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p, George Phillips, son of the late
Haines Phillips, to Laura Ashton,
daughter of J. Watson Devlin.
M-LEVETT—At the Cathedral,
oria, on Dec. 7th, by the Rev.
Allen, Edward Graham, of Den-
Island, and Miss Elizabeth Levett,
ondon, England.

DIED.

ND—At Vancouver, on Dec. 13th,
W. England, aged 76 years.

LABOR SITUATION IN THE NORTH

EXPLAINED BY JUST RETURNED VICTORIAN

Good Openings for Agriculturalists—Thousands of Acres Suitable for Hay Cropping.

William Marchant, who has been acting as customs appraiser at Dawson during the last summer, returned from the north on Friday last, having travelled by the winter stage from Dawson to White Horse. He has come south to accept a position at Vancouver for the winter season, although still holding his own, namely, that of appraiser at the port of Victoria.

Speaking of the government road from Dawson to White Horse Mr. Marchant says that this thoroughfare is in excellent condition. It is 322 miles long, and shortens the old journey over the Yukon river by ice 160 miles. The sleighing was good, save for a distance of about ten or fifteen miles, where there had been a light fall of snow. Along the road the Northwest Mounted Police maintain a splendid patrol, requiring the mushers, as they journey coastward, to sign records at different headquarters, and so report themselves as they pass along the trail. This is done as a means of keeping track of undesirable characters as well as protecting the legitimate citizens on foot.

As to what openings there are in the Yukon for laboring men, Mr. Marchant says there is an abundant opportunity for the prospector or explorer, but persons having no definite object in going north should remain at home as all lines of business are full, and, added Mr. Marchant, "the woods are full of professional men," there being more lawyers in Dawson in proportion to the population than in any other city in Canada, and this is true of other professional men. In Dawson there are a large number of disappointed miners, that is men who have gone there to make a stake and were either incapable or unfortunate, and those who are perpetually haunting the government buildings in order to obtain work on the roads or other government employment. Governor Congdon had reported lately that over 200 of these men had applied for work on the roads, and had found that there was none to be obtained.

There is about Dawson, however, a good opening for agriculturists, there being in some parts thousands of acres of prairie lands, from which an abundance of native hay might be cut and readily marketed in Dawson and on the creeks. The administration of Governor Congdon, says Mr. Marchant, appears to be giving excellent satisfaction. Many things that were complained of in the past have been removed and a stricter regard to public duties has been enforced. Mrs. Congdon is the central star of the social life of Dawson.

The suggested railway to the north is everywhere hailed with great enthusiasm. All political parties unite in thinking that this would be the natural solution to the boundary situation. Such a highway is especially required in the light of the experience of the past year. The Yukon river having fallen greatly early in the season and the ice forming earlier than usual, caused a congestion of traffic. Hence the railway is unanimously required as a commercial proposition, and it is probable it would pay from the very first.

Reports of new strikes are very frequent. It is judicious usually to take these reports with a grain of salt, but there is little doubt that the discoveries in the region of White Horse are of a permanent character. "I met not a few who had actually journeyed to the place and prospected, and had met with varying success," continued Mr. Marchant. "Gold taken from the prospects is generally coarse, and of a very dark appearance, owing, it is believed, to the presence of a sulphur spring in the district. The best way to reach the mines from White Horse is by boat for a few miles, thence by trail to the mines. Some few attempted the trip through the Porcupine district, but this was found to be impracticable, the parties turning back and going in by way of White Horse."

Asked as to what openings there are for business in the north, Mr. Marchant said there may be a number in the locality of any of the new strikes, but certainly there were none in the old districts.

One occupation which appears to be well followed up is that of trapping and hunting the fur-bearing animals. A large number pursue this calling both in the British Yukon and in Alaska, and there does not appear to be any diminution in the animals. It is a wonder to Mr. Marchant why some enterprising dealers in this city has not imported rabbits from the north, for they are very numerous, and could be probably purchased there for twenty cents apiece.

