

WHAT'S THE USE? SAYS HELLWELL

COUNCIL DO NOT TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY

Vancouver Expert Accountant Tires of City Hall Investigation

(From Tuesday's Daily.) "Unless a more decided interest is taken in these changes, I consider that it would be a waste of time to prepare the new books."

This expression of opinion from John F. Hellwell, expert accountant, is about all that the city council has to show for the expenditure of the sum of \$5,000, the charge of that gentleman for going over the books at the city hall at the suggestion of Mayor Morley.

Mr. Hellwell some weeks ago prepared an elaborate interim report, but a majority of members of the council said they could not understand it, and it was therefore referred to the finance committee. This committee met a few days ago in conference with Mr. Hellwell, and they struck out so many clauses that it is in view, however, not unreasonably to say that the meeting of the city council, was as follows:

"Gentlemen: Your reference to the several officials of the accounting department of the recommendations towards improvement of the accounting system, leaves with these officials the decision as to the nature and extent of the changes to be made in the form of their accounts. Any further report on this subject must therefore come from these officials. Your accounting department should undertake the writing of these accounts to date, which must be completed before any changes can be made. In view, however, of the divergent opinions expressed, it is imperative that some definite conclusion should be reached by the council as to the administrative policy, and the respective duties of the purchasing agent and the storekeeper before details of accounting can be determined.

"Sinking funds: As directed by resolution, I am taking up the adjustment of the sinking funds, considering with the city solicitor various points of detail. Upon completion of this work, and the submission of the revised balance sheet of December 31, 1909, with general notes in the form of a final report, my work will be concluded.

"In the meantime, I shall be prepared to reply to inquiries which may be received from the officials on the subject of suggested changes in accounting system, but unless a more decided intention is shown on the part of the council, I consider that it would be a waste of time to prepare the new books."

Slowly and solemnly, in silence and without debate, the letter was referred to the finance committee. The latter committee in a special report to the council last night made a recommendation to the effect that Mr. Hellwell's suggestions be adopted, that one day be set apart in each year for the payment of all local improvement rates and that the city pay all local improvements in advance of those due by the city and those by contributors, as they become due, the present surplus in the sinking fund being utilized for this purpose as far as possible, and that from January 1, 1911, all the various sinking funds be merged in one bank account.

This was adopted.

MORE ARRESTS PROBABLE

United States Grand Jury Continues Its Investigation Into Alleged Swindles

New York, Nov. 22.—A "sucker list" bearing the names of persons likely to subscribe to any sort of a get-rich-quick scheme was the most important item of the Burr Brothers brokerage firm's files, according to evidence that 250 girls and a dozen youths gave before the United States grand jury to day.

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock continued personally the investigation to-day, assisted by the United States district attorney. Those engaged in the prosecution announced that several other arrests of men involved in the alleged swindles of the brokerage firm would follow before the jury concluded its hearings. They would give out no names, but said that the warrants would be served in widely separated parts of the United States. Attorneys for Eugene H. and Sheldon H. Burr and Frank Tobey, vice-president of the Burr brothers firm, spent the day in a fruitless effort to secure bail for their release. The amount has been fixed at \$10,000 each.

AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS

Melbourne, Nov. 22.—The caucus of the federal government party has favorably considered a bill to give the minister of customs power to prohibit exports from the country. The assurance is offered that this increase of authority is only to be used to prevent inferior exports being sent abroad to the damage of Australian trade. There has been no customs scandal of any kind, and no reason has been discovered for the proposed change in the law.

WINNIPEG Y. M. C. A.

Winnipeg, Nov. 22.—The campaign for the Y. M. C. A. fund ended successfully this afternoon when it was announced that \$384,091 had been contributed, being \$1,000 over the required amount. The biggest contribution of the day was \$500 from the street railway company.

FIGHTING IN MEXICAN TOWN

REVOLUTION IS SPREADING RAPIDLY

Report That Rebels Are Enlisting Yaqui Indians—Disloyal Troops Disarmed

(Times Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 22.—After an all-night fight near Parral, scores of revolutionists were defeated by the Mexican troops, according to official information arriving here today. The government casualties were reported as slight. The revolutionists are said to have lost 14 killed and many wounded.

