

SPORTING NOTES.

LACROSSE.

A correspondent signing himself "Lacrosse" writes as follows concerning the recent visit of the British Columbia players to San Francisco as follows: The trip was a pleasant one, and will be remembered by all with pleasure. "A more agreeable lot of athletes never travelled together," was the expression one heard from fellow passengers. "I don't know what we would have done for amusement if the lacrosse boys had not been on board," was the remark made by a lady passenger, and it was endorsed by her companion. In the evenings, "grand concerts" were held. Herb. Ryall, Bob Clark and "Prof." Jackson presided at the piano, while a number of the vocalists of the party entertained the large audience. Whist playing was indulged in, and now and then one would observe one of the boys whispering sweet nothings into the ear of some attractive damsel on the hurricane deck. The ladies on board were very agreeable, at least it was so reported by the genial and popular point of the Westminster contingent, who on every occasion entered into a full description of the most exciting of all field sports, lacrosse. On the ice rink in Frisco, Ralph may be said to have carried off the palm. He was never known to be without a "mash" circling the ice. Manager Edmonds made a very good second. The polo team which defeated a picked team of the Frisco league, were the lions of the ice palace. Taken all together, the boys had a big time in the city. Through the courtesy of Mr. Partridge, the party were accorded the privileges of the Olympic Club rooms and skating rink, while Col. Robinson showed the boys around the Midway, taking in all the sights. Mr. Newbury, secretary of the Canadian Auxiliary, invited the clubs to partake of the hospitality of the Canadian Club, a cosy little cottage on the Fair grounds. Everything was done that could possibly be done under the circumstances to make the visit a pleasant one, and all express themselves as well pleased. An outing such as the one just enjoyed goes a long way to keep amateur sport to the front, and encourages players to do their utmost to gain a position among the best. Many old acquaintances were met. Mr. McAllister, an old Vancouverite, did all in his power to make things pleasant, and he succeeded admirably. Bob Lloyd and J. Clarke, of the lacrosse and polo teams, at one time residents of Canada, also assisted materially in entertaining. The boys accepted an invitation from Mr. Muirhead, Peterson's backer, to attend an At Home which they enjoyed to the end.

The annual convention of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association met at New Westminster, last Saturday. The delegates present were: James Leamy, J. J. Cambridge and L. A. Lewis, J. Gow, Westminster; J. D. Hall, E. A. Quigley and A. Larwill, Vancouver; W. H. Cullin, Thos. Alice, Geo. A. Morphy and Ross Eckhart, Victoria. Other members of the three clubs were also in attendance. The revision of the rules and constitution was one of the most important questions before the meeting. The following change was made in Rule VIII., sec. 17: "A match shall be awarded to the club having won the majority of the games within the

prescribed two hours." The following is the schedule as adopted by the meeting: May 12th, Vancouver vs. Westminster, at Westminster; May 23rd, Vancouver vs. Victoria, at Victoria; June 2nd, Victoria vs. Westminster, at Westminster; June 16th, Westminster vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver; July 2nd, Victoria vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver; July 14th, Westminster vs. Victoria, at Victoria; July 28th, Vancouver vs. Westminster, at Westminster; Aug. 4th, Victoria vs. Westminster, at Victoria; Aug. 11th, Vancouver vs. Victoria, at Victoria; Aug. 25th, Westminster vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver; Sept. 8th, Victoria vs. Westminster, at Westminster; Sept. 15th, Victoria vs. Vancouver, at Vancouver. The following gentlemen were appointed officers for the year: Hon. President, Capt. John Irving, Victoria; President, Mr. W. H. Ellis, Victoria; First Vice-President, Mr. J. D. Hall, Vancouver; Second Vice-President, Mr. J. Reid, Westminster; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Quigley, Vancouver; Council, Messrs. Alice, Cambridge, Reid, Leamy and Eckhart; Official Referees, Messrs. Taylor and Lockhart, Vancouver; Messrs. Gow and Godfrey, Westminster; Messrs. Mackenzie and Wade of Victoria.

The executive of the Victoria lacrosse club met thursday evening, and after discussing the question of grounds arrangement and management, a committee was appointed to decide as to details of the competition for the junior championship of the Province. The prize for the winning team, fifteen watches, is offered by the club, and the series of matches will be played out in this city, the games alternating with those of the senior league. All the clubs of the Province have entered the lists—the Nanaimo's, the Vancouver's, the "Moonlighters," of Westminster, and the "Stars" and "James Bays," of this city.

The Shamrock team of Montreal may visit the coast during July.

CRICKET.

The "Past" and "Present" of Victoria College will play a match to day.

The match between elevens of Victoria College and the Royal Marine Artillery, last Wednesday, at Beacon Hill, resulted in a victory for the former, by a score of 81 to 40.

SPORTING TIPS.

Dan McLeod failed to throw Tom Mc Mahon three times within an hour, at San Francisco, and lost his money.

The Vancouver Boating Club will hold their first regatta May 12.

HERE AND THERE.

IN these days of cutting down salaries and wages, it is satisfactory to notice that the school trustees of Vancouver have distinctly declined to sanction the cutting down process recommended as in Victoria by the municipal authorities. They recognize that the best teaching talent available is not to be had unless it is adequately remunerated, and this example of theirs should be followed here, the local trustees having only avoided action by a policy of procrastination. Let our representatives have no hesitation about saying that the thing will not work,

and I am sure they will have the sanction of the general public.

A gentleman who claims to be in confidence of the Government informs that the Provincial elections are nearer at hand than many people think. It is also stated that the Opposition is not to be caught napping, having a fair general organization and the literature with which they are ready to deluge the country is they consider irresistible as well from its volume as its character.

I understand that they have received "valuable assistance" from the Opposition; but how Postmaster Brown can this be true, allow himself to be a prominent figure in the campaign surpasses comprehension. Still, as for instance certain railway demonstrations at the vicinity of Blaine, he has not permitted himself to be particularly loyal, whether to his country or to the Government he serves.

It is said to be by no means improbable that certain knickerbocker and pantaloined men are about to try their chance at the polls in direct opposition to the workingmen candidates—whoever they are—whom they regard as being too intrusive and not sufficiently refined, to know. What they don't know about Provincial concerns it would be interesting to hear. JAY K.

THE OLDEST LOCK.

In the "History of Nineveh and Palaces," by Joseph Bonomi, there is a description of perhaps the oldest ever discovered. It was used in securing the gates in one of the palaces of Khorsabad. In describing this ancient piece of hardware, if such terms may be applied to wooden locks, he says: "The end of the chamber, just behind the first bulls, was formerly a strong gate of one leaf, which was fastened by a large wooden lock, like those still used in the East, of which the key is as much as a man can conveniently carry, and by a bar which moved into a square hole in the wall.

It is to a key of this description that the prophet probably alludes: "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder," and it is remarkable that the word for key in this passage of scripture, 'muftah,' is the same in use all over the East at the present time. The key of an ordinary street door is commonly thirteen or fourteen inches long and the key of the gate of a public building or a street or of a quarter of a town is ten feet or more in length.

"The iron pegs at one end of the piece of wood correspond to so many holes in the wooden bar or bolt of the lock, which when the door or gate is shut cannot be opened until the key has been inserted and the impediment to the drawing back of the bolt removed by raising up so many iron pins that fall down into holes in the bar or bolt corresponding to the peg in the key."

This description and others of a corroboratory character proved that the form of lock and key was in use in Egypt 4,000 or 5,000 years, during which extended period of time it does not appear to have undergone any successful change.