The French bill to abrogate the existing legislation permitting teaching by the authorized religious orders, provides for the dissolution, accompanied by the sequestration of property of such congregations as exist solely for the purpose of teaching, and for the partial sequestration of the property of those congregations which in addition to teaching, also conduct hospitals for the indigent. It is estimated that the complete operation of the bill will cost the state $5,000,000.

German Crown Prince Frederick William was required by his father to remain in his room for three days for having raced in a steeplechase against his father's wishes, and reprimanded by the Emperor for riding up the steps of the Sans Souci palace at the head of a company of the Guards, of which regiment he had recently been appointed colonel.

Professional criminals are usually destitute of wisdom teeth. So says an Italian scientist.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS.

The gold dredger which has been at work all summer on the Tranquille gravels has suspended operations until next spring. In the meantime a number of necessary repairs will be attended to, so as to have everything in good shape by that time. It is satisfactory to note that the dredger has paid handsomely this season.

ROSSLAND.

The outcome in the now well known case of Tanghe vs. Morgan et al will not be known for a fortnight at least. Judgment has been reserved, and before it will be delivered a complete survey of the ground will be prepared for the information of the trial judge. Saturday evening saw the conclusion of the proceedings in open court. This week Henry B. Smith, M. Inst., C. E., proceeds to Poplar to make the necessary surveys for the court.

GRAND FORKS.

The Granby Company has a number of engineers at work on Smelter hill engaged in making preliminary survey in connection with the projected enlargements of the plant for the installation of a separate and detached plant. The date of the commencement of construction has not yet been considered.

Friday's Sun says: "As a result of the passing of the salary by-law by the city council at its meeting last Monday night, H. S. Cayley, acting on behalf of N. D. McIntosh, one of the ratepayers, served papers on the mayor and city clerk on Wednesday forenoon demanding that payment of the salaries be withheld until the validity of the by-law can be verified, otherwise he would take immediate steps to fight the same. Several other prominent ratepayers are willing to stand by Mr. McIntosh in fighting the case."

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Michael R. Barry, who for eight years has been the postmaster at Brownsville, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday. The deceased, who was an old Cassiar man, was a native of Cork, Ireland.

Following is the result of the civic poll for aldermen and school trustees, the mayor having been elected by acclamation in the person of W. H. Keary. Aldermen elected (in order of number of ballots received): W. E. Vanstone, M. Sinclair, Geo. Adams, R. Wilson, B. W. Shiles, Wm. Forrester and A. J. Holmes. Two school trustees had to be elected from the six candidates. T. J. Trapp headed the poll, with Peter Peebles a close second. The state of the poll shows up as follows: T. J. Trapp, P. Peebles, John Peck, John McKenzie (retiring), Jas. Johnson and A. Hardman.

There passed away at the Royal Columbian hospital on Monday morning, one of the pioneers of the province, in the person of Ludwig William Riske. The deceased was a native of Germany, and came to British Columbia in 1858. For a number of years he mined in the Cariboo, after which he bought a farm in the upper country, on which he lived till he took up his residence in this city. The late Mr. Riske was 82 years of age.

GREENWOOD.

"The monthly pay rolls of the Greenwood smelter, Mother Lode mine, Boundary Falls smelter, Sunset mine and the high grade mines surrounding Greenwood aggregate a grand total of over $40,000 a month. In October the B. C. Copper Company's pay roll alone was over $22,000 and for November it was $21,750. The pay roll at the Boundary Falls smelter is about $8,000 a month. It can be taken for granted that a district having a pay roll of such proportions has passed the speculative stage. Greenwood and the Boundary are no longer dependent on outside capital. Its prosperity more largely depends upon the operation of its mines and smelters. The effects of large and regular pay rolls in the prosperity of a city and district are hard to determine in all their ramifications. For example, the mining and smelting industries provide a profitable market for farm produce. This has led to the settlement of nearly all the available land along the Kettle River valley and on Rock Creek hill and Anarchist mountain. Greenwood business men appreciate the farming trade because it is large, satisfactory and continually growing. This is only one instance of how trade increases trade. Others might be mentioned. From now on there will be no backward movement and Greenwood will surely become the largest town in the Interior."—Times.

