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As a strictly business proposition, the 1904 celebration of Victoria Day in British Columbia's Capital may be set down a record-breaking success. The crowds were here and they spent their money freely. The celebration on the other hand was not a costly one, and the result is necessarily a very fair profit for the citizens. It is this that makes the hotel man, the restaurateur, the owner of the improvised carry-all, the transportation agent, and the ice cream purveyor smile so radiantly while discussing the carnival that has just passed into history.

How many were there here from out of town? That would be an impossible question to answer positively. The very low rate made by the C. P. R. from Seattle, coupled with the fact that opportunity was afforded the excursionists to travel by the new and palatial Princess Victoria, worked wonders in drawing the hosts of the Sound cities hitherward. Vancouver also loyally supported the Capital in its very own holiday, despite the circumstance that there were horse races, a bicycle meet, and other attractions for them at the Mainland metropolis. And Nanaimo, Ladysmith, et al, were here in force as usual, and the transportation companies statistics would indicate five thousand as a safe approximation of the total visitors. The hotels bear witness to the fact that the majority of these came early and remained until the final blaze of glory at the Hill.

It was an orderly crowd and a contented one. No accidents of any sort or description marred the general jollity. The various events upon the card were disposed of smoothly and according to programme; losses were accepted with good grace and victories borne with becoming modesty. There were no thefts or misdeeds reported to the police. This is a significant record largely attributable to the precautionary measures sensibly adopted, some twenty suspicious characters whose records are familiar in police departments having been quietly interviewed prior to the arrival of the holiday-makers and advised that it would be more convenient for the city to miss their presence while entertaining its carnival guests.

The policing of the celebration crowds was also a model of efficiency,—firmness, tact, good-natured indulgence in small things, and complete control of the situation at all times being characteristics. The custom of Chief Langley to preserve all the old uniforms for such emergencies stood the city in good stead, for his ten special officers for carnival duty were all properly uniformed—and one uniformed policeman in holiday time is worth just ten or thereabouts of the plain-clothes special with the inconspicuous badge.

Honors throughout the carnival were fairly well distributed. The home talent in athletics shone in a

few of their specialties—in other events the visitors from Mainland or from Sound received the laurels. Seattle for example scored heavily at the traps—Vancouver achieved distinction in lacrosse. The regatta was a distribution. Victoria was supreme upon the diamond. To trace the events in their order very briefly:

In the trap shooting tournament, disposed of according to custom at Beacon Hill "on the morning of the first day," there were a goodly number of contestant marksmen although Vancouver unfortunately was unable to enter a team as usual. The shoot was under the auspices of the Victoria Gun Club and lasted throughout the day. Mr. E. E. Ellis of Seattle took the grand average in the series of events, Dr. Steele of Seattle also, being second, and Mr. J. S. McLaughlin, a third Seattleite, tying with Mr. C. W. Minor of this city for third place honors. In the first match on the card (15 singles) Mr. Ellis won with a straight break; Dr. Steele, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Minor being next in order, each with a single missed bird. On ten singles and five pairs, Messrs. Ellis and McLaughlin had each eighteen kills, Dr. Steele and Messrs. Henley and Minor

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### "PRISON FARE."

In Victoria It Means What Many A Man Would Count Good Living.

Some little controversy has arisen in Vancouver lately with respect to expense bills passed for payment by the police department and having more particularly to do with the feeding of the short term prisoners at the city jail. The fact that fresh eggs figured in one of the challenged accounts set the commissioners to asking questions—how were prisoners fed, were eggs essential items of plain living on simple necessities of life, were prisoners ill-fed or over-fed in Vancouver's bastille? The disputed accounts were finally allowed, it being explained that the jailer was allowed one meal per diem for remaining on long watch.

Here in Victoria it may be interesting and news to some people to know how the prisoners fare while awaiting trial or serving short sentences at the lockup on Cormorant street. They are catered to, as they have been for years, by Mrs. Jamieson, the city allowing 15 cents per meal for breakfasts and suppers and 25 cents for each dinner, which is served at midday.

Fifteen and twenty-five cents per meal on a contract for feeding a number and that runs years in and years out, is certainly good money for the keep of prisoners—it is as much as restaurant living would cost the average working man, and it isn't everyone who can afford to live at a restaurant.

Nor does the standard bill of fare at the Cormorant street place of detention show that the prisoners of the city do not as a general thing fare quite as well as if they were paying guests of some of the city restaurants.

For breakfast there is fish or bacon or meat, bread and butter, tea with sugar and milk to taste, hot cakes and jam.

Dinner consists as a rule of soup, meat, potatoes and at least one other vegetable, pudding or pie, or cake, with tea, sugared and milked, bread and butter, etc.

The supper is of much the same composition as the breakfast, cake being substituted for the maternal hot cakes.

It isn't a fact that the prisoners consider themselves ill treated because the dinner is not served at the fashionable hour of eight, nor is it true that serviettes, fingerbolls and the other details of a refined service are provided.

But the prison fare in Victoria nevertheless isn't half so terrible as the name would suggest.

## An Island Wild Man.

Here is a Story Exciting Sarcastic Wittyism But Nevertheless Borne out by Evidence.

The statement is credited to Otto Schoen, who returned last week from a year's hunting and trapping in the interior wilds of the northernmost part of this island, that along the southeast reaches of Vernon lake and at several points on Davie river (which he is the first white man to thoroughly explore) he came upon footprints such as are made by no wild animal that ranges the desolate place of western America, which are apparently those of a human being, and which are nevertheless in several ways dissimilar from either the footmarks of the white man or those of the aboriginal Indian. The tracks were further apart in a fan-shape arrangement, and seemingly have been freely used to assist in making progress over fallen logs or other obstacles.

These footprints allegedly noted by Mr. Schoen are strangely similar to those reported by Indians some few years ago in the upper Campbell river region and which have never yet been quite satisfactorily explained. They also bring to mind the stories of Vancouver Island's wild man that have been told with superstitious terror by British Columbia Siwash around their council fires—and might indeed suggest that this uncanny creature is not yet dead, but merely retired further into the wilderness at civilization's approach. For to the fact that there at one time was a genuine wild man on Vancouver Island there is unchallengeable evidence in the report of an encounter with the hairy human by at least one absolutely credible white witness.

This is Mike King, the veteran timber cruiser, than whom neither white nor Indian knows better the forests of Vancouver Island's seldom trodden wilds. That was several years ago, but Mr. King is not likely to forget his adventure. As the writer recalls the circumstances—told him in the eerie dancing light of a camp fire, to the accompaniments of a chattering mountain brook beside, and the whispering pines above towering to a starlit sky—it was on one of Mr. King's solitary cruises, his search for good timber having taken him far and from the headwaters of Campbell river, into a territory religiously shunned by the Indians, none of whom would either accompany him as usual or vouchsafe any explanation of their conduct. He and been making his solitary way through the forest, not having seen a human face for days, when a cry of mingled surprise and fear, very human in its quality and foreign to the forestland, brought him to a sudden halt, rifle in hand and eyes straining for an explanation. This was quickly afforded, but in such a manner as to try the nerve of even such a woodsman as Mr. King.

About 100 yards from where he stood, or even less, an uncouth human faced him, seemingly all uncertain whether to stand or fly. The form was that of a large and angular man, completely covered with hair, with long arms hanging loosely and hands reaching below the knees. The eyes were quick and penetrating, shining strangely through a tangle of unkempt hair. The object was unmistakably and uncompromisingly human, Mr. King attests—and yet no human being such as any nation, tribe or country knows.

After a long moment's scrutiny of the disturber of his solitude, the wild man nodded upon the hillside and ran up the hillside, assisting his movements with his long arms and uttering at intervals cries of very human alarm, mystification and fear. Once it paused on the hillside and stood again, gazing at the astounded white man. The object was in the wilderness and was lost to sight, although the crackling of branches for some time afterwards betrayed its hurried progress through the woods.

Coming to the place where "it" had stood when first seen, Mr. King found that the wild creature had been engaged

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## VICTORIA DAY SUCCESSFUL.

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dividing second honors with scores of 17. Mr. W. Stuart of Seattle took premier honors on the 20-singles match (use of both barrels) missing but one; Mr. Ellis and Mr. McLaughlin (18) being second; and Dr. Steele and Mr. Otto Weiler third with scores of 17. The twenty singles match—ten unknown angles, known traps, and ten reversed traps—brought to the front Mr. Otto Weiler and Dr. Steele, with scores of 17; Mr. Minor taking second place with 16; and Mr. Ellis third with 15. The standard of shooting was high and weather conditions favorable.

At the Oak Bay park, baseball reigned both afternoons of the holiday, the attendance at the two days' matches being upwards of four thousand. On the Monday Victoria won from the University of Washington with Emerson in the box by a 5-2 score, snappy fielding on the part of the home aggregation being a feature. The incident and remembered circumstance of the match, however, was altogether apart from the game itself. McManus, the Victoria catcher, while at the bat in the fourth received a nasty injury to his wrist, by being struck by a pitched ball. He suffered agonies for the moment, and his mother who had been sitting in the grandstand lost not a moment in reaching her bearded boy. He had resumed his place at the plate before she could make her way to the field—but the game stopped right there upon her peremptory demand until she had embraced her son and kissed the bruised wrist, with a threatening look at the humbled pitcher that meant trouble in the event of any repetition. Mrs. McManus has already had one son crippled for life on the football field, and she is uneasy lest another may also be disabled through gratifying his love for sport. McManus showed up best of all the nine in that Monday game, fielding his position faultlessly and catching an errorless game, besides distinguishing himself by some excellent sticking. Unfortunately that accident to the wrist has since proved itself more serious than at first thought, and he is now out of the game for the time being in consequence. Tuesday's game was less high class, Blackburn pitching and Victoria sadly missing McManus and Erle (who also is crippled with a split finger). The score of 12-11 indicates that it wasn't very super-excellent ball, yet in one respect the match surpassed the better ball on Monday, in that results were problematical right to the final inning. In Monday's match Victoria had too strong a lead to be caught, and that took the cream of interest from an excellent performance.