Mexican cavalry and rurales are pursuing the fleeing insurgents. The troops advanced cautiously on the position held by the revolutionists, owing to reports that they had planted explosives at various places in the trails leading to their stronghold.

Gen. Terrazas today notified President Diaz that he expected an attack by insurgents upon Chihuahua, of which state he is the governor.

The government has commanded the telegraph lines throughout Mexico in an effort to suppress reports of revolt and clashes between revolutionists and troops.

The revolutionary headquarters here are closely watched by United States marshals and secret service agents in an effort to preserve the neutrality of the United States in the impending struggle.

Rangers and United States cavalry, who are patrolling the Rio Grande border, will be reinforced by four companies of the 23rd Infantry, who were ordered under arms at Fort Bliss this morning.

Madero sympathizers have received cipher despatches indicating that the revolutionists are massing to attack Chihuahua, and they predict that Puebla will fall. The despatches state that 600 of the garrison at Cuernavaca and Gomez Palacio captured.

It is reported here that agents of Medeiros in Washington to present the revolutionists' contentions to the state department.

Thousands of Yaqui Indians enlisted by rebels at Camargo, in a report prepared to take the field. It is estimated that 6,000 Yaqui can be summoned to the insurgent columns in Northwestern Mexico. Secret advisors state that 600 of the garrison at Chihuahua have promised to desert to the insurgents when an attack on that city is begun. Other reports say that federal insurgents have shown loyalty in the Chihuahua garrison, and disarmed several hundred soldiers. A renewal of rioting at Puebla and Zacatecas was reported today.

Tell of Fights Laredo, Texas, Nov. 22.—Reports of a fight at Acambaro, Guanajuato, in the State of Mexico, in which 27 revolutionists were killed and 14 wounded, and in which several Mexican soldiers were wounded, reached here today.

The fight was the first open hostile move by the revolutionists, and is believed to be the opening gun in a nation-wide revolt. The revolutionists captured the jail, liberated more than 100 government prisoners, who were incarcerated for anti-Diaz utterances, the rebels held possession of the town for six hours, during which time they completely pillaged it, gathering a supply of arms and ammunition. After being driven out of the city, the federal troops rallied, being reinforced, and returned and drove out the invaders.

Scores of Mexican refugees, pouring into Laredo today, are telling of a situation in the border towns between local factions of revolutionists and loyalists. These stragglers reported a battle in the town of Camargo, State of Tamaulipas, in which many were killed. They were unable to give the result of the conflict other than that it was a bloody affair.

The report that General Bernardo Reyes is in Mexico secretly directing the movements of the insurgents has not been denied by the government. So far, however, no details of the operations of Reyes have been obtained.