NELSON.

T. M. Ward, a well known resident of Nelson, died on Tuesday of pneumonia. The deceased was one of the pioneers of the city.

George Gilbert, one of the owners of the famous Gold Park group in the Poplar camp, was in the city the other day. He had been to Trail, whither he went for the purpose of sampling seven tons of ore shipped from the Gold Park, one of the Marquis and Gilbert group of claims. Mr. Gilbert had not yet had his samples assayed, and, therefore, does not know what the ore will average. He expects, however, that it will be of good grade, as it was taken from a ledge from which picked samples run very high.

A meeting of the university graduates was held at the Success Club parlors to complete the organization of the University Club of Nelson. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, A. L. McKillop, Queen's; secretary-treasurer, C. M. Fraser, Toronto; executive committee, Rev. F. H. Graham, McGill; Dr. E. C. Arthur, Toronto; F. Green, New Brunswick. It was decided to meet on the second Saturday of each month, when papers will be read and discussions on current subjects of interest to university men will be held. A paper was read by R. J. Clark, showing various reasons why steps should be taken by the provincial government to ensure the establishment of a university in this province as soon as population would permit. He pointed out the necessity of having a school of mining and railway engineering, especially, as soon as possible.

NELSON.

"The drill shed of the Nelson company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers is one of the best and most up-to-date in the province. The completion of the offices and other rooms will furnish a splendid opportunity to the men of the company to develop its strength and efficiency to the highest point, as besides the hall for drilling they have a practice hall for rifle shooting, recreation room, and the commencement of an excellent gymnasium. The company is not yet up to its full strength, although recruits are coming in steadily, filling up the vacancies caused by the removal of some of the old members to other points. An effort is being made to have a complete turnout on the occasion of Lord Dundonald's visit."—News.

J. Brown, of Fernie, lost his life off Crawford bay on Friday night. Deceased was employed as a deckhand on the steamer Valhalla, and while walking along the deck of a barge that was being towed by the steamer he was struck by the tow line and knocked overboard. He sank instantly, but came up again before the barge had passed. A rope was thrown to him by another man on the barge, but he seemed stunned and made no effort to catch it. The night was pitch dark with a heavy sea, and no further trace of him was seen.

Prospectors coming into the city prophecy that this will be a very open winter, basing their assertions on the fact that the deer are keeping almost entirely to the upper mountains yet, hardly one being seen in the valleys. Generally at this time the deer have abandoned the upper mountains except when pursued, coming down to the lowlands to feed on the willow tops and other bushes. None of the hunters who have been out during the past week have had any success.

GREENWOOD.

Considerable activity prevails in Summit camp at present. About 80 men are employed by the two properties there working, the Emma and the Oro Denoro. The Hall Mines Smelter Company is operating the Emma and are shipping about 700 tons weekly. With enlarged facilities about completed the output will be materially increased. The character of the ore makes it very desirable for smelting purposes. The Oro Denoro is being operated by the Denoro Mines Company, whose vigor is pushing it fast to the front. Only scarcity of shipping facilities and railway cars prevents a vastly increased output over the present—about 800 to 900 tons weekly. At present 13 men are at work in the "glory hole," and they are getting out 150 tons of ore daily. In the lower tunnel nine men are pushing the work at the rate of 45 feet per week. The company expects to reach the ore body at a depth of about 265 feet in the course of two or three weeks. The "glory hole" work, practically on surface ore, is paying the expenses of the entire operations at present. The ore exposed is at least 120 feet in width and the entire body has not yet been explored so as to form a definite idea of its ultimate reach.

Business generally in the Boundary is steadily improving. Every day adds to the earned wealth of the country. Next year promises to be a red-letter one in the history of the Boundary—the Boundary is billed to extract a million tons of ore in 1904.