There was lacrosse on Tuesday—but why pursue a painful subject? Victoria came to the sacrifice smiling and over-confident. Vancouver met them with a slighter, lighter team, trained to perfection and working together like parts of a perfect machine. Result: Victoria was outclassed in almost all departments, for Vancouver out-ran them, out-caught them, out-shot them, out-teamed them and won as they pleased. It was like taking candy from the baby, so simple was the trick. Vancouver won by seven to two, and it might have been forty-love. It was a crushing disappointment to Victoria's crowd, which had responded loyally and packed the new and old grandstands and the bleachers—it should possess its value to the team as showing their weaknesses and the only remedy, to give the juniors a chance and practice, practice, practice! The juniors put up two interesting exhibitions—Vancouver's Argo's paying the penalty of too much celebrating through the hours of the night before the game, and losing to the Centrals, 9 to 2. The Mainland Monarchs reversed this verdict in their match with Victoria's Y's—winning from them by 4-1.

The regatta was just such a regatta as has marked Victoria's carnivals since prehistoric days. There was the usual brilliant picture of the flotilla of pleasure-seekers—parasols of all sorts, shades and conditions—fannels everywhere—picnic baskets much in evidence—hurrying official craft—a requisitioning and commissioning of everything in the shape of a pleasure craft with floating life about it—persistent encroachment upon the course, to the ruin of the races—massed crowds upon the various points of vantage—tired children and equally tired parents—busy conveyances of all imaginable shapes reaping their annual harvest as transportation agents—the contented ice cream and lemonade vendors—hospitable Bays—and a general ignorance of what race was on or its result until the papers announced the victors in the morning. The important victory of the day was that of Vancouver's junior four over the J. B. A. A., the result being determined by a margin of two lengths, and the race being marred by two collisions. Vancouver rowed a fine race, well stroked by Dalton. The race of the senior fours was utterly spoiled by course crowding. The regatta results in their entirety were as below:

Service cutters—Grafton won; R. G. A., 2; Flora, 3.

Double schoolboys' race—Collegiate school, won; High school, 2.

Double skiff for Chinamen—The Chu Si Low (colors red, won; the Young Lion crew, 2).

Four-oared gig race—(Open to men of the army)—No. 4 division (R. G. A.), won; No. 2 division, 2; No. 7 subdivision, 3.

Indian war canoes, forty to fifty feet—Klem Klemalitz, won, Valdez, 2; Kuper Island, 3.

Four-oared lapstreak, junior championship of B. C.—Vancouver Rowing Club, won; J. B. A. A., 2.

Skiffs, officers of H. M. forces, with lady coxswains—Lieut. Pount and Mr. Soper, with Miss Marian Pitts, won; Lieut. Elliston and Lieut. Geary, R. A., with Mrs. Elliston, 2.

Indian war canoes, under forty feet—Valdez, won; Klem Klemalitz 2.

Service five-oared whalers—Flora won; Bonaventure, 2; Grafton, 3.

Klotechan's race—Valdez won, Klem Klemalitz, 2.

Service five-oared whalers and four-oared gigs—Shearwater won; Grafton, 2; Flora, 3.

Four-oared lapstreaks, senior championship of B. C.—J. B. A. A. won; University of Washington, 2.

Service five-oared whalers—Egeria, won; Shearwater, 2; Flora, 3.

Six-oared gigs—Flora won, Bonaventure, 2; Grafton, 3.

The all-comers' race was won by the Egeria crew.

The parade of driving rigs, which should be made an annual feature and quite as important as the regatta and the big lacrosse match, was a success and it wasn't. It was successful in justifying the boast that Victoria has an exceptional number of fine driving horses and smart equines. It was not successful in satisfying the critical that the judges were sufficient unto their task. About fifty "rigs" were in the line, the horses shining, buggies ditto, harness gleaming, and ribbons everywhere. The general appearance of the turnouts, with the action of the horses, their style in walking, trotting, or pacing, the driving skill, etc., etc., all were supposed to count. Honors among the single rigs were apportioned with some difficulty. Selection was made from the best 25 in line, and these were weeded down until it was eventually announced that the palm was bestowed upon Mr. J. Morris, Mr. S. A. Spencer being second, and Mr. H. Erb pressing him decidedly close. Mr. J. H. Greer and Mr. D. Richards were the winners in the doubles. Much dissatisfaction is expressed with some of the rulings of the august tribunal of judges. Investigation shows, however, that criticism in this respect is largely groundless, for for every disqualification there was good and sufficient reason. Judging is ever a

thankless task—whether it be at a dog show or of a driving parade. It is subject for regret that the representation of double carriage teams was both small and non-representative. There are a score of wealthy families in Victoria whose turn-outs are irreproachable. These were not represented in the parade. They should have been. For the honor of the city the foremost and prosperous citizens should be among the first to send their coachmen with the pride of the city's drivers, even if they do not care themselves to participate in a public parade. In carnival time it would be well were there a more democratic spirit displayed. A more general mixing of the classes in doing honor to the city's holiday would bear most excellent results, and in no particular better than in the driving parade.

There was another parade upon the programme—that of illuminated bicycles. It was on Monday evening, a brilliant spectacle magnificently condensed. The mounted platoon of policemen cyclists which led the way in style, six strong, riding abreast in excellent alignment, surpassed the paraders proper numerically. For there were but three or four competing cycles. Herbert Carse of 77 Discovery street, captured the honors with his boat design, Jacob Aaronson's comic high wheel being adjudged a prize-winner in its class, and Harrison Rogers' four wheeled contrivance coming in for a favorable mention. That will be about all concerning the bicycle parade unless one pause to mention that the dealers might easily have made it a most artistic feature; or to philosophize that the day of the wheelmen's parade, like the era of cycle racing, is no more.

The closing feature of the celebration—the fireworks display at Beacon Hill was worthy of all commendation, as fully twenty thousand spectators will attest. In brilliancy of color, in smoothness of display, the Hitt Bros' fireworks proved infinitely superior to the imported article. Their set-pieces were good, and their aerial wonders particularly fine. It cannot be said that the display was the largest on record for Victoria. It was not. Nor could it be upon the limited appropriation. But for quality it was superlative. The illumination of the park was also most artistic, and reflected the highest credit upon the decorators and illuminators concerned.

It was a good celebration if scarcely an elaborate one.

But what a pity that the united service sham fight of Wednesday, which but very few people knew the first thing about, had not been arranged for either the Monday or Tuesday, and featured as the great attraction of the carnival!

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Meanwhile they consider, with thankful hearts, the bond already created between themselves, individually, and the public at large, and hope that this may lead to a wider sympathy with their work as a society and a closer tie between them and that greater and worldwide brotherhood, whose members, no matter what class or creed, are united in performing the common tasks of life

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The fair closes to-night with an entertainment by the sailors of H. M. S. Grafton. It remains with the public to take a numerous adieu of their friends at the Assembly hall and to bring the week's work to a happy and satisfactory climax, and there is no doubt that they will do it.

## CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

Took Desperate Chances—"The Armstrong band played in public last Saturday"—Edenograph.

The Thing She Sings At—"Miss Crowley will sing at the extra-acts next Thursday night"—Rossland World.

A Little Rubber Lamb—"Mr. Alex. Lamb is all smiles. He has an addition to his family in the shape of a fine, bouncing boy"—Westminster Columbian.

Booming the Demand—"Beware of patent medicines. Most of them are more bogus than any early morning cocktail in Sandon"—New Denver Ledger.

Many Thanks—"We are not a boomer, but we must plead guilty to a love for Progress"—Cranbrook Herald.

Left-Handed Jab For Someone—"The Chief Justice appeared at the play last night as Gordon Hunter. He enjoyed himself and his presence was welcomed"—Rossland World.

East Kootenay War Note—"The government office staff will evacuate Fort Steele to-day"—Fort Steele Prospector.

Pointer For New Water Company—"Cranbrook people are not cowards, but they will all take water"—Cranbrook Herald.

To Match the Town—"Ed. Angnison has repaired and painted his canoe a brilliant red"—New Denver Ledger.

Experts In Demand—"Two of British Columbia's most experienced missionaries will preach in the Mount Pleasant Methodist church on Sunday"—Mount Pleasant Advocate.

Handicaps of City Life—"Residents on upper Sixth street are complaining of a cow in the neighborhood of Fifth street, with its continual bawling, keeps them awake at night"—Westminster Columbian.

Or on the Collection Plate—"Strait Settlements silver is not legal tender in Canada, and should only be worked off by paying whiskey bills or delinquent subscriptions"—New Denver Ledger.

Serious Slander—"A vexatious error appeared in our last issue which escaped correction in the proof. M. S. Martin of Grand Forks is a building contractor and not a lawyer as stated"—Ferne Free Press.

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# A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The People of Victoria West Give Their Fellow Citizens a Good Lead.

