

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

A Number of Close Games Played This Morning at Belcher Street Courts.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Some exceedingly interesting games took place this morning in connection with the annual open tournament of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club at the Belcher street courts. The contest between Major Belcher, of Portland, and B. P. Schwenger, of Victoria, attracted most attention. Although the former won out by a good margin he was forced to put forth his best efforts. Another exceptionally fine match was that between W. A. Goss, of Portland, and R. H. Pooley, of Victoria. The two sets were, however, well contested, and a number of particularly brilliant plays elicited hearty applause from spectators.

Word was received this morning to the effect that J. Taylor and H. S. Russell, the Seattle experts, would be unable to play here. This means that Seattle will not be represented in the international championship series.

This morning's results follow:

Mrs. Burton and Miss Bell beat Mrs. Langton and Miss King 6-3, 6-3.

Major Bethel beat B. P. Schwenger 6-2, 6-2.

A. F. R. Martin beat H. S. Pooley 6-2, 6-1.

W. A. Goss, of Portland, beat R. H. Pooley 6-3, 6-3.

Miss King beat Miss Hobson 6-3, 7-5.

Mrs. Burton beat Miss Hulbert 6-2, 6-2.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

H. M. S. Flora arrived in the harbor yesterday. A number of the bluejackets and marines were ashore in the evening.

The city council has decided to spend \$1,200 to \$1,500 on the streets at once.

Most of the outlay will be in the upper part of the town, where the streets are in a very bad state.

It is almost certain that electric lights will be installed before the winter sets in.

The residents of Chinatown have been given a month or two to enable them to remove to their new location outside the city boundary, on the Chemainus road.

INUNCTION CONTINUED.

Affairs Relating to Hydraulic Mining Properties in Cariboo Before Court.

An application was made before Mr. Justice Martin Wednesday for the dissolving of an injunction restraining R. T. Ward from working a river lease in Cariboo. The restraining order was made by Mr. Justice Drake a short time ago on an ex parte application made by the Horeby Hydraulic Company.

This morning Denis Murphy appeared on behalf of the defendant, R. T. Ward, to have the injunction dissolved. E. V. Bodley, a committee member for the Horeby company, appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Ward obtained a river lease for the stream running through a hydraulic property held by the company. In the affidavit filed at the time of the application it was stated that Mr. Ward represented to the gold commissioner that he was acting for the company, and that he was really the trustee.

This is denied by Mr. Ward, who in an affidavit filed sets forth all he represented to the company did not oppose it.

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THERE WILL BE NO AMALGAMATION

STRONG OPPOSITION DEFEATS THE SCHEME

Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters Retains Its Separate Identity.

At a well-attended meeting of the council of the board of trade on Tuesday the principal business transacted was the adoption of the report of the special committee appointed to inform the various insurance companies interested in the proposed amalgamation of the Vancouver Island and Mainland board of underwriters of the sentiment of the association in regard to the matter. The report, which is appended, is as follows:

One of the first matters to be dealt with was a communication complaining that the car service to the outer wharf was not satisfactory. Cars, the writer contended, should meet the steamers when it was possible. Visitors had often had to wait twenty minutes or longer.

The subject was discussed, and the opinion was that the letter was correct in many respects. A small committee was, therefore, appointed to wait on the manager of the Railway Company to ascertain whether anything could be done to arrange a better service.

Another Victorian wrote stating that in purchasing a railway ticket from Victoria to Washington through to Victoria he had been told it would be impossible under such circumstances to travel by the C. P. R. steamers from Seattle to Victoria. This, he thought, was an unusual condition of affairs.

In the brief discussion which followed the reading of this communication, it was announced that the fire insurance companies mentioned in the accompanying schedule:

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Mr. J. R. Kinnaman, agent Aetna Insurance Co.

Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy, agents Manchester Assurance Co.

Your committee is informed that Mr. J. A. Metcalfe has opposed and voted against the proposal to amalgamate.

Mr. P. R. Brown states that his company, the British American Assurance Co., were at first in favor of the amalgamation, but that they have since changed their mind.

The B. C. Land & Investment Agency, agents for the Phoenix, of London, state that they, as agents, are very much opposed to the amalgamation, and that they have made representations to that effect which they hope will lead to abandonment of the proposal.

Messrs. Heisterman & Co., agents for the Western Assurance Co. and the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co., state that they have referred the Board of Trade's resolution to the house of commons, adding that personally they are not in favor of the amalgamation. They have since written stating that they have received a telegram from the Western Assurance Co., stating that they will not be in favor of the amalgamation, and that they will do their best to see that no change is made in the status of the Victoria Board of Fire Underwriters.

Mr. E. M. Johnson, agent for the Union Assurance Society, states that he has forwarded the resolution to the Canadian head office of his company. He states that although he was voted for the resolution, owing to instructions, yet he did so under protest, and that personally he is strongly opposed to the attempt to force amalgamation.

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