On Wednesday evening last a meeting of the Presbytery of Kootenay was held in St. Columbia church for the purpose of inducing Rev. M. D. McKee in the pastoral change of the congregation. Rev. Mr. Robertson, of Grand Forks, moderator, presided. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Midway, preached the sermon, Rev. Dr. Wright, Nelson, addressed the pastor and Rev. Mr. Robertson the congregation. After the ceremony a reception was held, at which the congregation welcomed Mrs. McKee, who enjoys the distinction of being the first minister's wife to join her husband in pastoral work in Greenwood.

VANCOUVER.

By an unfortunate accident at the Brockton Point grounds, Walter Waddell, a member of the Vancouver College football team, had his collar-bone broken. The accident took place during a slight scrum, when an opponent fell on him, and will be sufficient to prevent him from playing during the remainder of the present season.

Mrs. Susan England died on Sunday at the age of 76. She was one of the pioneers of the province, having arrived here many years ago with her husband, William England, formerly water-supply foreman for the C.P.R., and who is now in England on a visit.

J. Newman, a prominent Australian merchant, who has been touring the world with his wife and two daughters, passed away on Monday.

George Hill, a young man from Salmon River, died at the City hosital on Sunday.

At the session of the police court on Monday the members of the department took advantage of the occasion to express their regret at Mr. Russell's departure from the bench of justice. An address was presented to him by Police Court Clerk McIntosh on behalf of the force, which follows: "The police force of Vancouver beg leave to express their sincere regrets that your connection with the police court ceases from to-day. We who have had an opportunity from day to day and from year to year to watch your decisions, and who have learned to admire your splendid ability and extreme fairness to every accused person brought before you, feel that the city will suffer a severe loss by being deprived of your valued services. We feel that this opportunity should not be missed to show our appreciation of your good work, your kindness and consideration for the members of the force, and to tell you that we cannot recall one single instance in which your conduct on the bench was not in accordance with fair play, justice and in the best interests of this growing city. We trust that you will often appear in this court as counsel, and thereby continue to give us the benefit of your extended experience in criminal matters." Mr. Russell, in the course of his reply, said it gratfied him very much that those who knew what his efforts have been to do what was right and fair, appreciated that fact, and that they show their appreciation in such a very kind way.

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday evening at St. Michael's church, Mount Pleasant, at which the rector, Rev. G. H. Wilson, officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Charles M. Winny, formerly of Halesworth, Eng., and Miss Catherine Rachael Currie, of this city. The groom was supported by Mr. Glenn, a comrade on the engineering staff of the R. M. S. Empress of India, the bridesmaid being Miss Margaret H. Currie, sister of the bride.

At the residence of Rev. G. H. Wilson, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church, on Monday, Dr. J. Scott Conklin, of Westminster avenue, was united in marriage to Miss Armit, of Kamloops.

High up on the mountain, above the spot from which he fell to his death, the body of Will Moyes lies buried. The search party, which set out on Saturday morning, returned Tuesday evening, having been successful in finding the remains at the bottom of the canyon in the place indicated by his comrade, McIntosh. As the accident occurred over a week ago, the body was in such a condition that it was decided to inter it on the mountain side, instead of bringing the remains to city.

Three of the band of gypsies, who arrived in Vancouver several weeks ago, have been granted admission to the United States, and seven have been rejected by the local board of commissioners of immigration of the United States.

While the Bank of Hamilton is standing aloof from the investigation of the loss of the packet of $10,000, recently reported, the insurance company, which indemnified the bank, has a number of detectives at work at different points along the C. P. R. between Vancouver and Winnipeg. Chief Post Office Detective Ridgely is now en route from Ottawa to take full charge of the investigation. Two Pinkerton detectives from the head office at the big agency at Chicago have also come West, and commenced work on the mystery. They are engaged by the Bankers' Association, an American institution, of which the Bank of Hamilton is a member. Post Office Inspector Dorman informed a representative of the News-Advertiser that he had nothing to say in regard to the case.

CHINESE GAMBLING CASE

Opened in the Police Court Yesterday Morning—Resumed To-Day.

