saxon, while Longboat is of pure Indian blood. It will be a race between youth and age. Longboat is 23 years old, while Shrubbs is more than 30. The Englishman is a short, chunky fellow, standing only 5 feet 2 inches. He weighs 136 pounds in his best condition. Longboat is 5 feet 11 inches, tall and weighs about 143 pounds. The Indian is one of the cleanest built athletes that ever donned a shoe. He has an ideal build for a distance runner. Framed like a racehorse, long, lean, with a big, roomy chest, giving plenty of lung space, and tapering down to limbs that are slender and gracefully sinewy from head to toe, no man was ever better equipped by nature for a foot racing trial of speed and endurance than the speedy son of the forest who will carry his hairy, red hair and his big nose and bushy eyebrows in the big race on January 26th. Shrubbs is the antithesis of Longboat. He is shorter and stockier than his redskin rival. Shrubbs has little weight to carry about his waist. He has a big, roomy chest, but is small-boned, and carries little flesh on his frame-work. Below the waist line Shrubbs beats a pair of drivers that, while they are not as pretty and do not race in the graceful racehorse lines of Longboat's limbs, are fully as muscular and sinewy. Longboat has the long lops of the forest runner. His stride is frictionless, and in action appears to be drifting along on the wings of the wind. He does not bound off the ground in his strides. He lands soft and at ease, with just enough spring to carry him forward in another stride without waste of energy. He fits his gait over the trail. The Indian, however, does not have nearly as long a stride as most persons have been led to believe. It is longer than the average athlete's, but much shorter than many runners. Longboat does not "reach," and there is not a movement to his action below the waist-line. Shrubbs also has a stride that is the personification of ease. His stride perhaps is a trifle more springy than the Indian's, but it is just as smooth and frictionless. His movement is perfect in the expert's eye, but to the ordinary spectator who enjoys seeing the winning jockey, it appears to be a "pretty form." It is not as pleasing. Shrubbs possesses ability to do something that few athletes can master. That is to punctuate his contests with a series of heart-breaking sprints. All his races are marked by these short bursts. He will go along under wraps for a few laps, and suddenly will cut loose a burst of speed. He ceases his sprints just as suddenly as he begins them. In a ten mile race Shrubbs will cut loose no fewer than nine or ten whirlwind bursts of from 100 to 200 yards. It is on these heart-breaking sprints that the Englishman's superior speed, equal, much less his superior. Another jockey who achieved considerable fame at his chosen profession was M. Cannon, who was at the head of the jockey list for six different seasons. In 1900 the American jockey, L. Reiff, won first place with 143 wins, and his brother, J. Reiff, finished third with 124. Among the present-day jockeys O. Madden has won the leading honor four times. W. Higgs has had the honor on two different occasions, and Danny Maher, the leader of the last season, has made an enviable record during his nine years on the English turf. The following table shows the three leading jockeys, with the number of winners they rode each year from 1900 to 1908 inclusive: 1900—L. Reiff, 143; S. Loates, 137; J. Reiff, 124. 1901—O. Madden, 130; D. Maher, 94; G. McCall, 91. 1902—W. Lane, 170; W. Halsey, 116; D. Maher, 106. 1903—E. Whalley, 134; O. Madden, 119; W. Higgs, 107. 1904—O. Madden, 161; W. Lane, 124; D. Maher, 115. 1905—E. Whalley, 134; O. Madden, 119; W. Higgs, 107. 1906—W. Higgs, 149; O. Madden, 104; D. Maher, 103. 1907—W. Higgs, 145; D. Maher, 174; W. Halsey, 110. 1908—D. Maher, 139; F. Wootton, 129; W. Higgs, 124.

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FORMAL OF MUR PREMIER OFF INTEREST

The formal order of the day was taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Victoria and Vancouver Board of Trade, held on Tuesday afternoon, January 6th, 1920. The meeting was held in the Board of Trade building, and was attended by the following members: Mr. J. H. M. King, President; Mr. J. H. M. King, Vice-President; Mr. J. H. M. King, Secretary; Mr. J. H. M. King, Treasurer; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Publicity Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Social Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Reception Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Correspondence Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Liaison Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Information Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Research Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Investigation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Consultation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Mediation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Arbitration Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Adjudication Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Litigation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Enforcement Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Execution Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Distribution Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Disbursement Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Allocation Committee; Mr. J. H. M. King, Chairman of the Assignment Committee;

S FIRE ON INDIAN MOB SCENES BETWEEN MOHAMMEDANS

Dieters Have to Quell Insurrection at Titaghur.

