

ANNUAL PICNIC HELD YESTERDAY

MERCHANTS' UNION WAS GRAND SUCCESS

About Fifteen Hundred Spent the Day at Sidney—Some Prize Winners.

It is conservatively estimated that over 1,500 attended the Merchants' picnic, held at Sidney, Thursday, afternoon, under the auspices of the Victoria City and. Ideal weather, a prompt train service to the grounds, and an energetic management committee were the three features to which may be attributed the unequalled success of the outing from every standpoint. Although the crowds that flocked to the Victoria & Sidney depot throughout the forenoon, and those who left in the early afternoon, were larger than the most sanguine had anticipated, there was comfortable accommodation for all.

On arriving at Sidney pleasure-seekers were not allowed to wait long for entertainment. In order to run all the races included in the lengthy programme, which has already appeared in these columns, it was found necessary to call the first contests in the morning. By lunch time the opening competitions had been completed, enabling the starters and judges to continue the sport without delay.

The first event was a baseball match between teams selected from the wholesale and retail merchants. These agreed to play on the grounds, and the game was a fairly good exhibition of ball. Only five innings were played, however, before it became necessary to discontinue play, and in that time the wholesalers were in the lead by a score of 7 runs to 5. They were therefore presented with the box of cigars offered by R. P. Richet & Co. In the afternoon another game was played between the Fernwood and Hillside intermediate teams. This was won by the former.

For the third consecutive time R. Fell captured the silver cup offered by the retail grocers, and will now hold that trophy permanently, the rule being that when won on three successive occasions by any individual it passes out of competition. The handsome silver tea set, valued at \$50, which was put up by the Tuley Tea Company for the lady holding the winning number in a tombola, went to Mrs. Ford, with the number 653. Another tombola for a prize being that of J. H. Todd & Son was won by Mrs. Watson Hall.

Following is a list of the winners in the most important contests included in the sports:

Retail Drivers' Race, 100 yards—1st, S. Heed, silver cup, by S. J. Pitts; 2nd, A. B. Clark, 1 sack flour, by R. Baker & Son.

Bookkeepers and Salesmen Race, 100 yards—1st, S. Massie, silver cup, by R. McKendrick; 2nd, B. Gray, quarter lamb, by R. McKendrick; 3rd, V. Gray, 1 lb. Tuley tea, by Hudson Bay Co.

Sack Race, for married men, 1st, M. Caldwell, box cigars, by Turner, Beaton & Co.; 2nd, Mr. Salter, bottle booze, by Dixie Ross; 3rd, H. Kirkham, 10 cakes White Seal Soap, by W. J. Redding.

Retail Grocers' Race, managers and bookkeepers, 100 yards—1st, R. Fell, silver cup, by Brackman & Ker; 2nd, W. Speed, 32 roasts of beef, by L. Goodwin & Co.

Three-Legged Race, 75 yards—1st, A. Gray and V. Gray, 2 sacks Hungarian flour, by Wilson Bros.; 2nd, Sweeney, 1 sack flour, by Wilson Bros.; 3rd, Sweeney, 1 sack flour, by Wilson Bros.

Bicycle Race, one mile—1st, P. McGuire, goods \$2.50, by F. Carne; 2nd, L. Lester, box peaches and 1 doz. fruit jars, Hardness Clarke; 3rd, N. Deitch, 1 lb. Tuley tea, by Hudson Bay Co.

Wholesale and Managers of Wholesale Houses Race, 75 yards—1st, S. Nason, box cigars, by R. P. Richet & Co.; 2nd, Retail Grocers' Race, 200 yards—1st, T. Evans, cup, by Wilson Bros.; 2nd, H. Kirkham, quarter lamb, by Pacific-Market, R. Porter & Son.

Fat Man's Race—1st, T. Smith, 5 lb. tin of coffee, by A. J. Morley.

Boys' Race (100 yards), under 20 years, employed by retail grocers—1st, Mr. Hard, silver cup, by Hudson Bay Co.; 2nd, S. Heed, silver cup, by Hudson Bay Co.

Travelers' Race, 400 yards, for whole-sale houses—1st, S. P. Moody, 1/2 doz. Kopp's liquor, by Hudson Bay Co.; 2nd, S. Nason, box apples, 1/2 doz. fruit jars, by W. Sweeney; 3rd, S. Nason, box apples, 1/2 doz. fruit jars, by W. Sweeney.

Consolation Race, 100 yards—1st, B. Maynard, 6 tin peaches, by Simon Lester; 2nd, A. McGregor, 20 cakes Pandey's soap, by Bakers' Association; 2nd, A. Combes, box cigars; 3rd, H. Wille, 20 cakes Pandey's soap.