The hearing of the charge of conducting a gaming house at 40 Cormorant street, preferred against Ah You and Chung Yung, was commenced in the police court before Magistrate Hall yesterday afternoon and resumed this morning. Alexis Martin is appearing for the private prosecution and Robert Cassidy and F. Welby Solomon for the accused. The prosecution started the ball arolling yesterday by calling the chief of police to the witness stand. He described the raid on No. 40 conducted by him a few evenings ago, the details of which have already been told in these columns. He also described minutely the interior of the place.

The chief was cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy, who said he proposed to show that the prosecution was a blackmailing scheme undertaken by one Won Kee, who used the police to secure a warrant against the defendants. Chief Langley explained that he had acted independently in the matter, and that the Chinese prospectors had entered into it subsequently, and to some extent spoiled the raid. He had secured a warrant to raid this place on the 9th, and was waiting for a favorable opportunity. On the 10th Mr. Martin came to his office with two Chinese, and wanted to secure a search warrant to raid the place. The chief told Mr. Martin he already had a warrant, and intended to raid that place, having been informed that fan tan was being played there. If Mr. Martin wished to be present at the raid he had no objection, but did not want his clients to know, as he believed the raiders' purpose would be known.

He made this statement to show that the police were not implicated in any blackmailing. He was further cross-examined by Mr. Cassidy, and the hearing was adjourned until this morning. When the case was resumed to-day Detective Sergeant Palmer and a number of Chinese witnesses were examined.

Sardou's "La Sorciere" was produced by Sarah Bernhardt on Tuesday night at her own theatre in Paris, and was a great triumph for both author and actress. The action of the play passes in the middle ages. The dramatic interest was splendidly kept up, and Madame Bernhardt's personation of a Moorish girl was magnificent.

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SPORTING

THE GUN.

SEASON CLOSES.

The shooting season for deer of all kinds closed Tuesday. Cock pheasants, quail and grouse may be shot until the 31st inst. The season for ducks continues until February.

WRESTLING.

TRYING TO MAKE MATCH.

An effort is being made by a Nanaimo athletic association to arange a match between Walter Wrigglesworth, of this city, and Swanson, of the Coal City. It is improbable, however, that the former will agree to the proposal.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

WILL MEET AGAIN.

Steps are being taken to bring off a final match between the Victoria and Garrison teams on Saturday next. As already stated in these columns, the result of the last game was unsatisfactory to both teams, as they were left in the same position in their relationship to each other. The rival elevens are now really on an even basis, as there is every reason to believe that Victoria will defeat the Columbia and Y. M. C. A. elevens. Under these circumstances it is considered wiser to decide the question of supremacy between the local eleven and the soldiers before the latter leave for another station. The question of where the game will be played has not as yet been decided, but it is likely that it will take place on the grounds at Work Point. A close and exciting contest is looked forward to, as both the soldiers and civilians are determined to win.

THE RING.

AMATEUR TOURNEY.

The Victoria Amateur Boxing Association intends holding a tournament at an early date for the purpose of deciding the heavy, middle, bantam and featherweight championships of the province. The three former cups are held respectively by W. Fisher, Frank Stevenson and T. Bailey. As yet there is no holder of the featherweight championship, that cup having only been presented this year for competition by Rev. W. W. Bolton. The question as to who has the right to the four cups mentioned was not decided at the recent contests held under the auspices of the association at the exhibition. They are therefore in the hands of the association, and will be presented the winners of the contests in the forthcoming tournament. It is probable that the event will take place at the A. O. U. W. or some other suitable hall. The programme will be augmented by some athletic exhibitions by the members of the Victoria West Athletic Association. Those who intend competing are asked to send their names to Geo. Morphy at his offices in the Board of Trade building.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

PRACTICE SATURDAY.

Although the result of Saturday's game with Nanaimo handicaps the Victoria fifteen in the race for the championship, there will be no lack of enthusiasm among the players in their preparations for the remaining matches with Vancouver and Nanaimo. On Saturday a friendly practice game will be played between the senior and intermediate teams. All players who wish a game are invited to attend.