The organization in what is erroneously called "the Western Suburb," and is not a suburb at all but part of the city itself, of an association to look after the special requirements of Victoria West in a municipal way is in line with a very useful and effective practice largely in vogue in United States cities. In that country they have what are called local improvement clubs, and the same things exist to a limited extent in Canada. These local improvement clubs have two objects. One is to see that the particular interests of the locality are not disregarded in the general improvement of the city by the municipal authorities, and the other is the advocacy of improvements by individual or co-operative effort. These clubs undertake to procure the laying of permanent sidewalks and street paving, and for that purpose legislative authority has been given for district assessments to be imposed and collected by the municipality at the request of the people of the district. Payment for such improvements in some cases extends over a series of years, what is known as local improvement bonds being issued to raise the money and being a charge upon the property of the district. The city at large bears no part of the liability, but it collects and disburses the money, and of course receives the advantage derived from the increased taxable value of the property benefited. A very large proportion of the improvements made in United States cities is brought about in this way.

Under our system if it were proposed to submit a by-law to provide permanent paving for, say, Victoria West, the chances are that other parts of the city would oppose it, and so if it were proposed to put down permanent sidewalks, pave the streets and park the intermediate ground on Cook street—a very much needed improvement—it would be impossible to carry through a by-law for the purpose. But if the people of Victoria West or the residents of Cook street chose to bear the whole cost and make it chargeable against their property, no one in any other part of the city would say a word, except in commendation. This is the only way in which an extensive plan of municipal improvement can be carried out in this or any other city of the area and population of Victoria. The distances are so great and the town is so irregularly laid out that it is really beyond the ability of the municipality to undertake to put the whole city in the shape it ought to be.

Among other things which local improvement clubs undertake is the planting of shade trees. Not nearly enough of this is done in Victoria. We have some streets that could be rendered very beautiful indeed if the residents would only plant trees along them. Another thing is the cleaning up of the streets by removing bushes and other disfigurements. These things cost a little money but not much, and they so greatly improve the appearance of a locality that the cost is not worth considering. Of course the city as a whole ought to do this work, but again it is to be remembered that Victoria is big in area and for the City Council to undertake to put all the streets in the condition they ought to be, even as far as the disfigurements just mentioned are concerned, would cost more than the taxpayers would approve of. You know there is a lot of difference in the name you call a thing. If the expense of an improvement is paid for out of taxes, every one growsl; but if it is done by voluntary subscription no one minds it at all. In making public improvements, as in everything else, allowance must be made for the fact that there is a good deal of human nature in mankind, and human nature likes to do things of its own accord and always protests against compulsion.

Therefore the Victoria West movement is an excellent example, and it

ought to be emulated in other parts of the city, but the scope of the association might be broadened with advantage so as to embrace action along the lines above mentioned.

During the fortnight just closing, the residents of Victoria West have formed an improvement association for their particular locality, a delegation from which met the city council prior to its meeting on Monday evening last and presented the following document:

Victoria, B. C., May 25, 1904.  
To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City.

Gentlemen,—Having due regard to the short time at your disposal this evening before convening your regular meeting, we have, as a committee of the Victoria West Municipal Voters' Association, for the sake of brevity, decided to lay before you a written, concise and brief statement of the reasons for organization; the objects we are hopeful of attaining thereunder; and the sympathetic co-operation we propose giving, and hope to receive, in all matters municipal pertaining to the welfare and development of that important section of the city known as Victoria West.

By such a method of procedure, we are hopeful in the removal of many old grievances and misunderstandings; this in turn will be a strong factor in the more rapid development of that locality and the consequent increase of revenue to the city.

We have formed for the purpose of intelligent direction, harmonizing rather than conflicting with the municipal governing body, but with all, firm in the maintenance of the liberties and rights of true citizenship.

We are not unmindful of the fact that our district comprises a small fraction of the city, nor that we have within the past few years been the recipient of a certain amount of substantial improvement in light, streets and sidewalks. We desire to place ourselves upon record as appreciating all that has been done, thanking the successive Mayors and Aldermen for their efforts in our behalf. However, a great deal remains of accomplishment, and unsatisfactory conditions exist which in a great measure retard our material growth.

This committee has been organized too short a space of time to enumerate the most urgent improvements requisite, but a number of complaints have reached them from various localities which will be investigated at an early date, together with the general condition of affairs in this ward.

We do, however, bring forcibly to the attention of your honorable body the immediate and urgent necessity of providing an outlet from the Esquimalt Road to the Craigflower trunk road, and if the Council cannot see its way to make passable the disputed highway, to open up one of the many streets laid out, thus helping serve the purpose. This is of import not only to the residents, but to farmers and others in the outlying districts beyond.

We note with pleasure that provision is being made to place septic tanks at convenient stations, one of which will be in operation before the summer is too well advanced.

The lack of proper sewerage resulted in much sickness last summer, and we hope that in the installation of the one contemplated, due regard will be given the locality serving the greatest area.

It is scarcely necessary to remind your honorable body that the Craigflower Road question is still unsettled; that the residents of this locality have not only been inconvenienced thereby, but have had to maintain public rights at private expense. A sub-committee will take this matter in hand, and try to arrange an amicable settlement between the parties to this dispute, and we look forward to your good offices in this direction.

The Songhees Reserve, another periodic shadow that flits before the beaming countenance of the City Fathers; a source of worry and annoyance to our citizens, and one of the chief factors in retarding the city's growth, still flits. A joint committee of the City Council and Board of Trade have, we understand,

the matter in hand. We too have a sub-committee appointed who will undertake to waken them from their temporary slumbers, and with some really excellent ideas in beautifying the city to the behoedment of tourists and others. We ask that they be added to your committee, and that the combined body bear in mind that time is fleeting and most opportune for settlement.

The School.—What could be least said and better understood? We thank you gentlemen for your consideration of this pressing question, and shades of enlightenment favor the other fellow.

A sub-committee takes this matter in hand, and will make direct representation to the proper authorities.

In conclusion, Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, we ask that Victoria West be given your most earnest consideration in the matter of appropriations for improvement this year. This is a district capable of accommodating a large resident population, with easy access, if so made, with the city; healthy, if properly seweraged, and unrivalled in situation and natural beauty. 'Tis scarcely necessary to remind you of the possible revenue to the city when opened for settlement by a disposition of the Reserve Question.

We would further request that in the matter of improvements the wish of the residents as expressed through the Association be accepted, that the Engineer be instructed to assist the Streets and Sidewalks Committee in estimating the probable cost of improvements in the different localities with a view of placing in hand the most urgent of the work at once.

We hope to meet you at a later date in matters of municipal reform, and trust that our good intentions may be recognized, if not accepted.

We are, Sirs, respectfully yours,  
L. TAIT, President.  
ANDREW GRAVY, Treasurer.  
PHIL R. SMITH, Secretary.  
For the Committee.

The Nelson Tribune, of which Mr. Houston, member for Nelson and a staunch Conservative, is still editor, reports to the contrary nothing, asserts in a most explicit way and without any qualification whatever, that local cabinet changes are imminent. Mr. Tatlow is said by the Tribune to be tired; Mr. Wilson is to be retired. Mr. Tatlow's place is to be taken by Mr. Carter-Cotton. In line with this, it may be mentioned that a rumor is in circulation about town that Mr. Cotton is shortly to retire from the editorial chair of the Colonist, and that his place will be taken by a member of the provincial civil service. The new cabinet, according to the Tribune, will be made up as follows: McBride, premier and provincial secretary; Cotton, finance; Fulton, attorney-general; Green, lands and works; Taylor, mines; Bowser, president of the council.

The Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company, Limited, has had a chart prepared by Capt. J. P. Walbran, showing the lower part of Vancouver Island. On the same sheet are charts on a larger scale of Victoria, Esquimalt, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Chemainus, Ladysmith and Union Bay. Thousands of copies of this valuable chart have been distributed all over the world. It is an excellent advertisement for this part of Canada, and being prepared with Capt. Walbran's customary care and skill will be of great value to navigators.

The recent discussion in the City Council, which has so greatly agitated our neighbor, The Times, may be relieved, or at least public attention may be afforded a counter irritant, by repetition of the ancient joke about the various kinds of metres. "There are several," said the young man. "Gas meters, water meters and so on, but as for me I prefer to 'meet' him by 'metre' alone."

The City Council has approved of the draft letter prepared by the Joint Committee on the Songhees Reserve, and the letter will be forthwith transmitted to the government.

Knights of Pythias—FarWest Lodge, No. 1, initiated several Esquires into the mysteries of the Rank of Knight in the amplified form at their last convention. They also balloted on three applications, and received ten new applications for membership. The representatives to the last Grand Lodge session made a lengthy report. Rev. R. B. Blyth, who is still on the sick list, reports from Belmont, Ont., that he is getting along very well and expects to be off the list shortly. Bro. Chas. Marshall, who was a member of the order in the state of Missouri, was buried by the local lodge on Sunday last. Friday next, June 3rd, the Page Rank will be conferred.

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### FREEDOM OF THOUGHT.

At the Nelson Assizes one of the jurors objected to serving in a murder case, alleging as a reason that he had conscientious objections to capital punishment. For this he was severely criticized by the presiding judge, Mr. Justice Martin, who is reported by the press despatches to have said that the juror, Mr. W. H. Jones, at one time sub-editor of the News-Advertiser and at present a job printer, "belonged to a class of people who have diseased and distorted minds." Progress has the utmost respect for the judicial office, and will always treat those who fill it with courtesy and consideration. It appreciates the fact that a judge is to some extent hampered by his position, in respect of defending himself against criticism and that it is desirable in the general interest that there should be as little criticism of the acts and utterances of such officers as is possible. But liberty of thought is of far greater importance than judicial dignity, and when a judge, whose position ought to make him a guardian of the rights of the people, so far forgets himself and the duty which he owes to his office and the community, as to censure from the bench another man who happens to hold different views on an open question, from those entertained by the judge, Progress proposes to tell him that he wholly mistakes his powers and assumes an attitude towards the community which the law never intended he should occupy.