Wives of Grocers and Butchers' Race, 50 yards—1st, Mrs. Parker, side of lamb, by B. C. Market, value \$3; 2nd, Mrs. Speed, sack of flour, by Wilson Bros.; 3rd, Mrs. Gubraith, 1 lb. Tuley's tea, by Hudson Bay Co.

Wives and Sweethearts of Bakers' Race, 50 yards—1st, Miss Skinner, silver cake tray, by Bakers' Association; 2nd, Miss Threlk, 3 tin baking powder, by Speed Bros.

Tombola, for wives of grocers—Mrs. Watson Hall, prize by J. H. Todd & Son.

Drivers' Race, quarter mile—1st, M. Caldwell, 1/2 doz. Kopp's liquor, by Hudson Bay Co.; 2nd, G. Shallard, 20 bars Pandey's soap; 3rd, A. Clark, 3 tin peaches, by Simon Lester.

Horse Race, one mile—1st, W. Dickson, case of claret, by Pither & Lister, and bride, by W. Duncan; 2nd, Remie & Taylor, rubber bit, by G. Goodwin, and whip, by P. Norris & Sons; 3rd, I. Murch, say whelp, by R. C. Saddlerly Co.

Guessing Match—1st, S. P. Moody, 1/2 cord of wood, by Burt Bros.; 2nd, W. Acton, 20 cakes Pandey's soap; 3rd, P. Dean, 20 cakes Pandey's soap; 4th, A. Pelen, 2 lbs. tea, value \$1, by B. J. Jones.

Bakers' Race, 100 yards—1st, Mr. Okeil, goods value \$2, by T. Redding; 2nd, C. Peden, 20 bars Pandey's soap; 3rd, Mr. Henderson, 10 bars Pandey's soap.

The dance held in a pavilion on the grounds during the evening was attended by a large number. An orchestra, which had been engaged for the occasion, provided a splendid selection of music, and everyone, it is safe to say, spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. When the last train left the grounds, at about midnight, every car was thronged. Members of the committee in charge, the judge and starters, and others who assisted, deserve commendation, as the success of the picnic was largely owing to the thoroughness of the preparation.

MORE INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT THE NAVY

LOCAL LEAGUE WANTS I IN THE SCHOOLS.

Deputation Explains Need of Stimulating Greater Interest on the Part of Younger Generation.

The state legislative edifice across the Bay has received a number of delegations during the past two days, and it looks as though the interviewing spirit was in the air. Thursday three committees made pilgrimages to the parliament buildings and today another crossed the "causeway" and sought the ear of the powers that be. This latter body was a committee of the Navy League, consisting of Chas. Hayward, James Thompson, G. E. Redfern, Capt. B. C. Clarke, J. K. Rebbick, and the secretary of the league, Joseph Peterson. Its mission was to submit to the superintendent of education the following requests: (1) That the reading books, histories and geographies be so amended as to give prominence to the fact that the security of the British Empire rests largely on the maintenance of an overwhelming fleet; (2) That it be the duty of the British Empire education department would introduce at the next examination in Victoria a paper of questions on the history of the British navy; (3) That the use of the British flag be required in all the schools.

The superintendent of education being called away from the city on urgent business, the deputation was received by Inspector Wilson, before whom was laid the matters just specified. Mr. Redfern explained that the reason why the committee sought this interview was that a great deal of ignorance existed in Canada regarding the British navy. This was not to be wondered at when it was remembered that, with the exception of those living on the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard, but few ever saw a warship. As an evidence of the need of stimulating greater interest in the navy on the part of the young the speaker referred to the unsatisfactory results which attended the league's action in offering prizes for essays, these being only one competitor on the last occasion, whose contribution was so incomplete that it had to be withdrawn. On the second request, made by the committee, Mr. Redfern commented on the fact that the navy is a powerful ally to protect her commerce. Great Britain in time of war would be starved to death.

The necessity for an overwhelming fleet was exemplified very strongly in the present trouble in the Far East. It was vital to the very existence of the Empire that the navy should be kept at the highest grade of efficiency. The committee urged, therefore, that papers of questions on the navy be set before the children so that they may study and appreciate its importance to the flag and the Empire. Mr. Redfern referred to the manner in which the children of the United States were taught to revere their country's flag. This spirit should exist in the Canadian child. If the government would have a Union Jack in every school the children would learn to regard it as the emblem of liberty and greatness, and to realize the importance of the navy to our civilization.