VANCOUVER CONFIDENT.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Judging from the form shown by the Vancouver senior fifteen, champions of British Columbia, in their match the other day with the Victoria aggregation, one cannot help being of the opinion that they are going to land the McKechnie cup again this year. Their good showing against Victoria, when they made the Capital City fifteen wish they were back home, is an indication of the locals' chances to retain the championship. So to say that the Vancouver fifteen will do the latter is just about right, but they do not intend to take any chances, and will practice with the same faithfulness as in the past. The team is without a doubt the strongest that can be got together in the province and the boys thoroughly know every little play in the game."

NANAIMO v. VANCOUVER.

On Saturday at Nanaimo league matches will be played between the Vancouver and Coal City senior and intermediate teams. The result of the former game means much to Victoria. If Nanaimo wins, the local fifteen will still have a chance of winning out in spite of the two matches which they have lost. Both the Vancouver and Nanaimo teams are training hard. The intermediate game will be well worth witnessing, as the Coal City team is determined to defeat the Terminal City fifteen.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "The champions are holding scrum practices regularly this week, and are being coached in this handy work by Jack Jenkinson, one of the best authorities in the province. Charlie Woodward will be unable to play on Saturday, and there is a possibility that 'Rus' Johnston will replace him on the three-quarter line. Woodward wrenched his shoulder a couple of weeks ago. Otherwise the champions will be as strong as ever, and are confident of their ability to defeat the miners. The latter team is considered very strong this season, and in its match against Victoria last Saturday they showed excellent form."

The Nanaimo senior fifteen will be selected from the following players: D. Ferguson, W. Graham, W. Marshall, E. Marshall, A. Stewart, R. Simpson, G. Snowden, E. Frost, H. Snowden, O. Randle, Walker, C. Killeen, J. Killeen, Warren, H. Wilkinson, C. Drake and H. May.

HOCKEY.

THE NANAIMO TEAMS.

A former Victoria player writing from Nanaimo says:

"The Nanaimo Hockey Club will be considerably weakened in future by the loss of their redoubtable full back, F. Teague, and three other prominent players, viz., R. Rowbottom, McKinnon and McGregor. The inability to practice has caused these players to withdraw from the field. Practice generally has gone to the winds, and many of the Nanaimo team are getting disgusted. However, the Coal City team are anxious, and intend going to Victoria in January, along with the girls' team, to play the Victoria boys."

As will be remembered the local High school teams (both girls and boys) went to Nanaimo some weeks ago, where they played matches with similar Coal City teams. The return matches will be played in the city early next month, and the local teams are training hard for these games.

VICTORIA, 3; GARRISON, 0.

One of the league series of games was played Wednesday afternoon on the Work Point grounds between the Victoria and Garrison teams. The result was a victory for the local eleven by a score of 3 goals to nil. Unquestionably the best team won, although the soldiers put up a plucky game. They lost owing to a lack of effective combination.

Play commenced at about 3 o'clock, and in the first half the local eleven had the advantage. They pressed their opponents from the start, but were unable at first to penetrate the Garrison's defence. Occasionally the soldiers would relieve and take the ball well up field, but it was generally returned without loss of time. Finally, however, through some excellent combination, Victoria scored. After the bully-off the Garrison team played a better game, and it was not until about the finish of the first half that the local team secured a second goal.

The Garrison eleven put up a better defence in the second portion of the game. They tried hard to score, and pressed the local defence until it seemed as if they could not help scoring. However, the backs were equal to these emergencies and relieved in grand style. Towards the end of the game Victoria succeeded in putting the ball into the net for the third time. The whistle blew shortly after this, neither team again scoring.

A. G. Smith acted as referee.

VANCOUVER v. GARRISON.

A scheduled match will be played on Saturday between the Vancouver and Garrison teams. An effort was made by the Garrison team to postpone this game, but Vancouver would not agree, having made all preparations to play. The soldiers will therefore have to play both a hockey and an Association match on Saturday afternoon. Play will commence at 3 o'clock, and the game will take place at Work Point.

