

NANAIMO LUCKY TO WIN FROM VICTORIA

Weakened Team From Capital Goes Down to Defeat Before Hornets

(Special to the Times) Nanaimo, Jan. 23.—On Saturday the Victoria Rugby union sent a weakened team to this city to contend with the locals in a championship fixture and as a result were defeated, the score being: Nanaimo 6, Victoria 3.

The game was played on the cricket grounds, the field being in poor condition for Rugby, the ground being frozen, and covered in parts with snow and ice. This condition of affairs was a serious handicap for the visitors, who relied upon the speed of their back division to carry them to victory.

Unable, however, to keep their feet on the slippery turf they were completely smothered by the home forwards, who from beginning to end played an aggressive game, using their feet to advantage and only picking up an opportunity for a try.

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BUILDING PROGRESS

Finch & Finch Plan Handsome Structure for Upper Yates Street

There is every indication that with the advent of spring there will be a pronounced activity in building circles. The Times has already mentioned the huge block which is mooted for the site of the Spencer building destroyed in the later fire, and now the announcement is made that Finch & Finch intend erecting a new brick block four stories in height on Yates street between Blanchard and Quadra.

The building, which will be of the most modern construction, will have a frontage of 120 feet on Yates street. Preliminary plans for the same have already been prepared.

In the event of the new block going up on the site of their old building, the firm of David Spencer will erect a handsome departmental store on the site of the Dryden and Imperial hotel, which structure is now undergoing extensive interior alterations pending this larger enterprise.

The temporary store will have a frontage on Broad, View and Douglas streets.

EASTERN HOCKEY RESULTS. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—After the most stubbornly-contested struggle witnessed in Ottawa since the memorable match against the Kenora Thistles in 1905, the Ottawa hockey team defeated the Canadians of Montreal at the local arena Saturday night.

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HUNT CLUB GOING AHEAD VERY FAST

Hounds to Be Imported and Gymkhana and Point-to-Point Held

The Victoria Hunt Club held its usual weekly run on Saturday afternoon. There was only a small field, as the going was rather heavy, owing to the recent rains, but in spite of the mud a good day's sport was enjoyed.

The start was made near the Jewish cemetery and the trail led across a good line of country, affording numerous stiff jumps. Billy Williams and E. Henderson on his thoroughbred vied for pride of place at the finish.

Before very long the paper trail will be discarded and a drag hunt organized. This has been made possible by the enterprise of Mrs. Cox, owner of the riding school at the Exhibition grounds.

It was at one time suggested that hares be imported but when on mature consideration, it was decided to have fox-hounds. Mr. Cox wrote to friends in the Old Country, who are prominent English hunting men, asking for hounds, and five or six couples will probably be sent out immediately.

This will be enough for this season and, if it is decided to carry on the hunt on a wider scale next season, they will serve as the nucleus for a larger pack.

Among those written to by Mrs. Cox are Lord Anson, master of the Foxley and "Charlie" McNeill, who hunts the Grafton country. Frank Freeman, huntsman of the Epsom, came to Victoria to see the hounds, and he is cognized throughout the Old Country as a successful breeder of good hounds and the Pritchley kennels at Brixworth have a world-wide reputation.

When the dogs arrive they will be offered to find quarters for them and to feed them at their own expense.

As soon as the hounds arrive, an M. F. H. will be chosen and already a good deal of speculation is being indulged in as to the probability of some of this honor. Major Bennett, P. B. Pemberton and "Billy" Williams are mentioned as likely choices and in all probability the master will be one or other of this trio.

Whoever is appointed will have to be a man of promptness and decision, capable of enforcing his authority vigorously, if necessary, for already the pernicious habit of racing and "thrusting" have become entirely too prevalent.

This will have to be put down with a firm hand, once the pack arrives, as it would lead to hounds being ridden over and maimed.

Since its inception, a little over two months ago, the Hunt Club has made astonishing progress and already has a membership of over fifty. This excellent result is due in great part to the efforts of Major Dupont, the honorary president, F. B. Pemberton, secretary, Miss Violet, vice-president, and Major Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

ENGLISH LEAGUE GAMES

London, Jan. 23.—Following are results of league games played on Saturday: First Division.

Nottingham, 2; Liverpool, 0. Everton, 2; Nottingham, 0. Woolwich Arsenal-Aston Villa postponed.

Blackburn Rovers, 5; Bury, 2. Manchester City, 1; Manchester United, 1. Bradford City, 0; Sharnford United, 1. Second Division.

Birmingham, 1; Burnley, 1. Blackpool, 0; Derby County, 1. Bolton Wanderers, 4; Wolverhampton Wanderers, 1.

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FORESTERS DRAW WITH LADYSMITH

A. O. F. Play Friendly at Ladysmith With the Island Champions

On Sunday the A. O. F. soccer team journeyed to Ladysmith to meet the Island champions in a friendly game. Both teams took the field at full strength, and after a game full of incident and spectacular play finished with no score, neither team being able to tally.

The field was in poor condition, otherwise a different story might be told, as the Foresters had a little the better of the play and are very fast on a dry ground.

TEAM GOES UNDER ICE. Creston, B. C., Jan. 19.—What might have been a fatal accident occurred a few evenings ago at the Kootenay river ferry, just a couple of miles from Creston, B. C., and some 100 yards from the shore.

EGGS BY THE POUND. Stockton, Cal., Jan. 20.—Resolutions urging the legislature to pass a law compelling dealers to sell eggs by the pound were unanimously adopted at a meeting of the San Joaquin County Poultry Association.

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