

last Saturday and won, after some heavy scoring, by the narrow margin of a goal. The score was 5 to 4.

A Battalion Soccer League is to be organized at once, with teams from each of the four companies, one from the draft, and one from the Machine Gun Section, making a six-team league in all. A schedule will be drawn up immediately and play will begin next week. It is probable that three games will be played each week, all on the same afternoon, on the oval, where three playing fields have been marked out. It is believed the series will stimulate interest in the game immensely, and may be a few soccer stars hitherto undiscovered will be brought to light. Soccer players are excused from afternoon route marches, and it is to be presumed there will be a wild scramble for places on the respective company teams.

The Rugby practices held so far have been the means of bringing out over half a hundred candidates for the Battalion team. Lieut. Meredith, who is looking after this sport, will have lots of good material to select a representative team from when the time comes. A Battalion Rugby League is to be organized on the same lines as the Soccer League, but only the four companies and the draft will be represented, as the Machine Gun Section is too limited to put in a fifteen of its own. The gunners have several good Rugbyists in their ranks, however, and they will turn out with the other companies. At the last meeting of the Battalion Sports Committee a sum was set aside for the purchase of jerseys for the "rep" Rugby team, and they will be of the same distinctive hue as the soccer jerseys. Tuesdays and Thursdays have been set aside for both soccer and Rugby practice games on the oval.

A monster athletic meet for the benefit of wounded Victoria soldiers returning from the front, in which the other units in the garrison will be asked to co-operate, is being planned, and a big field day will be held in the near future. The idea originated with Battalion Sergt.-Major Boys, and it is believed that quite a substantial sum will be raised for the disabled heroes.

In preparation for the proposed Garrison Athletic Meet it has been suggested that weekly meets be held for the purpose of developing the athletes of the Battalion. It is proposed to hold a short matinee each week, at which half a dozen events will be pulled off. It is hardly possible that any prizes could be hung up for these weekly meets, but it would be a good idea to keep a record of the points scored by each of the contestants in the various events, and at the conclusion of the series of meets to award trophies to the leading athletes of the regiment.

Lovers of boxing will be given quite a treat at the Horse Show Building on Tuesday evening, when quite a number of bouts are down for decision. There will be verdicts in each and every one of the contests, and as the boxers are mostly drawn from the ranks of the Battalion and from Esquimalt it will be practically a fistic argument between the army and the navy. The chief event is, of course, the twelve-round bout between Pte. Barney McHugh (Cyclone Scott in the pugilistic records) and Sailor Russ Leighton, of the R.C.N.V.R. McHugh is conceding something like forty pounds to the navy representative, but he counts on his wonderful stamina carrying him through. Leighton is clever and has a punch, and, providing he does not grow leg-weary after the half-way mark has been reached, Scott is likely to have a rough journey. But the sailor, in his training, does not impress one as being of the type to fancy the long route, and if Scott weathers the early rounds he should more than hold his own in the closing periods. In any event, the spectators should see some real milling, and there will likely be a big attendance. This will be the first bout that the general public will be permitted to attend, and it is believed there will be a large representation of civilian boxing enthusiasts.

Every encouragement is to be given aspiring boxers in the Battalion, and in the not very distant future a championship tournament will be held at the Horse Show Building, when the winners will be provided with medals in recognition of their prowess. In this connection it might be mentioned that Billy Davies, the well-known Victoria amateur boxing enthusiast, has joined the regiment, and has offered his services to teach the men of the Battalion the art of self-defence. Billy is well qualified for the position, and the standard of boxing in the Western Scots should be elevated considerably as a result of his efforts.

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