According to the exchanges, the Vancouver team is in good trim. The News-Advertiser says: "One of the best practices of the season took place at the Point on Saturday afternoon. Wet weather seems a great inducement for hockey men to turn out, as the heavier it rains the larger the turn-out and the faster the game. This is very encouraging, as it rains every Saturday, and each Saturday harder than the preceding one, consequently if it keeps on the hockey ground will have to be enlarged. The men put in a good steady practice, and with a few runs during the week will be in the pink of condition to meet the soldiers at Brockton Point next Saturday."

BASKETBALL.

VICTORIA WON.

There was a large attendance at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Pandora and Broad streets, Monday evening, when an exhibition match was played between the Victoria and Capital ladies' teams. The result was a victory for the Victoria team by a score of 24 points (12 goals) to 16 points (8 goals). The Victoria girls owe their victory to excellent combination and splendid shooting. Their opponents, the Capitals, did not appear to be as fast in combination work, and depended too much on one lady, Miss Hosker, to do the scoring. The latter put up a really fine game, snooting whenever an opportunity offered, and playing an all round first-class game.

Play started shortly after 8.30 o'clock. The Capitals wore suits of blue and white and the victorias were distinguished by their colors—blue and gold. When the whistle blew the ball immediately found its way to the Capitals' basket. Here some hard playing took place, which resulted in the Victorias scoring. After the ball had been thrown up the Capitals had the best of play, and it was not long before they had evened the score. This play continued for the first half, one and then the other team placing the ball in the basket, so that at half time there was very little difference between the scores.

Victoria played up in the second half and scored several times in succession. For a long time the Capitals were unable to get the ball near their opponents' basket. Shortly before the finish of the game Miss Hosker got the ball and neatly placed it in the basket for the Capitals. When time was called the Victoria team had a good lead.

The Victoria young ladies put up an exceptionally fine game. Miss M. Catterall and Miss B. Mellon played well together and distinguished themselves repeatedly during the evening by some exceptionally accurate shooting. Compared with the victorious team, the Capitals showed themselves slightly slow in combination and wanting practice in shooting. As already stated, Miss Hosker appeared to be the only reliable shot on the team. Others should practice.

Appended is the score in detail: First goal scored by Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 2nd, by Miss H. Gonnason, Capitals; 3rd, Miss E. Hosker, Capitals; 4th, Miss E. Hosker, Capitals; 5th and 6th, Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 7th, Miss E. Hosker, Capitals; 8th, 9th and 10th, Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 11th, Miss Hosker, Capitals; 12th, Miss B. Mellon, Victorias; 13th, Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 14th, Miss Hosker, Capitals; 15th and 16th, Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 17th, Miss B. Mellon, Victorias; 18th, Miss M. Catterall, Victorias; 19th, Miss Hosker, Capitals; 20th, Miss Hosker, Capitals.

Y. M. C. A. VICTORIOUS.

After the ladies' game Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, a junior league match was played between the V. W. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. teams. The match was stubbornly contested, and resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 7 points to 5. From the start checking was hard, and in consequence there were many infringements of the rules. A number of free shots were given both sides in the first half. One of these awarded the Y. M. C. A. was converted, but those given the Victoria West team were missed. At the finish of the first half there was little difference between the standing of the two teams.

In the second half the Y. M. C. A. team appeared to have the best of play for a time. They outplayed their opponents in defence and in shooting, and soon had a good lead. Towards the end of the game, Campbell, the Victoria West team's crack shot, was allowed some chances which he did not fail to take advantage of, and as a result the score of the V. W. A. A. team increased until their opponents were only two points ahead. No further score was made by either team.