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY

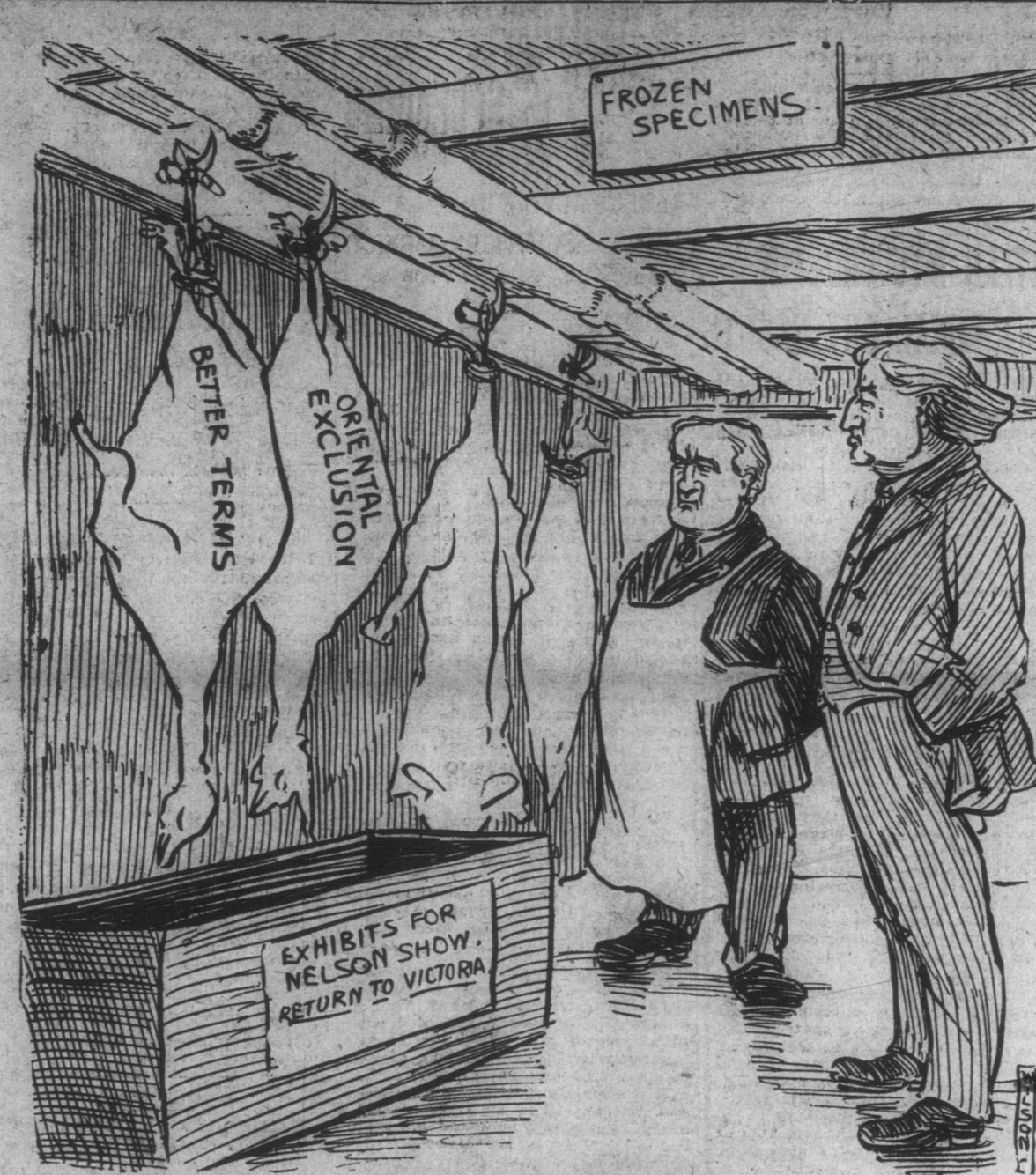
Man Shoots Woman and Then Tries to End His Own Life

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 22.—After shooting and killing Mrs. C. E. Hunter and then attempting suicide, a man known here as J. W. Wheeler, is today in hospital with a charge of murder booked against him at the city jail.

The man is accused of having shot Mrs. Hunter four times through the breast in a fifth street lodging house last night. He then turned the weapon on himself inflicting a slight scalp wound, after which he cut his throat with a pocket knife. Mrs. Hunter died almost instantly. Wheeler is a blacksmith. He is said to have a wife in Alabama. According to the surgeons at the hospital he will recover.

WOUNDED IN DUEL

Paris, Nov. 22.—Count Raymond de Castellane, brother of Count Boni, split the right hand of Count L'Estang with a rapier thrust, yesterday. The duel was a result of L'Estang's offering de Castellane a tip in a public skating rink. Jeanne Marold had his arm punctured by George Casade's second encounter. Their meeting was the result of an item appearing in a newspaper.



PLACED IN COLD STORAGE.