Mr. Hayward suggested that the flag should be hoisted and saluted simultaneously throughout the province every morning. Other members of the committee spoke along similar lines.

Mr. Peterson said he had in the possession certain text books on the subject which he could place at the disposal of the committee for perusal. He explained fully the aims and objects of the Navy League, and drew attention to the success which was attending the organization efforts of Mr. Wray, the secretary of the league, who visited this place last year. He thanked the department for its co-operation when the league offered prizes for essays, and said they were very much pleased that it did not forget the navy and its importance to the Empire.

In reply, Inspector Wilson pointed out that the present series of text books on the amendments sought could not be made. As the committee requested that the text books be amended, and that the amendments be made, the committee pointed out that the text books were not yet written, and that the amendments could not be made until the text books were written. The committee pointed out that the text books were not yet written, and that the amendments could not be made until the text books were written. The committee pointed out that the text books were not yet written, and that the amendments could not be made until the text books were written.

The pupils look upon the study as a routine, and yet what a profitable one the pleasure is in many ways, its simplicity, its being able to read when written, taking the lessons at any time of the day, and only requiring ten minutes. One lady pupil from Revelstoke is visiting Victoria for her holidays, and called at the studio for a free lesson of two minutes, that is given to all callers, and so struck was she with the ease with which she could master it, that the next day took it up, and now, after eleven days, can rattle off 60 words a minute. After all something was really wanted to enable a willing person to learn a rapid system of taking notes and speeches, quicker than the adopted and invented system of many years back. The 20th century system answers every wish. The new branch at Vancouver is called No. 2, and Winnipeg will be No. 3 branch. The Victoria and Vancouver Tourist Association made a proposal to the government in an interview to the effect that the latter should assist in the publication of a tourist book. The government promised to take the matter under careful consideration.

The B. C. Logging Association, Vancouver, also had a deputation at the parliament buildings who urged that the restrictions on logs be removed so that they could dispose of the surplus of the log. They were informed that a full meeting of the executive would have to be held to deal with this question.

COTTON MILL STRIKERS.

Many Canadians Are Leaving For Home—Distributing Assistance.

Fall River, Mass., July 29.—The fifth day of the cotton mill strike passed quietly. A settlement of the controversy appears distant. Attempts to operate the mills have been abandoned. The strikers have been advised to leave the city shortly. Union officials are busy devising means for the maintenance of the less fortunate among the strikers. The strikers have been advised to leave the city shortly. Union officials are busy devising means for the maintenance of the less fortunate among the strikers. The strikers have been advised to leave the city shortly. Union officials are busy devising means for the maintenance of the less fortunate among the strikers.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Has Been Granted to Saanich District—Adulteration Act to Be Enforced Also.

Ralph Smith, M. P., has obtained, in answer to the wish of a number living in Saanich, an improved mail service to the district. The mail formerly was delivered by the Victoria Terminal railway. Some little time ago Keating station was given an improved service, getting a daily mail now.

Ralph Smith, M. P., also interested himself in the petition of the Fruit Growers' Association, asking for the enforcement of the Adulteration Act. As a result of his efforts he has been assured that the act will be enforced. The following letter, addressed to Mr. Smith, contains that assurance:

Ralph Smith, Esq., M. P., House of Commons, Ottawa, July 29, 1904.

Dear Mr. Smith:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. enclosing a resolution from the Fruit Growers' Association of British Columbia respecting the enforcement of the Adulteration Act, more particularly as respects the adulteration of jams and jellies.

In reply I may state that it is the intention of the department to enforce the provisions of the act mentioned.

I note the recommendation of the association relative to compelling manufacturers of the jams and jellies to print the formula on their labels. This recommendation will receive my careful consideration.

Yours very truly,

L. E. BRODEUR.

THOSE WHO QUALIFIED.

Results of University of Toronto Musical Examinations—Five Local Candidates Passed.

According to word received by Mrs. A. T. Watt, local representative of the University of Toronto, five of those who tried the musical examinations of that institution some months ago have qualified. High honours were captured by Miss F. Pitts, who made an average of between 80 and 100 per cent. in the primary pianoforte division. This is exceedingly creditable, and not only speaks well for the ability of the student, but for the efficiency of her instructor. There were a number of failures, but this is not surprising when the exacting character of the examinations and the fact that 20 papers had to be prepared for a pupil is passed is considered. In order to secure second class honours the student must attain an average of over 70, while to graduate with honours the average must be between 80 and 100 must be secured, as already mentioned.