Mr. Jones has conscientious scruples against capital punishment. In this he has thousands of sympathizers, and so far from such views indicating any mental eccentricity, they rather show the person holding them to be a man of thought and refinement. Capital punishment is a relic of barbarism, whether the sentence is imposed by a naked savage or a judge clothed in ermine. It may, in our present social conditions, be a necessary relic. That is at least debatable, but it is nevertheless abhorrent to every refined mind and there are millions of people who would hesitate about finding a criminal guilty, if the consequence of such a verdict meant his death. To Mr. Justice Martin this may indicate a diseased mind, but, thank God, the disease is spreading, and all the red-robed judges under heaven cannot stay its course. There will come a time when we will know better what to do with murderers than to kill them.

But the correctness of Mr. Jones' opinion has nothing to do with the case. He is entitled to his opinions, and to express them in a proper place, and no living man has, by any right of office which the law has conferred or can confer upon him, authority to condemn him for them, unless his views are treasonable or immoral. That it was proper, indeed, his bounden duty for him to state his views on capital punishment when called to serve upon a jury on a capital offence, will not be denied. Hence he occupied the position of a man who simply discharged his duty as a citizen. For this he has been held up to scorn and published to the world as something to be shunned by his fellows. This sort of thing is intolerable. If our judges run away with the idea that they have any right of censorship over private opinion, the sooner they are disabused of the notion the better.

In Chicago the other day, three young men were sentenced to death for murder. One of them was very ill, but the physicians labored with him night and day in order to keep him alive to be hanged. This is a

revolting consequence of the continuance of the death penalty. In the ordinary course of nature and with only ordinary medical treatment, such as people receive in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the unhappy man would have died before his execution; but every recourse known to medical science was employed and the breath was kept in him long enough to permit the law to strangle him. We should like to have Mr. Justice Martin's opinion of the man who says that such an act was an infamous refinement of cruelty.

### THE G. T. PACIFIC.

It is not as yet by any means settled that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company are to be required to begin work at the western terminus of the line simultaneously with the beginning at Winnipeg and other points. Despatches to that effect have been received in Victoria as well as in Vancouver and New Westminster, and the statement was made that Mr. Morrison would move an amendment to the bill making provision for such a course. The Colonist and the Vancouver World seem to accept the matter as decided upon, but without further assurances, Progress is unable to make up its mind that it is. Some weeks ago this paper urged that pressure should be brought to bear upon the Government to secure such a desirable consummation, but very little has been done in a public way. The officers of the Board of Trade have done what they could, and President Todd of the Victoria Board of Trade has been specially active, but there is little evidence which our representatives can lay before the Government to show that the people were really concerned in having such a provision inserted in the Bill. People in the East have taken a very different line of action. They have been insistent that work shall be started simultaneously at various points, and yet this does not mean nearly as much to the East as the immediate commencement of construction would mean for the province and especially for the Coast cities.

The reasons why the Company may not voluntarily take such a course are many and the people of this province hardly need to be reminded that railway corporations are, before everything else, business organizations. No one has any more justification in finding fault with a railway company for carrying on its business in the way that is most advantageous to itself than in finding fault with an individual for doing the same thing, and there is no more warrant in expecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Company to do its work in the most expensive way than there is in expecting a private business firm to do so. The fact that the Company is to receive a substantial bonus from the people does not of itself bind them to do anything except what is specified in the contract. And there is no moral obligation whatever upon the company in the premises. As long as the Company does what it undertakes to do, that is build the line from ocean to ocean in ten years, the people of British Columbia will have no legal or moral claim upon it, in respect to time of construction. It is just as well to get this fact well grounded in our minds.

If the people of this province want the Company bound to begin work on this Coast at the same time as they begin it elsewhere, efforts ought to have been made to secure such an arrangement. Progress gives fair warning to the public not to be lulled into a feeling of security by vague promises from people who are not authorized to make them. At the same time it is important to point out that the Government has enforced no obligations upon the Company as to the simultaneous beginning of work at various points. As we understand the matter all that is provided is that work shall be begun at Quebec and Moncton at the same time as at Winnipeg. Quebec and Moncton are on

the part of the line which the Government undertakes to build. The Company by its contract is left free to carry on its part of the line, that is from Winnipeg west in its own way, only being bound to complete it within ten years. If, therefore, the Company is required to begin work at the Coast and Winnipeg simultaneously the obligation will be one of an exceptional nature.

Since the above was put in type the third reading of the Bill has passed, and there is no word of any provision being inserted in it as to the date of commencement at the western terminus.

"Things are looking so much better in this town that we will have to get more capital into our business and improve our facilities." This remark was made by the manager of one of our large business concerns yesterday, and he is not a particularly optimistic person either. He expressed a little in advance what everyone will be saying in the course of a few months. Victoria is decidedly on the up-grade. Small things show the direction of the current. A great many houses are being repainted. Reference has already been made in these columns to what is being done in the way of building, and this may be explained in many ways. New people want new houses. Young people get married and want homes. But when a man repaints his premises it means generally that he is feeling very easy in pocket, for it is an unhappy truth that nobody out in this part of the world, whether in British Columbia or on Puget Sound, feels called upon to paint his house until he absolutely cannot postpone it any longer. This is the rule. There are exceptions, of course. Victoria is going ahead, and will continue to do so. One excellent manner to help the city along is to help it along. If you have no money to invest, if you cannot persuade others to invest, if you have no means whereby your own industry can make things better, you can at least talk and freely about the good time coming. Depend upon it, the good time is not far away.

The eternal principles of consistency were beautifully illustrated yesterday up the Gorge Road. It has pleased the City Fathers to impose a fine upon people driving faster than a walk across the small bridges on that road within the municipality, and an officer in plain clothes is occasionally detailed to capture offenders. A Man Who Wanted To Know asked the Officer in Plain Clothes why such an absurd regulation was made. The O. I. P. C. replied that the City Fathers had in mind the Point Ellice bridge accident, and with that explanation the M. W. W. T. K. was content. But there came a holiday and hundreds of vehicles, some light, some heavy and all loaded to their utmost capacity traveled back and forwards on the Gorge Road. When they came to the bridges they quickened their speed and in more than a score of cases raced across, and there was no O. I. P. C. to take the names of the drivers to the intent that they might be held before the Court. All of which leads the M. W. W. T. K. to ask if the memory of the City Fathers in regard to bridge accidents is inactive on holidays, and causes Progress to inquire if a bridge that may be safely raced over on holidays is not safe enough to trot over on other days.

It is not very clear what the Victoria West Association means by saying that a sub-committee of that organization has been appointed to wake up the committees of the Board of Trade and City Council "from their temporary slumbers." The joint committee made up of representatives of the last mentioned bodies is very far from being asleep. It is actively at work, but does not deem it expedient to publish what it is doing. Many a good thing has been spoiled by untimely publicity.

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A very pretty wedding took place on Sunday at the residence of the bride's mother-in-law, Mr. Verge, Francis street, when Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Roger McNeill and Miss Lizzie Brewster, of this city. The groom was supported by Mr. J. B. Bristow, and the bridesmaid was Miss Annie Brewster, sister and sister of the bride. The newly-married couple will make their home in Victoria.

Anticipatory congratulations will be extended with wishes for a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic when His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia leaves for six weeks hence for a visit to the Land of the Living. It is understood that shortly after His Lordship's arrival home he will be one of the principals in a marriage ceremony, his fiancée being Mrs. Gore.

Mr. Fawcett, of Victoria Arm, entertained some fifty friends on regatta night, his charming home being the scene of a very merry gathering. The grounds surrounding as they do an unsurpassed view of the regatta course, and the occasion were peculiarly fortunate.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Blanton and Dr. L. W. Nelson Shepherd, which is to be celebrated at St. John's Church cathedral on the 2nd of June. There will be a reception after the ceremony, from 4 o'clock to 6, at the residence of the bride's family, "Woodland," Rockland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Sutton, of this city, accompanied by Mr. Sutton's sister, Miss Amy, have returned from a trip to Europe, and are for a few days guests at Mrs. A. M. Stewart's, Winnipeg.

General Sir Henry Geary, Lady Geary and the Misses Geary, intend paying a visit of several weeks' duration. Sir Henry has just completed his term as Governor of Bermuda.

Mr. B. T. Rogers, of Vancouver, brought over a merry little celebration party on his handsome steam yacht, the "Lupin." Among the guests were Mr. Skett and Mr. W. Farrell.

Amor has it that the handsome home of Mr. J. D. Prentice, on Belcher street, was found a purchaser in Mrs. Todd, who shortly take possession of the picturesque property.

The Misses Williams are giving a tea on Saturday afternoon at their home on Linden street, at which an innovation is made in the invitation of gentlemen as well as ladies.

Mr. Thornton Fell has left for St. N. B., on a visit, and will afterwards visit the great exposition at St. N.

Mrs. Charles J. V. Spratt is giving a party at her residence on the Gorge Road Monday next.

Mrs. Brown entertained a number of friends at her home on Cadboro road on Friday of last week.

The Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich remained at dinner last evening.