J. T. Little acted as referee to the satisfaction of both teams.

Following is the score in detail: 1st, free shot by Bowes for Y. M. C. A.; 2nd, by Mulcahy, Y. M. C. A.; 3rd and 4th, by Bowes for Y. M. C. A.; 5th, by Campbell, Victoria West; 6th, Gawley, Y. M. C. A.; 7th, Campbell, Victoria West; 8th, by Campbell, for Victoria West; 9th, goal, scored by Mulcahy for Y. M. C. A.; 10th and 11th, free shots, by Campbell, for Victoria West.

SILVER CUP PRESENTED.

A handsome silver cup has been presented for competition among the ladies' teams of the province by E. Hill, of Challoner & Mitchell, and is on exhibition in the windows of Fletcher Bros.' music store, Government street. It is probable that the contest will be between the Victoria, Westminster and Vancouver ladies' teams. Up to the present no schedule has been drafted. This, however, will be done as soon as it is definitely ascertained what teams intend participating.

WILL PRINT REPORT

Of Trades and Labor Council Committee Dealing With Royal Labor Commission.

The trades and labor council in their regular session Wednesday adopted the report of the committee appointed to investigate the complaints against the "Royal Commission on Labor Disputes and Strikes in British Columbia." The committee strongly condemned the commission's finding, on the ground that throughout it favored the corporations. Five hundred copies of the committee's report were ordered printed and mailed to members of the royal commission, members of parliament throughout the Dominion, Dominion labor congress and labor bodies generally.

The legislative committee reported the refusal of the registrar-general to register the council as an incorporated body under the "Benevolent Society Act." It was decided to take steps to have an act passed under which labor unions could incorporate.

Messrs. Ditchburn and Coldwell, the committee on the sealing question, reported that they had brought resolutions passed by this council before the board of trade, and that they also had copies printed and sent to all members of the Dominion and provincial governments, and all members of parliament.

The Nelson, Fernie and Crow's Nest Pass trades and labor councils wrote favoring the organization of a provincial council. The labor council of Berlin, Ont., informed the council that they had formed a new political party known as "The Independent Labor Council," and asked for contributions.

Credentials were received from R. Pettigrew as delegate from the Tailors' Union and from W. F. Smith and A. Margison, delegates from the Bookbinders' Union. L. Long was appointed to the legislative committee. The council decided to draw the attention of the city council to the necessity of having a thoroughly practical man to act as inspector of the construction work on Point Ellice bridge, and the executive committee were instructed to take immediate action.

BARNYARD DIPLOMACY.

Rossland Miner.

To the casual observer it may seem strange that such a representative body as the Rossland Board of Trade should ignore the urgent and very reasonable appeal of the Victoria Board of Trade with regard to the interests affected by the proposed amendments to the assessment law. The act as amended imposes "extraordinary taxes upon merchants and manufacturers," but is very lenient towards the land barons and the big monopolies. The Victoria Board of Trade is composed of all the leading business men of the capital city irrespective of party. When, therefore, their prosperity was threatened by the iniquities of the new assessment act it was only natural that they should make emphatic protest, and in doing so solicit the hearty co-operation of every other commercial body in the province. With the rest, the Rossland Board of Trade was telegraphed by the secretary of the Victoria board. Victoria business men naturally supposed that our local board would be guided by purely business reasons and similar motives and do its share towards voicing the sentiments of local merchants and manufacturers. But, as recent developments have proved, they were much mistaken.

In a moment of ignorance the secretary of the Victoria board addressed his telegram to the president of the Rossland board. He evidently did not know that the president of the Rossland board is also president of the Rossland Conservative Association, and that as such he might arrange matters so that there should be no meeting and consequently no expression of sentiment adverse to the McBride administration. Be this as it may, it is significant that no meeting—not even of the council of the board—was convened, and there is not likely to be now that the legislature has adjourned.

Thus has barnyard diplomacy achieved another grand victory. Once more we have the gallant president of the board setting the rising generation a noble example in placing party before country. Thus does the president of the Rossland Conservative Association at one deft stroke stifle an expression of the wrongs of local merchants and manufacturers and put up another screen for wild land speculators and the half taxed monopolies. And thus does the Miner have another proof of the truth of its