OWNERS ANNOYED AT CITY'S DELAY

Deputation Waits on Council Asking Work on Fort St. Be Undertaken at Once

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A. P. Luxton, K.C., headed a deputation of Fort street property owners who last evening waited on the city council and urged that the work of widening that thoroughfare from Douglas to Cook street be proceeded with immediately. In reply it was stated by the council that weather conditions at present were adverse to the prosecution of such work, but the same would be done with the greatest expedition and with an eye to conserving the interests of the property owners.

Mr. Luxton said the owners had been informed from reports appearing in the press that the work was not to be taken in hand until March next. In their opinion such a decision was a mistake, as a start should be made at once. He reminded the council that the owners as far back as September of last year had taken the initiative in the project, and that the same was really authorized last January, nearly a year ago. It was most important in connection with building enterprises on Fort street that the work be done at once, and he cited the number of blocks that had been either erected or are in process of erection on the new lines—eight feet back from the present sidewalks.

There was another point in the announced intention of the council to which the owners took exception, and this was the commencement of work on Cook street, proceeding down Fort street. In their opinion the better way would be to make a start on Douglas street and work up the thoroughfare.

Mr. Luxton urged on behalf of the deputation that the work be taken in hand immediately, doing one side of the street at a time. By following such plan pedestrian traffic would not be interfered with to any serious extent. He closed by assuring the board that these constant delays were proving very detrimental to the interests of the property owners.

Ald. Bannerman said that one thing which the council had to bear in mind was that to do the work now would be to incur a cost of 20 per cent. over what would be the expenditure required, if weather conditions were more suitable. It had been the experience of city officials that it is almost impossible to do such work as proposed at this season of the year. Another factor in the situation was that by starting at Cook street and working down the street it would fit in with the expiration of a number of leases of premises on the lower section of Fort street, and thus prove more convenient to the tenants of such buildings.

The city solicitor, on the question of starting from Douglas street rather than Cook street, cited the case of the Balmoral block. The owners of the part of the council or any of the city officials, was demanding so heavy a surbation, and this would no doubt be a tedious process.

Dr. Mine urged that the matter be taken in hand at once. In respect to the Balmoral block, there was nothing to prevent the city from starting just above that building. The property owners were suffering great hardships because of the delay.

Mayor Morley assured the deputa-tion that there was no desire on the part of the council or any of the city officials, to unnecessarily delay the work, and this terminated the conference.

STORM ON THE PACIFIC ABATES

NUMBER OF CRIPPLED VESSELS MAKE PORT

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Portland, Ore., Nov. 22.—With cities drenched, rivers swollen and crippled coasting vessels snug in various harbors, the Pacific northeast is experiencing a respite to-day from the gales that swept over the territory for the last 56 hours. According to the weather bureau, however, indications point to the approach of another storm from the north and bureau officials predicted that storm signals would be raised at the Columbia bar this afternoon.

According to the latest reports received from various coast stations, the storm has abated in the North Pacific though the sea is still rough and a brisk wind is blowing.

A resume of the damage done and losses sustained show that the steam schooner Temple E. Dorr, the Door crawled over the Columbia bar yesterday afternoon to avoid sinking. She was loaded with 740,000 feet of lumber and was en route to San Francisco from Gray's harbor. Part of her load was washed away.

Reports from the inland empire show that heavy rains caused various small washouts along the railroads while in western Washington and Oregon flood conditions obtain in many districts.

BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY

Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 22.—The Great Northern railroad bridges at Fernside, in this county, and at Mount Vernon, in Skagit county, both steel bridges, were swept away last night as a result of the flooded conditions of the Nooksack and the Skagit rivers. Hundreds of acres of land are inundated, towns on both streams are under water, and it is believed that unless cold weather sets in or the rains cease quickly the damage will be heavy.

BATTLE WITH GALE

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—The steamship Bear, battered by heavy seas and about thirty hours overdue, arrived here to-day from Portland with 450 passengers and crew. Owing to heavy gales in the North Pacific, the Bear was blown from her course, bucked headwinds and literally fought her way into port.

Reports last night and early to-day show that the vessel had met with disaster, and these rumors were enhanced by the fact that the marine exchange and the wireless stations in the vicinity of San Francisco were unable to pick up the Bear.

