

a man senseless. If such gross violations of the rules took place surely the referee who accompanied the team at their own suggestion from Vancouver and whose appointment they insisted upon, would have taken cognizance of all these "senseless" players lying on the field. The reference to the decisions of the umpires is also a gross libel on the character of two respectable citizens of the Mainland. They will no doubt treat such accusations with the contempt so richly merited. With regard to the chagrin felt by the correspondent that the club were not put up at the Driard, it might be said that the hotel referred to is considered a first-class house in every respect. The committee whose duty it is to look after hotel accommodation, etc., for visiting teams, no doubt desired to make the team feel at home.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

LACROSSE.

THE match between the senior clubs of Victoria and New Westminster, last Saturday, was without doubt the finest exhibition of the national game ever witnessed in this Province. Both sides regarded that this match was the pivot on which the championship would turn and consequently the members of each team put forth all their energies to score a victory. The first game was scored for Victoria by Frank Cullin in 28 minutes, after some very scientific play by every member of the home club, and to which all contributed their share. The second game was scored by Eckardt, for Victoria. Westminster won the third, which was remarkable for the quick work of the visiting team. The fourth game was scored for Victoria, by Macnaughton, although Coldwell, the goal keeper for New Westminster, time and again sent the ball down to the other end of the field. In the fifth game Cheney passed the ball down to Peele who caught it and passed it to Ryal, who scored for New Westminster. Thus Victoria won the match, by three to two. On the Westminster side Cheney, Campbell, Coldwell and Cambridge did the hardest work, while for the Victorias, Williams brothers, Eckardt, Macnaughton, Cullin brothers, Morton, Patterson, Ditchburn, Belfry and Blight, all played in their usual form. The game was not only remarkable for its good play, but also for the hard knocks which some of the players received during the progress of the match. On the home team, Eckardt was almost reduced to mince meat, and Ditchburn was also smashed badly. Macnaughton and Morton received several bad blows, as did also Rube Williams, and Frank Cullin's hand was laid up for repairs. Notwithstanding all this the

Victoria men realized that the match was a hotly contested one, and they took their blows good-naturedly as the natural result. On the other hand, when the Westminster men got the slightest scratch, their lamentations were enough to melt a heart of stone. L. A. Lewis, of course, indulged in his time-honored practice of crying for sympathy. It is a matter of surprise that the Westminster team permit a man like Lewis to play with them. His presence in any match is a reflection on the manly game of lacrosse. Everyone regretted the blow which young Snell received, and by none more than the Victoria players, with whom he is very popular. Taking it all in all the match was a good one, the only unpleasant features being the childish conduct of three or four of the Westminster players. The referee—W. A. Taylor—knew nothing whatever about the game and was responsible in a great measure for the ill-feeling displayed by the visiting team.

Lacrosse is gaining in popularity at the Antipodes. In a late Australian paper, quite a number of fixtures were noticed. An inter-colonial contest will be the next on the list.

Sydney Oppenheimer, a former Victorian, is reported to be one of the stars on the University of New York lacrosse team.

The fourth intermediate lacrosse match for the championship of the Island between the Nanaimos and the Stars of Victoria, will be played at Nanaimo to-day. The Stars have been practicing hard this week and a good game may be expected. The Stars will line up as follows: Goal, S. Norman; defence, J. Fairall, W. Clark, R. Finlaison, A. Finlaison, D. Sinclair; centre, H. Cooley; home, T. Norman, R. Campbell, W. Greenfield, E. Routledge, L. Campbell. Spare man, R. Jesse. Field captain, Mr. F. C. Taite.

LINERS AND DAISY-CUTTERS.

Baseball is gaining ground in conservative England. Most of the cities have nines, and regular leagues organized. A game was recently played at Rugby, the famous preparatory school. The contest is described as exciting, and the score stood 15 to 13.

One of the greatest games of ball ever played in Canada came off at Hamilton recently, between the Galt and home none. The game was called at the end of the twelfth inning, the score standing 0 to 0.

The Alerts of London, who until recently succeeded in winning from all

Ontario teams have been beaten twice by the Maple Leafs, of Guelph.

The Toronto University baseball team have had a streak of bad luck, losing games to Galt, Hamilton and London.

The Alerts of London played a remarkable game against the Buffalo professionals. It took twelve innings for the Bison city players to down them by the narrow margin of 6 to 5.

Base ball has taken a great hold in Kingston, Woodstock, Chatham and other Ontario cities, and Winnipeg has four teams.

Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma want games with Victoria, but lack of grounds will prevent anything being done this year.

The V. A. O's were defeated by the Nanaimo men. It is claimed that Lenfesty's effectiveness was spoilt by the umpire's ignorance of the game. A return match is probable, and the Coal City players want a league to be started between Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo.

CRICKET.

Victoria Cricket Club will be represented by the following eleven in their match against Vancouver at Caledonia Park to-day: Lieuts. Barnes and Templar, and Messrs. Pooley, Ward, Foulkes, Morley, Goward, Irving, Little, Woolley and Wallis.

Foulkes and Wallis are far ahead in the batting averages of the Victoria Club, this season, and it will be a close race for third place between W. A. Ward, B. J. Perry and S. F. Morley. Ward is batting so well just now that if he keeps it up, he will be dangerous to the leaders.

Morley, playing for the Law against the Navy last Saturday, made 37 in his second innings by faultless cricket. Morley is very fond of theoretical play, but every now and then his practice peeps out.

Mr. Thos. Pooley's 25 not out, in the first innings of the Law, was a good display of free hitting. The worthy President of the Council was better pleased with his son's success than when he himself was elected by acclamation for Esquimalt.

PICK-UPS.

Many are making preparations to attend the Pacific Rowing Association regatta at Lake Washington. The great event will be the four-oared shell race.

The Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Portland athletic clubs expect to have a great season of football this fall. They are also desirous of meeting Victoria teams at Rugby. Let the local club bestir itself, and secure dates with the Sound cities.