Religious riots among the Mohammedans and Hindus in the district of Titaghur, in the province of Bihar, have assumed a serious character. The Hindus are taking possession of the mosques and demolishing the Mohammedan shrines. The Mohammedans are taking possession of the Hindu temples and demolishing the Hindu shrines. The Hindus are taking possession of the Mohammedan shrines and demolishing the Hindu temples. The Mohammedans are taking possession of the Hindu temples and demolishing the Mohammedan shrines.

Result of Explosion on Locomotive.

Result of explosion on locomotive at Titaghur. The explosion occurred on the morning of the 1st inst. The locomotive was travelling from Titaghur to Patna. The explosion occurred at the station of Titaghur. The locomotive was damaged and the train was stopped. The cause of the explosion is not yet known.

Man DROWN IN SEA DISASTER

Greek Steamers Collision Near Porosick.

A man was drowned in a sea disaster near Porosick. The disaster occurred on the morning of the 1st inst. The man was travelling on a Greek steamer. The steamer was involved in a collision with another steamer. The man was killed as a result of the collision.

PROSPECTS FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Mining Man Expresses Opinion on the Outlook.

Prospects for mining in Queen Charlotte. A mining man has expressed his opinion on the outlook for mining in Queen Charlotte. He believes that there are good prospects for mining in the area. He has discovered several promising prospects and is planning to develop them.

NUMBER OF UNTRUE REPORTS

Number of untrue reports regarding the mining in Queen Charlotte. There have been a number of untrue reports regarding the mining in Queen Charlotte. These reports have caused a great deal of confusion and have damaged the reputation of the mining industry in the area. It is important that the public be informed of the true state of affairs in the area.

BREEDING CHINESE PHEASANTS AT HOME

Washington Man Has Largest Game Bird Farm in West.

In view of the importation of game birds into British Columbia by game clubs and others, the following article from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer will be of interest:

Probably one of the most interesting subjects to the average man to-day, especially those interested in hunting and fishing, is the raising of game and the raising of pheasants. As game propagating farms are comparatively new and few in America, there is unusual interest shown in this direction.

The largest game farms of the West are operated by H. L. Dillaway, of Everett, Wash. Mr. Dillaway is at present operating two such farms, one in Washington and one in Oregon. These farms turn out pheasants by the thousands every year. As the state of Washington is being regularly stocked with Chinese, Golden, English and Reeves pheasants, an immense amount of interest is shown regarding this subject. A visit to one of these farms fills the visitor with wonder at what has been accomplished along these lines.

Cosily nestled away in a snug retreat, out of reach of the ordinary sportsman, is a small but beautiful San Juan Islands, is the game propagating farm, which is turning out hundreds of pheasants, destined to give the sportsmen of this state their share of game shooting. Not only are the Chinese pheasants raised on Mr. Dillaway's farms, but many rare species, The Golden, Reeves, Amherst, Japanese, Black Neck, Pure White and English pheasants are all raised, but in smaller numbers than the Chinese.

A visitor's approach to these farms is heralded first by dogs, then by the birds. The pheasants themselves are regular watch dogs, and in the summer particularly are very noisy. Each pheasant has its own individual call, easily recognized in the babel of voices of a trained ear. The Golden pheasant is especially noisy, and its long wild, piercing shriek can be recognized far above the voices of the other pheasants. These calls are merely alarm notes and not calls of fear. Any strange person or object will easily set the birds to calling, and when hundreds or thousands of birds shriek in unison the noise is deafening.

Probably the first impression given to a person visiting these pheasants is the uniform neatness and regularity of the long lines of pens. Acres of land, carefully laid out in large, clean pens, are used for the raising of pheasants, skunks, minks, or other vermin. For the first lesson to learn on the pheasant farm is strict cleanliness.

