

SPORTING GOSSIP.

LACROSSE.

THE lacrosse game this afternoon is looked upon as the decisive event of the season. It will determine the leadership. The Victoria team has been doing conscientious work, and the boys are in splendid condition for the battle royal. Macnaughton and Eckardt can be depended on for great play, as both are in the best of trim. Belfry and Rube Williams make their initial appearance on the home grounds and should be a source of strength. Jackson is laid off on account of illness and W. H. Cullin will fill the place. The game is the talk of the town, and the gate will exceed all previous admissions. If last year's champions lose, it will only be after a most determined fight, and the rivalry and desire to efface the defeat received at the hands of the Westminster team will no doubt develop some fast playing, as both teams will have to call every factor into play to gain any advantage. The battery band are announced to fill in the waits with sweet discourse of choice collections.

A lacrosse game between the James Bay Athletic Association and the Rugby footballers is the latest on the card. The winners are to play off with the legal men for the scrub championship.

VOLLEYS WITH RACQUET AND BALL.

There has been much interest and enthusiasm in tennis circles during the week. The Belcher street grounds have been thronged with members and many exciting sets have been eagerly contested. Mrs. (Dr.) Watt, Miss Arrow-smith, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Angus, Miss Beaven, Miss Combe, Miss Corrie Powell, Miss Nellie Prior, Mrs. Marvin and Mrs. Langley, have been patronizing the courts steadily. Among the gentlemen Foulkes, Longe, Cuppidge, Rogers, Johnson, Lampman, Jones, Jacob, Miller, Fred Pemberton and Ward are regular attendants. Foulkes and Longe indulged in some doubles, and from style displayed, will be on a par with their past record. Foulke's serving has been showing a very perceptible improvement, and besides he is playing a great game on the kalsomined lines and angles.

The club handicap will be held before the tournament, and the contestants will include many new faces, of whom much is expected.

At the afternoon tea at Dr. I. Powell's on Tuesday, some interesting matches came off, in which Foulkes, Lampman, Locke Robertson, Maitland, Napier, Langley, and Miss Gwennie Kane, Miss

Angus, and Miss Corie Powell took part. Mr. Locke Robertson is making splendid progress, his speedy serving being responsible for many a love game. Mr. Robertson is developing a boomerang break, which will play sad havoc with attempted returns of his opponents. He has also parted with his nonchalance, and is showing sporty enthusiasm, since being taken with the physical culture idea.

LINERS AND DAISY-CUTTERS.

Baseball is languishing. There are no suitable grounds, and consequently no games with outside clubs can be scheduled. This is most discouraging, as considering the lack of facilities and support, the team has made a splendid record. The grounds on Beacon Hill are in a deplorable condition, and the Park committee, though approached frequently, have made no improvement.

The V. A. C's. have a game at Nanaimo, and hope to return with the coal city's scalp.

Stanford College boys are winding up their northwestern tour with a terrific batting streak. At Seattle they found Thornton for 19 hits, including a host of doubles and triples, and at Tacoma, they punished Carroll, another left-handed twirler, by sailing around the bases on hits galore.

CAUGHT FROM THE CREASE.

To-day the following will represent the League Profession in a match against the Royal Arthur at the Canteen grounds: C. E. Pooley, B. H. T. Drake, P. E. Irving, A. J. Smith, T. S. Morley, A. P. Luxton, F. S. Morley, C. P. Wooley, T. E. Pooley, C. W. Ward, H. Bostock, K. Macrae. Other fixtures are Victoria against the marines at Work Point Battery Barracks and Dr. Helmcken's eleven versus the Albions.

Goward and Wallace are bowling in fine style this season. Goward bowls over and Wallace round the wicket. Both are rather fast, using a deceptive break.

Foulkes, if he continues his present pace, will show a top batting average.

Hon. Mr. Pooley is getting into old-time form, and easily holds his own with the rest of the team. His enthusiasm over England's grand pastime is as pronounced as ever.

A. G. Smith is also batting in good style, his forward plays being in the most approved form.

K. Macrae is a promising colt, and his persistent practice should develop him into one of next year's reliables.

Luxton's score of 27 with the second eleven was made without a chance.

RIPPLES AND SPLASHES.

The shell ordered by the James Bay Rowing Association has not arrived yet. The senior four consisting of D. O'Sullivan, stroke; J. Watson, 3; G. F. Askew, 2; and C. E. Bailey, bow, are putting in daily work, and if the long-looked-for boat reaches here in time, will put in an appearance at the North Pacific Rowing Association Regatta, which comes off at Lake Washington, on August 17th. After the easy victory over Vancouver on the 24th, Victoria's chances for championship honors are excellent. Aden, Watson, O'Sullivan, and Scott take regular outings, using 20 ft. skiffs, and are in splendid trim.

The club regatta is fixed for August 25th, and it is the intention to make the event even surpass the very successful affair of last year. The club crews were picked last evening, and about eight fours are expected to be in for the finals.

CIRCUITS WITH CAYOUSE.

Polo will be revived in May of next year. Newton, Ward, Pearce, Galpin, Weber, Kirke, Snowden, Tod Aikman, Dickinson and Bert Powell are expected to bestride the stunted steed, and, with sudden turn and spurt, chase the punk from goal to goal. Stanley, Hornby, Fauceett and other officers from the ships may also be counted to be in the play. The matches will be played on the oval at the Driving Park, which will be put into condition this fall. A meeting will be held early in autumn to make all necessary arrangements. Clubs are also being started at Cowichan and Vernon, and Vancouver will get in line as soon as they can procure a stumpless field.

GOLF.

This sport will be resumed by local enthusiasts as soon as the grass on the Oak Bay grounds is cut.

PICK-UPS.

The fortnightly race of the local yacht club is to take place this afternoon.

The Canadian riflemen are said to be making a very creditable showing in the minor events at Bisley.

The fastest three heats ever trotted in a race in Canada were trotted at the closing day of the Windsor Driving Park Association, July 5. Rubenstein, owned by Matt Laird, of Mansfield, Ohio, won the 2.28 pace in three straight heats in 2.11½, 2.09½ and 2.10½.

In the U. S. College baseball league Yale has won the championship, Harvard being last. Yale's splendid record was due to the superiority of her battery.