THE LATE COUNT TOLSTOY

St. Petersburg, Nov. 22.—The Russian emperor has written the following note on the margin of the report which Mr. Stolypin sent to his majesty on Tolstoy's death:

"I heartily deplore the death of the great writer who embodied the golden age of his talent in his creations of types of the fatherland, constituting one of the most glorious periods of Russian life. May he find in God a merciful judge."

PRESIDENT DIAZ COMMANDS ARMY

TROOPS RUSHED TO SCENE OF TROUBLE

Large Force of U. S. Soldiers Engaged in Preserving Neutrality Laws

(Times Leased Wire.)

Mexico City, Nov. 22.—President Porfirio Diaz today assumed personal command of the Mexican forces in the field. He was summoned from a health resort at Corral, following a rumor that Francisco Madero had been seen at the head of a large revolutionary force south of Ciudad Porfirio Diaz.

Related dispatches arriving here today state that in an outbreak at Orizaba, federal troops deserted to the revolutionists. Nineteen officers and men were recaptured and shot secretly, according to the report.

Military officials are withholding details of last night's fighting at Durango, and the result of the battle there is unknown as the wires were cut after midnight.

Durango has a population of 30,000, and large forces of revolutionists were in the vicinity of the town. It is believed that fighting has all righted and that details of the conflict will show a heavy loss of life.

The government forces are reported as preparing to attempt the simultaneous annihilation of revolutionists in all parts of the republic. The war department is pouring troops and rurales into every northern state.

ENFORCING NEUTRALITY LAWS

Enforcing Neutrality Laws. Two troops of the United States cavalry arrived here today to enforce the neutrality treaty between the United States and Mexico. The soldiers have instructions from Gen. Hoy to break up all gatherings of armed men on the American side of the border, and if necessary, to arrest anyone trying to cross into Mexico in violation of the neutrality laws.

It is reported that other troops are en route here.

Much rioting along the border during the night was reported to-day. Rebel forces surrounded the town of Bastion, and demanded that the town surrender and raise the flag of insurrection. The entire garrison at Fort Sam Houston is held in readiness to meet the Southern Pacific are standing on sidings to the border, should the revolutionists attempt to cross over to American soil for the purpose of organizing their forces.

LORDS AND COMMONS

Lord Lansdowne Submits Proposal for Settlement of Disputes

London, Nov. 22.—The House of Lords yesterday began an apparently fruitless discussion of the bill in the second reading stage, the Earl of Crewe introducing the measure before a crowded house. He said the veto bill constituted a request by the government that the country restore a reasonable measurement of freedom to its chosen representatives.

Lord Lansdowne criticized the bill, but said it contained points which might have formed the basis of a useful discussion. He moved an adjournment until Wednesday, at which time he said he would introduce resolutions suggesting a manner of restoring the deadlock of the two houses might be reached. The motion was adopted.

Lord Rosebery supported the motion for adjournment, saying the upper house had a right to present its case to the country without being gagged by the government. The resolutions which Lord Lansdowne gave notice he would introduce on Wednesday follow:

"It is desirable that provision be made for settling differences that may arise between the House of Commons and this House as re-constituted, reduced in numbers in accordance with the recent resolutions of this house.

"That as to bills introduced by the House of Commons, the money bills such provision should be made on the following lines: "If a difference arises between the two successive sessions of the bill, the interval of not less than one year, and such differences are unable to be adjusted by other means, it shall be settled at a joint sitting composed of the members of the two houses; provided, that if the measure relates to a matter of great gravity and has not been adequately submitted to the judgment of the people, it shall not be referred to a joint sitting, but submitted for decision to the electors by a referendum.

"That as to money bills the provision shall be on the following lines: "The Lords are prepared to forego their constitutional rights to enact and amend money bills which are of a purely financial character provided effectual provision is made against 'tacking,' and provided that if any question arises as to whether a bill or any of the provisions thereof are of a purely financial character, that question shall be referred to a joint committee of both houses, consisting of a speaker of the House of Commons as chairman, and who shall have a casting vote only. If the committee holds that the bill or the provisions in question are not of a financial character, they shall be dealt with forthwith at a joint sitting of the houses."