From Egg to Bird.

To get the points of interest in order, one naturally should begin with the large, airy egg room and carefully follow the birds through the stages of production. The pheasants start in laying their eggs in March and April, and generally continue laying up through September.

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN OAK BAY

Municipal Matters Will Be Discussed Next Week—Business Before Council.

The last meeting of the present Oak Bay council was held Monday in the new school building, with Acting Reeve Henderson in the chair. There were also present Councillors Newton, McGregor, Noble and Ferris.

The reading of the report of the roads committee, which met a week ago, showed that the new sewer work on Chaucer and Byron streets had been laid over for the consideration of the incoming council. The sidewalk on Foul Bay road will, however, be proceeded with at once.

A letter from Bodwell and Lawson in connection with the agreement with the city council on the water question was laid over for consideration of the new council.

Barnard & Robertson, on behalf of W. S. Gore, wrote demanding the sum of \$80 rent for the use of lots on which the council have had rock stored for eight months past. The council at a previous meeting agreed to pay for the storage, but declined to assume responsibility for previous months, which they claimed they had permission from the former owner of the property to use the lots. The solicitor will be asked to report on the matter to the incoming council.

The report of the solicitors in regard to the opening of the Uplands estate was also laid over for the next council to deal with.

In answer to a query from Councillor Newton, it was reported that a culvert had been constructed on Central avenue to carry the water across Monterey avenue, this having been a necessary work.

It was resolved to ask the school board to provide fuel for heating the new building in time for the public meeting, which it is proposed to hold on Thursday, 14th inst. At that meeting the members of the old council will be given an opportunity of explaining their course of action during the past year, and telling what they propose for the coming season.

Councillor Newton brought up the matter of the widening of the road on the Beach Drive, where Mr. Cookson's The British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association has been in possession of the middle of the old road. After some discussion it was decided to build 30 feet of fence as a guide to people driven that way at night and to have the road extended on the opposite side.

Notes of thanks were passed to the acting reeve for his services, and also to the school board for the use of the room and to the Pacific Contracting Company for having it done for the occasion. Mr. Stewart replied on behalf of the trustees and the meeting then adjourned.

George F. B. James, an engineer from Kelowna, B. C., who is at present in Montreal, has some interesting information to give concerning the fruit district of the Canadian West.

"Everybody knows, of course," said Mr. James to the Montreal Star, "that Kelowna is the centre of the greater fruit-growing district in Canada, but what the average man does not know is that there is now springing up in the little town a very important tobacco industry."

As early as 1894, a Mr. Louis Holman came from the United States, and seeing the possibilities for tobacco culture in the fertile district around the Okanagan lake, made preparations for commencing business on a fairly considerable scale.

SEALER WELL-KNOWN IN VICTORIA IS SOLD

Edith B. Marvin Has Fished and Hunted in Many Seas.

An interesting old craft, which has probably sailed over as much water, and fished in as many seas as any vessel plying out of this port, has changed hands by the purchase of the British sealer schooner, Edith B. Marvin, which has been sold to parties in Richmond, C. B. The schooner, formerly known as the Molly Adams, was owned by the Victoria Sealing Company, and her Jacobs, of Sydney, C. B., has commanded her in two oceans.

In this craft Capt. Jacobs engaged in mackerel fishing in eastern Canadian waters. She was then brought round to Victoria via the Horn, and for a number of seasons she hunted fur seals with the other vessels of the local fleet. Only last season she hunted seals off Cape Horn. The Edith B. Marvin is well known in Victoria. She is an old vessel, and it is considered ill-mannered to speak of her age.

The Florence M. Smith is the only schooner owned by the local company now left at Hallfax.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE

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NOMINATIONS AT OAK BAY ON MONDAY

So Far Few Candidates Have Announced Themselves.

The election of reeve and councillors for the Oak Bay municipality will take place on Saturday, the 14th inst., and the nomination will be held next Monday in the new council chamber, over the new schoolhouse. F. J. Floyd, clerk of the council, is the returning officer for the occasion. There are six councillors to be elected, two for each ward, but so far there are not enough candidates in the field to fill the vacant positions.