Following are the names of the successful ones, together with their standing:

First-Class Honors—Class one, Miss T. Pitts.

Second-Class Honors—Class two, Miss D. Few.

Pass—Miss Berriman and Miss A. M. Rawland.

Junior Pianoforte.

First—Miss F. Spencer.

In theory, Miss F. Spencer was the only one who qualified. There were six candidates.

Those who wrote at these examinations were the pupils of Mrs. Bridges and Miss G. A. Tait.

THE INDIAN RESERVE.

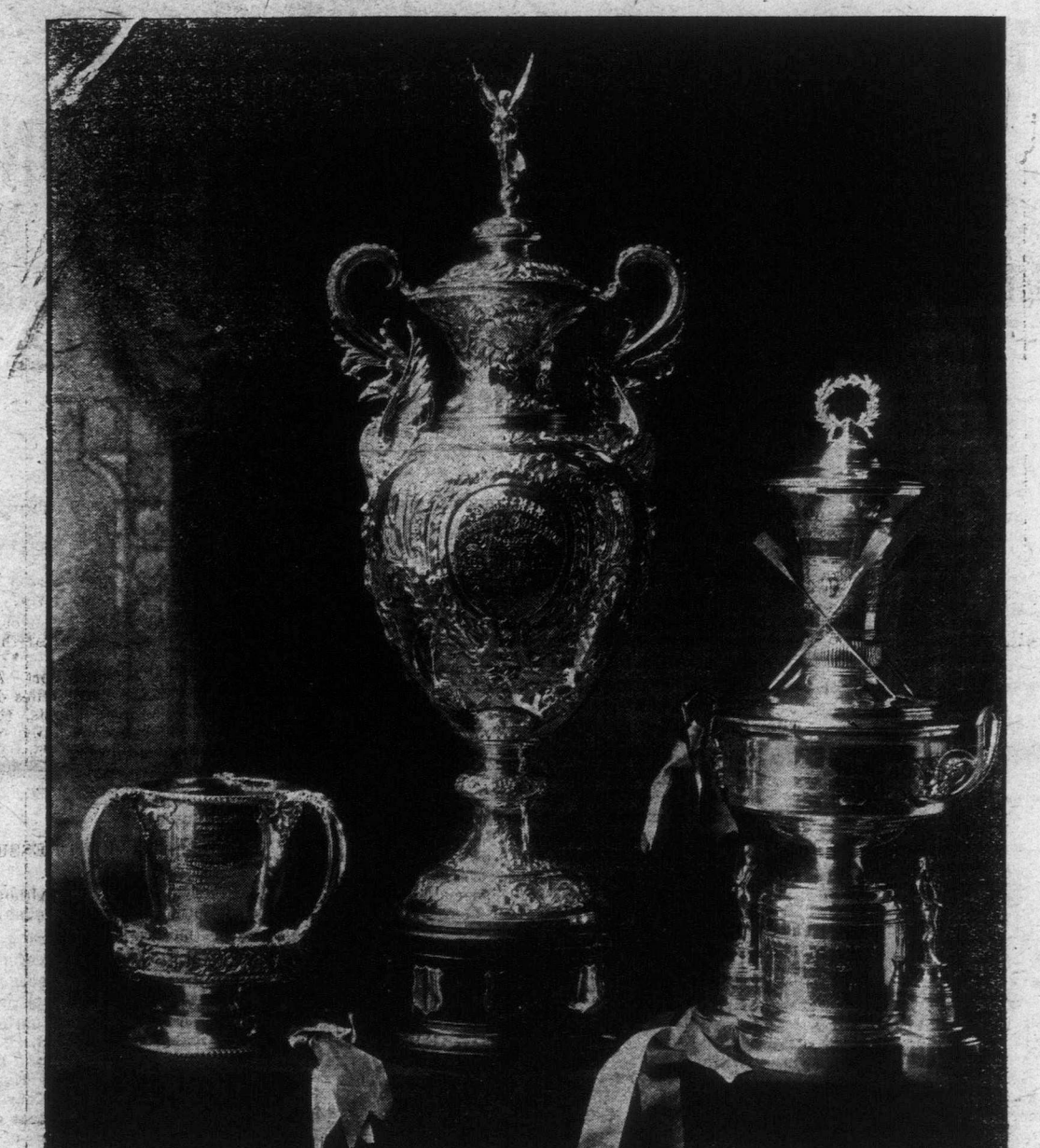
Citizens' Committee Have Satisfactory Interview With Members of the Government.