FIRE AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Nov. 22.—Fire, which broke out shortly after eight this morning in the warehouse of Martin and Wynne, wholesale druggists, 282 Market street, practically gutted the building, the loss being about \$200,000. The fire is supposed to have started from combustion of chemicals on the third floor.

IMPROVEMENT ON DOUGLAS STREET

ANOTHER BIG CIVIC PROJECT

Leading Thoroughfare to Be Widened Between Humboldt and Superior

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Another civic project of considerable magnitude was authorized at last evening's meeting of the city council. This is the widening of Douglas street between Humboldt and Superior to 100 feet in conformity with other streets will be taken in hand at an early date, will require the city expropriating a portion of the brick building owned by Weller Bros., on the southeast corner of Humboldt and Douglas. The improvement will cost much more than the value of the city's property at the rear of the Empress hotel. It is part of the plan that the steep grade from Belleville to Superior be cut down considerably. The owners benefited to pay the entire cost of expropriation.

Other works of local improvement passed at last night's meeting were: Paving with asphalt Queen's street from Douglas street to Quadra street and constructing permanent walks and boulevards; paving Pandora avenue on both Douglas street and Vancouver street; lighting Douglas street from Douglas street to Vancouver street and Fort street from Government street to Douglas street, with cluster lights, the owners benefited to pay the cost of the poles, underground conduits, etc., and the city to supply the electrical current.

As no adverse petition has been put forward by anyone interested against the following work of local improvement the necessary bylaws authorizing the prosecution of the work will be prepared: Curbs, gutters and boulevard on both sides of Work street, from Douglas street to Vancouver street; King's road from Douglas street to Quadra street; on Queen's avenue from Douglas street to Blanchard street; on Hillside avenue and Queen's avenue to Hillside avenue; and a permanent sidewalk on the west side of Blanchard street from Bay street to Queen's avenue. Other works of improvement will be against widening with bitumen macadam Shelburne street from Edmonton road to Douglas street; grading, draining and paving with asphalt the street from Dallas road to May street with permanent walks on both sides and sewer and surface drains.

If a suggestion advanced by Ald. Bishop be acted upon, Vancouver street will be widened by cutting through the portion of the block on the north side which renders the street narrow on which section mentioned above. Ald. Bishop stated that it was the intention of some of the owners in the block to erect new buildings, and therefore, in his opinion, now was the time to make the improvement so as to have the street eighty-five feet wide, in conformity with the rest of the thoroughfare. The matter will be laid over until the next meeting, when the city engineer and the city assessor in the interim to get some information bearing on the cost of the project and report the same to the council.

SUFFRAGETTE DEMONSTRATION

Disturbance in House of Commons Quelled by the Police—Many Women Arrested

London, Nov. 22.—A large crowd of suffragettes in the House of Commons to-day made a hostile demonstration against Premier Asquith. Police quelled the demonstration. Premier Asquith has yielded to the importunities of the suffragettes and announced to-day in the House of Commons that if he should be still in power at the next session of parliament the government will do facilities for the consideration of a woman suffrage bill, so framed as to admit of free amendments.

UNIONIST PROPOSALS

Resolutions to Be Introduced in House of Lords Final Offer by Party

London, Nov. 22.—It is stated that the resolutions which Lord Lansdowne will move in the House of Lords to-morrow embody the final proposals of the Unionists. The Unionist party declare the proposals will profoundly improve the country and will afford an absolutely fair working basis for a settlement of party differences. The attitude of ministers and the Liberal press toward the suggestion indicates that they fear that the construction that advocated by the government.

DIES SUDDENLY

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Lampan, widow of the late Archibald Lampan, the well known Canadian poet, died in the hospital at Ottawa, after a long illness, this afternoon from heart disease. She has been on the library staff since her husband's death 10 years ago.