## MUSICAL

On Thursday at the "Made in Canada" Fair the following very interesting programme was given:

Piano Solo—The Huskie's Dream ..... By Miss V. Powell  
..... Miss V. Powell.  
Reading—De Nice Lettie Canadienne..... W. H. Drummond  
..... J. B. H. Rickaby.  
Recitation—Ojstoh ..... Pauline Johnson  
..... Mrs. O. M. Jones.  
Tableau—The Voyageurs ..... A. Lammann  
..... Miss Powell.  
Drill ..... By Young Ladies  
Reading from Barbara Ladd ..... C. G. D. Roberts  
..... C. E. W. Wolley.  
Song—Men of the North ..... Godfrey  
..... J. G. Brown.  
Reading—The Kootenay Prospector ..... C. P. Wolley  
..... C. E. W. Wolley.  
Song—Policeman Day, from The Brushwood Boy ..... Kipling  
..... Miss C. Powell.  
Recitation—The Western Girl. C. P. Wolley  
..... Miss C. Powell.  
Duet—Canadian Boating Song ..... Mrs. P. B. Pemberton and Mrs. H. P. Fooley.  
Reading—From the Battle of the Strong ..... Gilbert Parker  
..... Mrs. Simon.  
Recitation—How Albat Sang ..... W. H. Drummond  
..... Mrs. O. M. Jones.  
Reading—Mon Frere Camille ..... W. H. Drummond  
..... J. B. H. Rickaby.  
..... God Save the King.

Every item in the list is of Canadian origin, and what adds especially to the interest of it is that two of the numbers, "The Huskie's Dream" and "The Kootenay Prospector" were given by their talented authors.

A new musical star has arisen. It is Franz von Vecsy, a violinist, whose age is only eleven. He has a technique which the highest authorities say, is absolutely perfect, and he plays with wonderful depth of feeling and remarkable intelligence. Dr. Joachim says that in his seventy-two years of life he not only never heard such playing, but never even believed it was possible.

The holiday season interfered with musical events, and at any rate the lateness of the season is such that few more amateur performances may be expected until the longer evenings begin. On Sunday night Mr. Watkins gave an organ recital in St. John's Church after the regular service and Dr. Robertson sang two solos very acceptably.

The Sunday afternoon band concert drew an enormous crowd to Beacon Hill Park. These concerts are very greatly enjoyed by the people of the city and by strangers. They ought to be given regularly, for they are entirely harmless, in a moral sense.

Mr. F. T. Watkins is to be congratulated upon the musical excellence of his recital at St. John's church the other evening, in which he had the valuable assistance of Mr. A. T. Goward, tenor, and Miss Charlotte Spencer, contralto.

There is a faint prospect that Mr. George J. Dyke may be induced to bring the Vancouver Orchestral Society here for a performance of the "Revenge."

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## Random Reflections.

Wise and Otherwise—Nonsense on the News of the Day.

SPEAKING of the Fire Department—about everyone.

JUNE brides and June bugs are now almost due.

JUDGING by the latest reports from the Democratic convention, it looks like the hearse for Hearst.

JAPANESE crepe will be the favorite material for summer gowns. It won't shrink.

BRAZIL and Peru ought to be able stretch a point over that rubber country, but they don't seem inclined to.

JUDGING a driving parade seems to be just about as thankless a task as officiating at a parliament of bench pets.

APPARENTLY the Japanese will have to postpone their picnic trip to St. Petersburg via the Japanese Siberian railway.

WOMAN'S Rights are all right, but they should not include the right of young girls in Victoria to a welcome in the saloon backrooms.

CAN IT be that Cleveland has learned from the aborigine of his beloved Oyster Bay the great advantage sometimes of being silent in seven languages.

SINCE that consignment of Missouri mules for the Czar's army reached its destination, the Russians appear to have no kick coming.

MOVED and seconded that that portion of Johnson street extending from Government to Store be henceforth known as Victoria's Bowsery.

IF all goldbricks are like that 16-pound one just turned out by the Oyster-Criterion mine, who wouldn't be a Reub?

IT MAY be unkind to say it, but how singularly appropriate for the cricketers to find congenial environment right near the hospital.

THE man who first notices that it looks like rain is the one who has a Panama and believes the Weather Man always ready to knock his chances for wearing it.

DO NOT waste any pity on Willie Randolph Hearst. That idea of his being blind for the party good does not harmonize with Willie's idea of the value of his little boom—for advertising his newspapers.

DOWN in Massachusetts the Daughters of the American Revolution are solemnly investigating the morals of Paul Revere. Judging from the ride he made, he was something of a fast young man.

WHAT A grand chance the health food makers would have to work off their products on the Russian and Japanese armies if it wasn't for the convention prohibiting barbarities in warfare.

HIS GRACE the Duke of Argyll is all swelled up with pride. He is the latest notability permitted to become a vice-patron of Mr. Pierson's lifeboat association.

DUNCAN ROSS, the Liberal politician in Cariboo, has just succeeded in getting the immediate surrender of the Schuchawayha Indian reserve, in order that a smelter may be erected thereon. Duncan left Victoria too soon. This town would gladly bonus a good reservemover.

NOTHING speaks louder of progress than the song of the carpenter's hammer," observes the Elenograph. Right—O! That's where the carpenter's hammer is the direct antithesis of the other kind of hammer that Victoria has had too much of.

WONDER if the Fort Steele people have worked it out to their satisfaction yet how, after they elected a government member of the legislature and Cambrook an oppositionist, the latter is able to win away those coveted government offices?

SINCE all the applicants obviously cannot get the vacant senatorship, it would be well for those who desire two strings to their bows, to make a note of the fact that the office of pound-keeper at Sandon is also to be filled.

THE drunken logger, who fell seventy feet from a Great Northern trestle and only broke his whiskey flask, has the additional satisfaction of knowing that it was empty.

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## A Holiday For The Young.

Why Should Not Victoria Boys and Girls Have Their Summer-time Aquatic Sports?

Perhaps the only handicap under which Victoria labors as a competitor for summer tourist patronage, exists in the circumstance that as a rule the water is too cold at the nearby sea beaches for comfortable bathing. In Vancouver, English Bay and Greer's Beach each summer afternoon claim their hundreds of merry bathers, these favorite breathing places being radiant with light and color, and the town thereby becoming naturally expert while vastly enjoying the exercise of swimming. Along Victoria Arm the water is too cold for pleasant bathing, and it is greatly to be hoped that this present season will see some practical campaign initiated for popularizing swimming in Victoria. In such a campaign it is well to begin with the rising generation. The annual swimming tournament for the boys and girls is one of the most popular features of Vancouver's civic activity. Why not here also? What could be a more attractive arrangement for the next forth-coming general holiday—Dominion Day—than a carnival of water sports for the juveniles in the vicinity of the Gorge? The programme could be arranged with little difficulty by a small committee, and would involve but a trifling expense, and a little hard work for willing volunteers in keeping clear the course and systematically conducting the running of the races. The afternoon sports would undoubtedly attract a large throng to the delightful natural park extending along the middle reaches of the Arm. The programme would be interesting to old as well as young, and should include short distance races particularly for the younger boys and girls, properly handicapped to place them on equal terms. One championship event for grown-ups might properly be included, with diving competitions for seniors and juniors of both sexes. An aquatic tug-of-war and a lifesaving competition would properly round off the afternoon's programme and make up a day of sport of great attractiveness, but little cost, and very considerable value in promoting the love of and expertise in the very useful and necessary art of swimming. Should this suggestion meet with favor among those who take an interest in the boys and girls, and in the development of beneficial sport for sports and games, "Progress" will endeavor to facilitate the coming together of a few patriotic citizens who will act as a committee to arrange for such a Dominion Day attraction. Its success would largely depend upon the hearty co-operation of all the principals and the principals of city schools. Will not that co-operation be readily proffered?

### The Band For St. Louis—

Having obtained the requisite permission from Ottawa, the fine band of the Fifth Regiment, which is or should be the pride of every loyal Victorian, is now making preparations for an early departure for St. Louis, where, according to present knowledge, the engagement opens on the 10th of June. The tour will occupy about four months, or the greater part of the present summer; and while Victoria will miss her musicians very sadly during the Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings of the out-of-door pleasure season, it will be well to keep in mind that it is in the city's interest largely that the band goes abroad, its presence in the chief cities of America being one of the best and biggest pieces of advertising that Victoria has as yet been so fortunate as to obtain. Twenty-four pieces will compose the touring band, and for its size it is safe to say that there will be few hands even in the great exhibition, where the most famous musicians of all America will be brought together. The band may be said to have taken unofficial farewell of the city for the time being with the Victoria Day celebration, during which its services were a notably pleasing and artistic feature. Not only on the streets, at the regatta, and where the throngs most did congregate, was the band happily in evidence—its special concert at the parliament building, and the initiated evening concert, and proved the location selected for the concert bandstand particularly well chosen—which cannot be said for the Park bandstand. In view of the immensity of the project that the band has taken in having the advertisement of the city, and in view also of the generosity that has been shown by the band toward the city music lovers time without number, it is to be hoped that the departure of the regimental musicians on their adieu will be marked with some expressions of patriotic civic approval.

### —Always Alert—

Considerable comment was heard as the audience filed out of Institute hall on the conclusion of the last concert of the Arion Club, with respect to the inadequate facilities for emptying that place of public gathering, and more than one asked of his neighbor how the people fare here after a fire and the consequent necessity for prompt clearance of the hall? A "Progress" reporter

repeated the question to Building Inspector Northcott. As usual he was ready. He is one of those rare public officials who have the public interest at heart to a hollow emptiness. He sees his duty and does it. There are sufficient exits at Institute hall, he explained, but it has not been the custom to have them opened after concerts or other entertainments. There should also be proper lights at the entrances. He had already communicated with the Bishop in respect of these matters, and His Lordship in his acknowledgment had given the assurance that the subjects of complaint would be promptly rectified.