WHARF BUILDER HERE FROM PRINCE RUPERT

K. D. Munro Says Number of Men Are Already Awaiting Sale of Lots.

K. D. Munro, who has just completed the 1,500-foot wharf at Prince Rupert, has returned to Victoria before again returning to the new city of the North. Speaking of the wharf Mr. Munro says it is the finest anywhere on the Pacific Coast. There are two large warehouses on it, one of which, a building 400 feet in length, has been leased to Foley, Welch & Stewart. It was from this wharf that the steamer Transit broke away during the gale some weeks ago. Mr. Munro says, however, that it was not the fault of the harbor or of the wharf, but was a mere matter of carelessness. The harbor is perfectly sheltered, although during the months of December, January and February there are often bad winds in the neighborhood, blowing from the southeast.

INCREASED RECEIPTS AT TYEE SMELTER

Company Has Received Several Shipments of Copper Ore.

The New Year is already seeing increased interest in mining circles and the Tyee Copper Company's smelter at Ladysmith has already received several small shipments of ore from the miners on the various islands, including a rich shipment from the neighborhood of Seymour Narrows, of over 150 tons.

OAK BAY SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION

Municipal Council Occupied One of Rooms Last Night.

The Oak Bay school is nearing completion and is so far advanced that Monday one of the class rooms was used by the municipal council for its final meeting of the year. The plastering has all been completed and the heating apparatus is in good working order, the room being delightfully warm last night, in spite of the fact that the night was so cold.

The new building has been constructed by the Pacific Contracting Company, under the guidance of F. M. Rattenbury, architect. The school board were a long time deliberating on the plans and specifications, but they finally decided on a good plan, and the result is highly satisfactory to the residents of the district.

The building is a large, square, rather low structure of the bungalow style, with four rooms on the ground floor, with a teacher's private room and the necessary halls and cloak rooms. Above these is the assembly room, which is being rented to the municipal council for the purpose of a council chamber and public hall. This room has a platform at one end, and is well suited for the purposes for which it was designed.

In the basement are large play rooms and the lavatories, with the large furnace in the middle.

It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by the pupils and teachers before the end of the month. At first only two rooms will be used for a third, and it is expected that this will be opened in the spring. At the present rate of growth of the district the four rooms will in all probability be required within the year.

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ANOTHER SS. LINE FOR MONTREAL PORT

Canadian Agent of French Company Announces New Service.

It is announced that still another of the big steamship lines of the Old World will ply to the field of Canada. During the past year it has been rumored from time to time that the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique of France would place one or more steamships on the St. Lawrence route, and now R. Genin, Canadian agent for this company, declares that it has been decided that four vessels of the line will run to a Canadian port, these vessels being the Chicago, La Cascoigne, La Touraine and La Bretagne.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE WITH RELATIVES OF THE LATE FRANK SYLVESTER PASSED AT MEETING.

At a meeting of the Natural History Society was held Monday, F. N. Denison was chosen secretary, in place of the late Frank Sylvester, and R. E. Gornell was given a place on the executive. A resolution of condolence with the relatives of the much esteemed late secretary was passed and the paper of the evening was laid over as a mark of respect, this being the best way in which the society could put itself on record in the matter. The resolution will be spread upon the minutes of the society and a copy sent to the family.

Some time was spent in making arrangements for future meetings of the society and papers for the gatherings to be held on the 22nd of February were arranged for. Carl Lovenberg presided and there was a fair attendance.

BIGGEST SHINGLE MILL IN WORLD DESTROYED

Fire Causes Loss of \$415,000 at Bellingham—Man Killed.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 5.—The plant of the Puget Sound Mills & Timber Company, constituting in part the largest shingle plant in the world, located at South Bellingham, was destroyed by fire here yesterday, entailing a loss of \$415,000, and causing the death of W. L. Cleveland, a filler, who was overcome by the smoke before he could make his way from the filling room.

The fire broke out about 3:40 o'clock, and is supposed to have started from a hot box in the shingle department, although it is claimed by some that a spark from a Great Northern engine was the cause.

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