WARRIORS LOST BY BIG SCORE

RUGBY TEAMS PLAY IN MUD AND RAIN

Victoria Gained Five Tries, Converted Twice, and Held Miners Down to Nil

(From Monday's Daily.)

The Victoria representative Rugby team went through the necessary process of beating the Nanaimo fifteen in the first of the two games between the teams in the McKechnie cup series, the Oak Bay park on Saturday afternoon, playing in a downpour of rain on a field covered with pools of water and piled up a score of ninety points (5 tries and 2 conversions) against no score to the colony.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions there was a fair attendance of the game, about two hundred people turning out and many of these being ladies, who displayed a remarkable enthusiasm in the game, despite one-sidedness.

Nanaimo team is composed principally of new players this year, while the team as a whole has but a knowledge of the rules of play that is not so strong a side as it was last year, but lacking ability.

Visitors played a fair, sportsmanlike game, free from unnecessary roughness and unfair tactics.

The Victoria team was not so strong. Their work was marred by the games Bay club in the line-up, a man from H. M. C. S. Rainbow, the remaining eight were from Victoria club. The game was not so good as the first, but it was formed on account of the weather and also on account of the weakness of the Nanaimo team. On the Victoria side, however, there were some players particularly noticeable, the three Glespies, Newcombe, Hogwood and Nason. The latter was splendidly home in the mud and made many good plays, but never played to best advantage and Newcombe was brilliant. The pack worked well, so well that Nanaimo heeled out less than a dozen times throughout the game.

The first score came quickly, Hogwood getting over the line, but the ball was not converted. H. Gillespie maintained the attack, and his brother Ronald converted without difficulty. McGulgan made fine runs and registered the third try, but the next was down by Nason, who circled round and placed the ball between the posts, with the result that Hogwood was able to convert the try, making the score half time 15 points to nil.

Referee Scott brought the play on the field again after a few minutes rest only, and wet to the skin. The play was not so good as the second half, with only one try by Nason. Hogwood got over shortly after the resumption of play and Nason in trying to convert sent the ball under the posts, but then scored when the ball was sent to play out time while taking sufficient control of the game to prevent Nanaimo from scoring.

Victoria now has four points recorded towards the McKechnie cup, having won both games in which it has taken part. The team has scored points in all against 3 records against the principal point-getter is Hogwood, whose two tries and one conversion on Saturday give him points. Ronald Gillespie is next with two tries, and Nason with 5, making a total of 7 points. Nason was a try in each match is next with points, and H. Gillespie and McGulgan each of whom scored a try on Saturday. There are three points each. McGulgan for Vancouver has a try to his credit.

The matter of scoring points, however, is not the only part of the game for the work of the other players is equally meritorious when they advance the play to make the tries possible.

Next match will be played on Saturday against the Victoria club. It is believed that Victoria is eager to win, for it has another two points they will hold a position that will be unbeatable, a goal only being equalled by Vancouver winning both games from Nanaimo, defeating Victoria in the remaining two games. The dates set for the other matches against Vancouver are November 17 here and January at Vancouver. The Vancouver Rugby union has, however, refused to accept the duties mentioned at present, claiming the time is too far ahead to make final arrangements. The teams Saturday were as follows:

Victoria Position. Nanaimo Position. Full Back. Johnson. Three-Quarters. H. Gillespie. Mitchell. Snow. Nason. Half Backs. A. Gillespie. Camp. Newcombe. Lazou. Heiney. Roper. ON. H. Gillespie. Roper. ON. Hogwood. Wats. Miller. Qu. Kennedy. Mer. Scott. Barkho. Holt. Brockle. Spokane Beaton.

The Argos team touring at Spokane beat Spokane on Saturday afternoon to nil. The team was up against a combination of Americans who, however, were not in the best of form, having been denied sufficient training. Leo Sweeney, the James Bay forward playing with the Argos, scored in spite of the winning team, made a splendid forty-two yard dash, and with the ball when scoring. One of this was converted by Smith.