### —The Question of Meters—

The decision of the city council to introduce meters on a new and original plan to water users is not unanimously approved by all means throughout the city. Here is one view of the matter by any means: "It simply enables the water commissioner to discriminate un-justly 'Progress' by a prominent Wharf street merchant who isn't a stingy man fairly if it so suits him. And it means more. The man with an unsightly fence in front of his home uses far more than his share of water, and no one sees him and the result is an improvement of his flower garden that does not even delight the eyes of citizens and visitors. Another householder with a meter and no unsightly wall or fence does his best to make his flower garden a beauty spot for the delectation of visitors and Victorians. His efforts are seen, and a meter is clapped on him so that he may be made to pay the penalty of his patriotic policy. What's the use in urging citizens to make their gardens beautiful, and then place a penalty upon action on the suggestion?"

### —Vancouver Visitors—

As usual Vancouver furnished a large proportion of the celebration visitors. To make personal mention of more than a very few would be impossible. There were, however, among those who came early and remained until the last rocket had winged its skyward flight, Mr. J. N. Ellis and his fiancée, Miss Ellis; Mr. T. O. Towle, Mr. Justice Duff and his wife, Mr. John Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Moody, Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Moody, Mr. B. T. Rogers, Mr. R. B. Skinner, Mr. M. C. Melver Campbell, Mr. George A. Wood and the Misses Wood, Mr. E. Macgowan, Mr. T. A. Kerr, Mr. A. J. Kapelle, and Sheriff Richard Hall, the latter just recovering from a severe attack of gripe.

### —A Misleading Trump Card—

As a closing but entirely informal feature of the Victoria Day celebration, the men of His Majesty's ships now stationed at Esquimalt contested a very interesting sham battle on Wednesday in the vicinity of the Six-Mile House? The marines and bluejackets were divided into two battalions, and the war was maintained and defended; the other forming the attacking party, landing from boats with their 9-pounder field pieces, and attempting the dislodgment of "the enemy." Had such a feature been incorporated in the official programme it would no doubt have proved the most attractive feature of the carnival. It is to be hoped that next year will see the United Service contribute in some such fashion to Victoria Day's successes.

### —The Circus Is Coming—

These be great days for the young folk! Even while the joys of the Victoria Day celebration were being with them, their hearts were gladdened by the announcement on the billboards that a circus was coming. The date is June 6th, and the attraction Norris & Rowe's. The Norris brothers started quite modestly two years ago, and now they show the animals being trained by one of the Norrises and handled by him. Year by year other animals and features were added, and now a small menagerie is carried, and regular circus features are introduced. The dust must be raised by Ringling Brothers, Forepaugh, Barnum & Bailey, and Frank C. Bostock will recognize in the Norris aggregation a new rival to be reckoned with.

### —Deserving of Commendation—

In a recent issue of "Progress" attention was directed to the extreme dustiness of Esquimalt Road, a much travelled thoroughfare through West Victoria. The powers that be took heed to the hint, and for the first time in many moons the face of the sprinkler has been seen in the land. For which the said authorities will please accept the thanks of Victoria West—and "Progress" will modestly take what's left. It proves, however, that it is the request of the military authorities (proposing for a church parade) rather than the interests of citizens, that brought the sprinkler out last Saturday. Esquimalt Road's dust nuisance has got beyond the sprinkler. The dust must be removed and the road then sprinkled to secure abatement of the present conditions.

### —Improvement Is Evidenced—

There is no improvement in fire department discipline which may be attributed to the ventilation of conditions in this paper. Two of the men who came in drunk last Saturday night were on Wednesday suspended by the chief. There is improvement to be continued. The chief was not in town late in arrival at St. Joseph's hospital fire, according to one of the per-

manent men, and water had to be laid where the chemical should have done all the work to be done. The chemical, by the way, is charged with having been late at the last three fires.

### —The Lovely Flowers!—

"Oh, look at the lovely flowers!" was the cry of many a celebration visitor, as they marched up from the steamboat landings, upon first view of the mass of bloom in Bastion Square. The purpose of this little breathing spot in the wholesale and retail district is now apparent. And Victoria has to thank the authors of the beautification scheme. It should be extended in other quarters. There is nothing that so improves the appearance of the city.

### —Artistic Window Dressing—

Victoria is becoming a city of notably attractive window dressing. The picnic spread at Dixie H. Ross & Co.'s, the display of Caledonia Liquor Scotch at the West End Grocery, and the "two best things afloat" and later the military window at Fred Carne's are admirable examples of taste, originality, and effectiveness. The expert window dresser is a professional evolution during the past quarter century whose importance to the retailers' world can scarcely be overestimated.

### —Handling the Crowd—

The excellence of the street car service during the recent celebration was the subject of much appreciative comment on the part of the city's visitors. There were few delays, and these but short-lived; there was uniform courtesy shown to the travellers; there was no waiting that could possibly have been avoided. And there were carried on the cars during the two days no fewer than 35,758 persons—a record even for Victoria's carnival time.

### —No Summer Session—

It has been left for Mr. L. W. Shatford, the member for Similkameen, to announce for the provincial government, through interviews in the Eastern press, that there will be no summer session of British Columbia's parliament. He was one of those who insisted upon the summer session pledge being given, but the soft answer of the Premier has turned away his wrath, and he is content with the substituted promise that at next winter's session the Coast-to-Kootenay railway will be given a substantial start toward existence.

### —A Danger and A Disgrace—

Albert Craigflower is within four miles of the seat of government for British Columbia, and is one of the historic places within easy access of the Capital, the government apparently remains in ignorance of the fact that the bridge which spans the upper Arm at this point has, during the past few years, and its safety, and the view of the supports of the structure is afforded which causes one to wonder how it happens that it has not long since crumbled and tumbled—yet stranger is it that

some serious accident has not occurred there with the heavy teaming that this bridge is constantly required to sustain. The piling has gone from entire spans, and even the telegraph poles are now supported by the frail skeleton of the bridge. Unless immediate and thorough repairs are made, one may expect to read at a very early date of some disastrous happening directly chargeable to governmental neglect of duty.

### —And Victoria West Pays—

In connection with the decision of the council to clap on meters for all users within the town, the city fathers will be paid for out of the general revenue. It would be interesting again to know just where the justice exists of saddling its proportion upon Victoria West, which has no lot or part in the advantages of the city water system, and no bugs perforce from the Esquimalt water company?

### —Escaped the Boycott—

The "Made in Canada" fair, which is just drawing to a satisfactory close, is said to have narrowly escaped a boycott by local trades unionists. The trouble was ailed over. It arose over the flag-ship band providing music on Monday evening, vigorous objection thereto being taken by the musicians' union.

### —By Special O-x-team—

It would be interesting to know how the mails are carried between Albert Head and this city, two points by bicycle within an hour's reach of one another. A letter mailed at Albert Head on the 11th instant was delivered here on the 16th, and one mailed here on the 17th reached Albert Head on the 23rd. Such speed almost makes one dizzy—almost but not quite.

### —You Never Can Tell—

Sometimes it is the little unthought-of incidents of life that produce the grand results. A gentleman called at the office of "Progress" a day or so ago to subscribe. "I had not seen the paper," he explained, "until I got wrapped around a pair of shoes I had left for mending." The half-soling of that particular pair was worth ten times the price, in introducing the subscriber to the paper that suits him.

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## —Off For The Orient—

Among the passengers for the Orient by the Empress of India upon her sailing outward last Tuesday was Mr. A. Maclean, of Ottawa, the new Canadian trade commissioner to Japan. He is accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Maclean, and will establish his headquarters at Yokohama, doing all he can to promote inter-reciprocal trade. The present is his first visit to Japan.

## —Figures Tell The Tale—

A comparison of the bank clearances for the ten chief cities of Canada for the past week is significant of the steady growth of the West. Victoria's percentage of increase is 13.5; that of Vancouver 32.1; Winnipeg 19.5; Toronto 12.5; Hamilton 11.0; Montreal 4.3; Halifax, decrease, 8; St. John, decrease, 9.5; and Quebec, decrease, 26.4.

## —A Discriminating Critic—

"I like 'Progress' very much indeed, especially the sporting page," writes H. H. A. of Vancouver, the donor of the famous Allingham cup and one of the best friends that clean sport has in the Terminal City. "I think you are wise in making a specialty of the lacrosse department."

## —A Company of Guides—

Authority has come from Ottawa for the formation of a company of guides, or scouts, for Vancouver Island. It is understood that Mr. Bodley, of Duncan, has received his captain's commission and will command the new body, which will include none but expert shots and good woodsmen and trail finders.

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As briefly announced in this column  
Saturday last, Mr. David Bosworth  
accepted plans for the thorough  
remodeling of the Victoria theatre, sub-  
ject to the approval of his father upon  
return, and the close season  
will see carpenters and  
masons, painters and upholsterers  
at command. The alterations proposed  
so extensive as to amount to little  
more than rebuilding. By appropriating  
number of the choicest rooms of the  
theatrical house, those with an outlook  
on View street, it will be possible to  
rearrange the dress circle, and a consid-  
erably increasing the seating  
capacity of the house by quite one-third,  
making its capacity equal to that of  
other houses in British Columbia.  
The floors will be renewed and given a  
more pronounced slope, and a consider-  
able portion of the house will be re-  
fitted with folding chairs of the latest  
best design. The house will be re-  
decorated and the heating and lighting  
entirely overhauled. On the stage, too,  
there will be great changes. The stage  
will be enlarged; the scenery replenish-  
ed and brightened up; a first class light-  
ing system installed; and the dressing  
rooms added to and refurnished. Al-  
though the improvements will call for  
expending of fully sixteen thousand  
dollars, and give Victoria virtually a new  
first class opera house.