G. H. Lugin, chairman of the joint committee, and Ald. Stewart, one of the city's representatives on the committee, accompanied by F. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, met the Premier and Hon. R. G. Tait on Thursday in regard to the Saugeen reserve. The interview was satisfactory in every way, both Mr. McBride and Mr. Tait expressing themselves very strongly as to the necessity of the railway bridge, which the local government obtains possession of it, be handed over to the city, the city agreeing to obtain a new reserve for the Indians. The committee also stated the necessity of the railway bridge in the proceeds of the sale of the portion of the reserve between the two bridges should be transferred to the city. Mr. McBride said that there was nothing in the correspondence on this point, and he suggested that it might be well for the committee to have a meeting with the local government. The members of the committee present agreed to this.

Mr. Lugin, who was seen in regard to the matter, explained that he feared that there would be some difficulty in the matter. Mr. McBride referred the committee to Mr. Dunsinville to see if he would be a consulting party to what was proposed.

Mr. Dunsinville, in his way indicated that Mr. Dunsinville had any rights in the reserve which must be protected.

HOW LONG HAVE YOUR KIDNEYS BEEN SICK?—Here's South American Kidney Cure evidence that's convincing: "I am a new man—three bottles cured me." "Five bottles cured me." "I never felt better." "I was cured of Bright's Disease, but half a dozen bottles did it." "I thought my days were numbered, but this great remedy cured me. It never fails." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—134.



THE TROPHIES OF THE BAYS.

The above photo represents the splendid collection of cups brought home on Monday by the J. B. A. A. four, who have won the N. P. A. A. senior championship three years in succession. The largest cup is the magnificent Buchanan trophy, a perpetual challenge cup.

The other two are the Hiram Walker Cup and the Association Cup, both of which now become the absolute property of the Bays.

TO TEST VALIDITY OF CITY MEASURE

THE DEFINITION A TRANSIENT TRADER

Prosecution Against A. Blyth in Police Court—Refused to Pay the License.

From Saturday's Daily.

Andrew Blyth refuses to consider himself a transient trader despite the somewhat remarkable definition of the term in the municipal revenue by-law, and hence declines to enrich the civic exchequer by a nice little contribution of five hundred dollars as a six months' license fee. He came here from the Manitoba some time ago and "opened up" in business on the corner of Port and Douglas streets, advertising a bankrupt sale. Having lived here for a considerable period before embarking in mercantile pursuits in the Terminal City, Mr. Blyth didn't suspect for an instant that when he returned to his old home his bona fides would be questioned by the local officials.

But this is exactly what the action in the police court against him means. Collector Winship, by virtue of the "transient trader" clause in the by-law, called upon him with the request that he either pay the license fee of five hundred dollars for six months, or give a bond of \$1,000 that he would remain in business for a year. To this demand Mr. Blyth returned an indignant refusal, and in consequence he was formally presented with a sky-colored invitation to attend the police court.

The by-law defines a "transient trader" as a person, when beginning business in a municipality, and when requested to do so by the municipality, refuses to give security to the amount of the license for a year (\$1,000) that he will carry on business as a trader for not less than that time. Mr. Blyth contends that having paid the usual trade license he has fulfilled all the necessary obligations.

The prosecution is being conducted by the city collector, J. M. Bradburn, but yesterday Mr. Blyth asked after his own affairs. Collector Winship gave evidence to calling on the defendant on July 7th, and demanding the sum of \$500 in payment of the transient trader's license for six months. Mr. Blyth replied that he did not have to pay it, that he was conducting a legitimate business and was a citizen in good standing. Witness, after reading the clauses of the by-law bearing on the situation, advised the defendant to call on Mr. Kent. This Mr. Blyth refused to do, and on July 15th witness called again. The defendant again refused to pay the tax. In the opinion of witness the fitness of the store were of a temporary character and Mr. Blyth was a monthly tenant.

The witness was subjected to an exhaustive cross-examination by Mr. Blyth, during which he averred he was positive that all the stock in the store was not "bankrupt," as he had discovered that three cases of goods had been consigned from Vancouver. The stock not being bankrupt, in his opinion the "bankrupt sale" was a fake. The witness was further cross-examined at considerable length, which provided no little entertainment for the audience, after which the witness took the ground that Stanley Park was and is a military reserve, and that the eight acres constituting the Deadman's Island were included in the reserve. The Dominion government, under the B. N. A. Act, exercised the exclusive power to legislate on subjects of military and naval defence. He did not intend to take the ground that Stanley Park was and is a military reserve, and that the eight acres constituting the Deadman's Island were included in the reserve. The Dominion government, under the B. N. A. 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