Those who have predicted that "the  
house cannot be got to go down Johnson  
street to a theatre"—apropos of Mr.  
Jeson's venture at the Grand—found  
themselves contradicted by plain facts.  
The Victoria Grand has already re-  
fitted houses ever since the formal  
opening on Monday evening last. Per-  
haps it is because Mr. Jamieson is in  
mand, and everyone realizes that he  
is a manager knowing his business well,  
says it is because the house is emin-  
ently well suited to public convenience  
and comfort. And then again it may  
be the excellence of the pro-  
gram, for a better high class vaudeville  
has never been offered here at  
such prices. The opening day saw  
thousands at the three evening  
shows, and every one of the two  
shows pleased in the extreme. Of the  
amusement of the week: All the  
audited artists more than "made good."  
Glorie Mandeville sang, danced and  
induced contortion specialties in a  
manner that pleased immensely. The  
Brothers, George and Fred, gave an  
entirely new and original variety of  
singing fifteen minutes' nonsense talk-  
ing and singing and talking specialty that  
refined and artistic. Sig. Peratto  
lashed the illustrated songs, "The  
Rain," doing effective service as soon as  
nervousness had worn away. The  
singing specialty of the Burkes proved  
strong, one, and the Dentons in their  
all acrobatic work far outclassed any  
performance in that line Victoria yet  
seen. The show all through has  
been bright, clean, entertaining—while  
facilities for seeing and hearing to  
entertainment are such that one is tempted  
to stay all the time. The Grand is  
an opportunity. Nor does the super-  
first week bill outclass by any means  
arranged for the coming week—the  
card of attractions is if anything  
stronger than the old. It is headed by  
the famous De Graaf, a handsome Dan-  
ish ring. Harry De Lane, a mar-  
velously successful female impersonator, is  
on the list. And following come  
Empire trio, in high class singing  
comedy, the great farra, in-  
cluding various novel features on the  
stage sphere; Sig. Peratto with the  
great song, "The Passion Flower"—  
new moving pictures that are sure  
success. Six big acts made up the last  
show. Next week there will be  
p.

ent is the power of an innocent lit-  
erary paragraph to make trou-  
ble. In this column a fortnight or so  
it was mentioned that rumor had  
spread that W. Dalley had just re-  
married to pretty Edna Keeley, the  
sleazebag. It appears they aren't  
married. And thereby hangs a story.  
Keeley had been the subject of  
vagrant attentions from a certain  
Mr. N. Dalley, who had been  
peculiarly susceptible to the charms  
of a woman of staidness. He insisted

## AN ISLAND WILD MAN.

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at a little water hole in wash-  
ing, a pile of the cleaned roots,  
neatly made, resting at one side of the  
hole. No further meeting with the wild  
man fell to the cruiser's lot, although he  
heard at intervals his curious cries, as  
he sat all night by a roaring fire and  
waited for any sequel to the adventure  
—his ride across his knees.

There isn't any conclusive and sat-  
isfactory explanation. Mr. King has  
brought the matter up time and again in  
his talks with Indians whose confidence  
he enjoys. But by bit he has gained  
together their theory and tribal tradi-  
tion, by which it appears that to be be-  
lieved the coming of the original wild  
man to the days of the Spanish occupa-  
tion of certain of the West Coast ports.  
At one of these, Nootka, it is alleged  
an immense hairy creature, either baboon  
or ape, escaped from one of the ships,  
and after terrorizing the aboriginal in-  
habitants, proceeded to make himself at  
home in the forest. Thence he is al-  
leged to have issued upon one occasion  
and seized an Indian girl, with whom  
he set up housekeeping. The wild man  
seen by Mr. King is believed by the In-  
dians to have been the offspring.

As to whether this could be possible,  
the scientific authorities appear to dif-  
fer. Mr. King does not often tell the  
story of his adventure, since the major-  
ity are apt to ventilate sarcastic obser-  
vations that grow tiresome. He is in  
earnest, and he is not a man who is al-  
leged to have issued upon one occasion  
the North Pacific coast will attest his  
reliability. Nor is a man who has spent  
three-quarters of his life in the primeval  
solitudes, never tastes liquor, and has  
few superiors as a woodsman, apt to see  
things in the woods not actually exist-  
ent.

## S. O. E. B. S.

Lodges Pride of the Island and  
Alexandra, held a most successful  
church parade on Sunday last in per-  
fect weather. An invitation had been  
extended to the Daughters of Eng-  
land, the local Orangemen and the  
S. O. E. juveniles, who mustered in  
good force. The parade left the A.  
O. U. W. hall on time, headed by the  
Royal Engineers' band and the Lodge  
flag, for St. Saviour's Church, Victo-  
ria West. The service was very  
heartily and the sermon particularly  
instructive was preached by the Rev.  
W. J. Barber. Altogether the S. O.  
E.'s are to be highly congratulated  
on the success of the parade, which  
seemed a fitting opportunity to Victoria's  
celebration of 1904.

## ROMANCE OF THE PEERAGE.

A Young Canadian Girl Left a Widow  
At the Age of Twenty-four.

The Marquis of Donegal is dead.  
He was eighty-two years old at his  
decease, which occurred on May 15th.  
Two years ago the late peer married  
Miss Violet Twining, of Fredericton,  
N.B. She was then twenty-two. Last  
October she bore him a son, who is  
heir to the title and estates. Their  
wedding was quite a social sensation  
involving to the age of the groom and  
the youth of the almost unknown  
bride. The Marchioness of Donegal  
is of old U. E. Loyalist stock, as  
will be understood by old New Brun-  
swickers when it is mentioned that she  
descended from the Wilmots and  
Odds.

The Marquis met his future bride  
at the Isthmian Club, being intro-  
duced by Col. A. J. Gordon-Kane, in  
whom Victorians will recognize a  
one-time resident of this city.  
Whether the gallant Colonel did the  
wooing for the elderly Marquis is not  
stated, but he did make all the neces-  
sary arrangements for the ceremony  
and was one of the witnesses thereat.  
The brother of the Marquis, who had  
pretty good reason to think himself  
sure of the peerage, the Marquis hav-  
ing already been twice married with-  
out issue, opposed the match in every  
way, but to no purpose, for in order  
to head off all chance of failure the  
pair were very promptly united  
after the impatient groom asked for  
the lady's hand. When the heir was  
born there was another sensation in  
Court circles, but the twenty-four-  
year-old Canadian Marchioness and  
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gratulate the people of Victoria upon  
the very orderly conduct which marked  
the holidays. No finer instance of  
public self-restraint can be seen any-  
where than in this city on holidays.  
We have a police force, but there  
never seems to be anything for them  
to do, and the manner in which the  
throng of people are permitted to  
keep themselves in order is really  
one of the reasons why such excel-  
lent order is maintained. The inacti-  
vity of the police is only on the  
surface. Splendid work is done in a  
quiet way, not the least valuable  
part of it consisting of the exclu-  
sion from the city of the criminal  
element. The man who would dis-  
turb a Victoria holiday by rowdy-  
ism would be regarded as a pariah.  
This shows the force of public opin-  
ion.

A week or two ago, Mr. W. A.  
Ward, addressing the Council of the  
Board of Trade, said he had been in-  
formed by some Mexicans that the  
people of that country had no desire  
to have anything to do with the  
United States. Confirmatory of this  
is a statement, published in the Post-  
Intelligencer, made by John Davis, a  
well known real estate man of Se-  
attle, who has just returned from a  
trip to South and Central America.  
He says that the opportunities for  
business in the Southern republic are  
very great, but the people will have  
nothing whatever to do with people  
from the United States. English-  
men are very welcome, and so for  
that matter are Europeans generally.  
While this feeling exists it would be  
wise for Canada to seek to extend  
her commercial relations with these  
Southern countries.

It looks very much as though the  
playing days of Cullin, Belfry and a  
number of the lacrosse stand-bys were  
near their end. Cullin's sight has failed  
him faster than his playing skill. The  
veterans have earned a rest upon their  
laurels.

The intrusion upon the course nuisance  
was worse at the regatta this year than  
any summer past. A fairly clear  
way was kept for the naval events, but  
the amateurs were allowed to take  
chances, and the result was that the  
senior four contest between the Bays and  
the University of Washington, was ut-  
terly spoiled. The incident was a dis-  
grace to Victoria.

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welcome. Joseph Wachter, W. President; Frank  
LeRoy, W. Secretary.

ourt Northern Light No. 5935.  
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Secretary.

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Court No. 1 meets first Tuesday in each month  
at K. of P. Hall, Adelphi Foresters are always  
welcome. S. S. Redgrave, President; J. H.  
Mansell, Secretary.

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Pandora and Douglas Sts. Visiting brothers are  
cordially invited.

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lent Society of Alexandria and Pride of the Island  
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attendance.  
All visiting brothers are respectfully invited  
to join the parade.

## The Realm of Sports

Lacrosse Reverse Teaches a Lesson in Time—Fishing Excellent at Cowichan Lake and River.

Out of the book of disappointment and humiliation, written at the Caledonia grounds on Tuesday morning last, let Victoria's lacrosse players and lacrosse admirers learn wisdom. It is not well to be over-confident upon a defective foundation. Guesswork and luck do not win matches. And a team may be ever so good as to individual players and shine only with the borrowed light of the lobster when it comes to putting up a match. It's the working together, the perfection of team acquaintance, that counts. Victoria has as good individual players as Vancouver some of them. But they haven't been introduced to one another long enough to have acquired friendly familiarity and trusting confidence. Vancouver's men work together all the time. And they have much more elastic in them than Victoria's. They are reaping the reward of encouraging their juniors. It's the only way to build up lacrosse solidly. Westminster has proved it. Vancouver is proving it. The town that wants to produce a champion lacrosse team shows true appreciation of the way to go about it when it gives every chance to the youngsters—patronizes their games—enthusiases with them—gives them places on the senior team whenever these become vacant. They have the ambition to make good the confidence shown them, and will keep improving. Sending away for Eastern players means the accumulation of has-beens. They are either at the turn or going down. These imported players would not be sought for had they not already won their spurs. As a general thing they have been playing four or five seasons to make their reputations. Then just about the time that they must be getting passe, they are inveigled to the West with secured situations, and expected to bring triumphs to the colors. Sometimes they redeem expectations. Usually they do not. They try to, but they have seen their best days. The percentage of chance for the best result is infinitely higher when the policy is adopted of encouraging and promoting the juniors. Look at Vancouver. It's a youngster team. They haven't the experience. They haven't some of the tricks of the Victoria stars; they haven't the weight. But they have the springiness of youth, and the ambition. Last Tuesday they outclassed Victoria in every department. They uncover well; they are on the ball all the time. While a Victorian would relapse into dreaming, his work over for the time being so soon as he had disposed of the ball, the Vancouverite kept going. Running passing they were weak on. But Victoria was even weaker. The visitors were sure catches, accurate shots, energetic checks. But over all and above all, they were working all the time, and playing on the ball persistently. Cattinaugh and Dewar played good lacrosse for Victoria spasmodically. Williams did some neat stick-handling once in a while. But the team as a whole was clumsy, fumbling, slow as cold molasses. "Progress" doesn't for a moment agree with the often heard opinion that the loss of the opening match will "kill lacrosse for this season so far as Victoria is concerned." There is nothing to fairly justify such a conclusion. It should be the other way. Victoria has to redeem her reputation. Fortunately the very first engagement of the season disclosed the exact state of affairs and how to remedy them. There is time to get a team into championship form and win the series. And it is up to lacrosse lovers to stand together and show that they have the right mettle to do it. Cut out the basing of hopes on importations. If a good man comes here and proves on the practice field that he is worthy of a place on the team, put him on. But build on the juniors. Patronize their

matches. Go to their practices and get a line on the promising youngsters. If you are an old player, make it a point to show them your tricks and bring them along with the experience you have gained. Don't keep your lacrosse knowledge to yourself, jealously afraid that the junior may outclass you if you coach him. You've got to drop out sometime. And it's the rising generation that makes the players.

Mr. S. Perry Mills, K. C., who has just returned from a four days' fishing excursion up the Cowichan River, deposes and saith as follows, to wit: "On Sunday, the 8th inst., I went up to find out the prospects for fishing and found the river much too high, a great deal of snow water coming down. I assumed that by this week the water would be lower, but was much disappointed to find no change. Doubtless the sunny weather lately is responsible for this. Last Saturday my son Leonard and myself went up to Duncan, met Major Macfarlane and his son at Cobble Hill, and drove with them to Sahtlam, a distance of about twenty miles. It being dark when we arrived and therefore too late to camp, we put up at Autheine. In the morning we went on to Ben Alekt, five miles farther up the river, and tried opposite Dr. Davie's well known pool. There we caught some fine trout weighing from three to four pounds each, but we were unable to fish the pool, as we had no means of crossing the river. On Monday morning we returned down the river and got on to the main road to Cowichan Lake, going as far as Lentz. The road to this place is in very bad condition, making driving very difficult. A large body of water was coming over the falls at Lentz. This is one of the prettiest bits of scenery on the river, very few other spots on the Island comparing with it in grandeur and picturesque quality of setting. Kodak pictures of this point were taken by a military party whom we found here. We were unable to take any salmon either here or at any of the other points fished, but we secured a number of fine trout. Shortly after our arrival Mr. Babcock, the fisheries inspector, Mr. Sanborne of San Francisco, and Mr. Choate, a wealthy Englishman, arrived in canoes with Indians under the guidance of Dan Savoy of Cowichan. These gentlemen reported excellent fishing from their canoes both on the lake and in the river. When they had camped, Mr. Babcock invited all the other campers to dine with his party, which they did, plenty of trout and other luxuries being provided and a most pleasant time was spent. Tuesday morning there was a frost, everything being clothed in hoary whiteness. Mr. Babcock and party proceeded down the river, while we turned our faces homeward. At Holmes Creek we stopped to drink the health of the King and sang the National Anthem, not forgetting the memory of her late majesty. Farther on we visited Mr. John Evans, M.P.P., the member for Cowichan, who insisted on our taking lunch with him. The water is much too high in the river for good fishing. In three or four weeks it should be about right. We used a spoon some of the time. March Brown, Joek Soot and Silver Doctor were the flies that were taken most readily. I should advise anyone contemplating a trip to postpone it for a few weeks, as they can do little yet without a canoe. The better way, if going now, would be to go to the lake and come down the river in a canoe."

It will well repay one to spend a day or two at the Riverside Hotel, Cowichan Lake, from which point most excellent fishing can be had, both on the river and at the lake. Mr. F. Green has a number of good boats, and being a good sportsman himself, will instruct the visitor where to fish and otherwise. He makes one very comfortable, as can be attested by a number of fishermen who put up there on the 24th.

The Kootenay Golf Club has been formed at Cranbrook, with His Honor Judge Forin and Mrs. S. F. Morley as

honorary presidents, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Malpass as honorary vice-presidents, Mr. G. T. Rogers as president, and Mr. J. A. Motherwell as captain, the secretary-treasurer being Mr. R. T. Brynner. A course has already been laid out, Cranbrook having excellent natural facilities for first class links.

The New Westminster Columbian insists that the Royal City lacrosseists are in earnest in their threat of withdrawal from the league unless they can have everything their own way, and says they "will stand up for their rights." It wouldn't injure sport materially if they should. The Westminsterites during recent years have shown themselves the most narrow-gauge sports in the West. They expect to be petted and praised for whatever they do, and to be exempt from all criticism under all circumstances. The Vancouver World a season or so ago showed up—in the true interests of clean sport—the crookedness of the Montreal Shamrocks in "fixing" exhibition matches at Westminster on a financial basis. Instead of applauding this recent journalism the Westminsterites endeavored to destroy the paper's business with a boycott—and the Columbian backed them up to the limit. The same thing happened when one of their players was properly criticized for an act of brutal rowdism in one of the matches. The Columbian insisted that if any Westminster player imagined himself aggrieved by anyone in the grandstand, it was the manly thing for him to forthwith commit an assault. The whole policy of the Westminsterites of late has been that of a petted and spoiled baby. It's a pity it couldn't be spanked.

One learns from the Vancouver papers that the provincial police there have made the discovery that parties having not the fear of the law before their eyes have practically cleaned all the trout out of the Capilano, 700 pounds of fish being taken with gill nets in a single day recently and sold in the city. One cannot but admire the splendid detective ability displayed by the police in making this discovery. Most probably the Vancouver Sherlocks have disguised themselves and read the newspapers. Everyone in Vancouver but the police has known for years of the persistent netting on the Capilano, which has virtually made an end of trout fishing on that stream.

C. H. Sweetser, well known in Vancouver and this city through his identification with kennel affairs, is seeking to break the will of Mrs. Abbie R. Dodge, of Jacksonville, Fla. Sweetser believes himself entitled to about \$300,000 out of the estate of \$800,000 left by Mrs. Dodge. The basis of action is unique. Mrs. Dodge was originally Mrs. Sweetser, but eloped, taking her husband's money. It was employed, he now alleges, in building up the fortune in dispute.

Gilbert and Arthur Whalley had an exciting bear hunt behind the New Westminster reservoir last week—or rather the bear, a female with cubs, began the hunt and they concluded it. The bear succeeded in killing the Whalleys' dog, and in giving one of the young men a bad leg wound. Afterwards one bullet in the head and another in the throat from a .303 Marlin placed her out of commission.

Word is received from Montreal that the high powers of the C. P. R. are agreeable to the turning over of the new golf links near Magee station, on the main island branch of the Vancouver Golf Club. The latter will now get busy placing the grounds in shape. The links have a third of a mile frontage on the railway and are a half mile in depth. Some few stumps require to be removed, and the land will then be seeded for grass.

Herbert Whitley, while fishing on the West Arm at Shawinigan last Wednesday, noticed a small black bear on shore, to which, landing, he gave chase. The youngster struck for the timber whining for mamma. Upon her appearance the scene was changed. Whitley could not remember having lost any cubs and quickly re-embarked.

The Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club is keeping up its excellent work. It now proposes to improve the fishing in those waters by placing a considerable quantity of trout fry in Shawinigan, Sooke and Prospect lakes, and the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers. It is hoped that by giving the nearer lakes new blood the size of the fish will quickly be improved.

The very latest wrinkle for fair followers of sport is the wearing of wrist-clubbers—the ribbons of the favorite club being brought around the wrist in bracelet fashion, tied with a bow, and then allowed to hang as streamers perhaps eighteen inches long. It is neater and more showy than the wearing of badges or the waving of the colors from little canes.

New Westminster defeated Nelson at lacrosse in Kaslo on Empire Day, 4 goals to 3. It is to be hoped that next season Nelson will be in the provincial championship running. It ought to be.

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