

LIVE TOPICS.

The Premier and Hon. T. M. Daly
Interviewed by Deputations
Yesterday.

Necessity of Disinfecting Asiatic Im-
migrants' Baggage—Songhees
Reserve—E. & N. R. E.

Yesterday afternoon Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. T. M. Daly were present at the board of trade rooms, which had been placed at their disposal for receiving deputations or individuals desirous of interviewing them. The council room of the board proving too small to hold all who wished to hear what was going on, a move was made to the general meeting hall.

A deputation consisting of the Mayor, City Clerk Dowler, Ald. Cameron and Williams, and the medical health officer, Dr. Geo. H. Duncan, were the first to wait on the Premier, in regard to

QUARANTINE MATTERS.

The Mayor introduced the subject, pointing out the necessity of strictly carrying out quarantine regulations at William Head, so as to prevent smallpox or cholera being imported from the Orient. He would leave to Dr. Duncan the explanation of what was considered necessary.

Dr. Duncan prefaced his remarks by saying that from his own personal observations of the Chinese when there had been smallpox in the city they were very hard to deal with, as they concealed their cases. He had during his visit to China and Japan last year gathered information which showed that smallpox and cholera were endemic there, and on his return had placed his information before the council, with the result that they had communicated with the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, asking that the Chinese regulations as governed at Gross Isle quarantine station, on the Atlantic coast, should be followed here. They asked that all the baggage of immigrants on vessels from Oriental ports should be disinfected. In reply the department wrote that the information was not sufficient for bringing the vessels arriving at Victoria from China and Japan under section 15 of the act, which provides:

"An infected port or country is a port or country where Asiatic cholera or other epidemic disease has been communicated to one or more persons through the medium of an infected person, personal effects, or otherwise. A port or country is not considered to be infected when a single case or small number of cases has been imported and such cases have not been communicated from such cases. At present by the newspapers it was seen that an epidemic of cholera existed in Japan, brought over there from China the soldiers of the Japanese army during the war. Cholera epidemic in both Japan and China; he learned that the health officials in Hongkong and other places, when he visited the Orient. They advised him that, to keep cholera out of this country, the baggage of all immigrants from the Orient should be thoroughly disinfected, and in fact the immigrants themselves. The mere fact of delaying a vessel a few hours should not count with the loss of life that might be occasioned by cholera being brought into the country. It would be sufficient to disinfected the baggage of the steamer passengers, he believed. He was of opinion that China should be considered as coming under section 17 of the act."

Hon. Mr. Daly, being more conversant with this branch of the business, was requested by the Premier to reply, and said that he understood from what Dr. Duncan had said that it was desired only to disinfect the steamer baggage. When two years ago it was feared that cholera might be brought into the country the baggage of all steamer passengers passing Gross Isle was disinfected. That was discontinued last year, but he was of opinion that this disinfecting was done at Gross Isle the American seaports did not take the same precaution, but though allowing steamer passengers to come in freely from their own ports stopped immigrants who came through Canadian ports, though the latter were the only ones where the sterilization of the baggage was carried out. In view of the representations made by Dr. Duncan, the matter would be communicated to the Minister of Agriculture so as to show that it was considered by Dr. Duncan's own observations that cholera was endemic in the Oriental countries, and that whether or not infectious disease was rampant at the ports of call, he (the doctor) was of opinion that the regulations must be carried out firmly and strictly. Every effort would be made to meet the wishes of Victoria in this matter. At the same time they must remember that delays to steamers were caused, but of course that could not be weighed with the fact that cholera or smallpox must be kept out. (Applause.)

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THE CITY.

THE ROAD LEADING TO BEECHY BAY IS reported strewn with large trees as a result of the recent forest fires.

The dance and sociable evening of the members of No. 1 Company of the Garrison Artillery will be on Friday evening of this week, and an early application for tickets is desirable so that the best arrangements may be made.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the members of Court Robin Hood, A.O.F., and visiting brethren at the close of the regular meeting last Thursday, songs and recitations being the order of the evening after refreshments had been served.

LEONARD MARTIN, for using obscene language toward Mrs. Babcock, of Store street, was yesterday fined \$10 and costs under the public morals by-law. He was also sentenced to the house of correction for one month, and the sentence on this count deferred dependent upon Martin's future good behavior.

The marriage of Mr. Frank Sehl, of the Post Office Inspector's office here, and Miss Lizzie Styles, daughter of ex-Alderman Styles, was celebrated in San Francisco on Thursday evening last, the bride being given away by her father, with whom she has been spending the summer in California. Both of the young people are natives of Victoria, where they have very many warm friends, and it is here that they will make their home.

THE formality of an inquest touching the death of Mrs. John Wenger having been decided necessary by the coroner, a jury, of whom Mr. M. Joseph Phillips was foreman, yesterday thoroughly sifted the facts and returned a verdict of death by carbolic acid poisoning. A note was added that "we find no evidence of suicidal intent," and the acid was taken by the unfortunate woman in mistake.

An application was yesterday made in chambers before Mr. Justice Drake, on behalf of defendants in Prevost v. Sayward and Chambers, to set aside the writ of summons, on the ground that it was issued without plaintiff's authority. The application was refused. An order was made to set aside a former order of the court. Mr. L. P. Duff for defendants, Mr. C. E. Irving for plaintiff.

REV. J. S. SWEET, rector of St. Andrew's parish, Newcastle, N.B., is to be the venerable Archbishop Sorin's successor in the vicarage of St. James' church, James Bay. Correspondence of the matter has been going on for some time between the Bishop of Columbia and Mr. Sweet with the result that recently the appointment was made. It is understood Mr. Sweet will come to Victoria some time during October, the end of the present quarter. Archbishop Sorin has as yet received no official news of the appointment.

THE funeral of the late Mr. Henry Fry took place yesterday afternoon at St. Peter's church, Quamichan, the Rev. J. H. Leakey officiating. The deceased lady had died suddenly at Vancouver, while on a visit to a friend in the family vault in the cemetery adjacent to the Quamichan church. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Horace Davis, W. V. Vinton, J. J. Dougall, Mr. Edgson, C. Eason and W. H. Lomas.

An effort is being made by a number of residents near the Oakland estate to organize a volunteer fire department in that part of town, owing to the distance from the regular fire halls. There are several fire hydrants in the district, and what is asked for is a small hose cart and 500 or 600 feet of hose and a pump to keep them in berceat. In the present of Mr. N. Sabin has offered for a site on the Gosworth road. A meeting will shortly be called to arrange about organizing and a petition will then be sent to the city council asking for the apparatus and building required.

The arrangements for the trip of members of the Board of Trade to the Kootenay country are well under way, and notification has been sent ahead by the secretary to the various places which are expected to be visited. Revelstoke, Nakusp, Robson, Nelson, Balfour, Pilot Bay, Blue Bell, Alsworth, Kailo and Trail are on the main route, with side trips to Rossland, Three Forks, the Hall Mines and other places. Those members of the board who intend going should notify the secretary by next Saturday. The likelihood is that the attendance will be as large as was expected in the first place.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the provincial conference of the W.C.T.U. opened at Nanaimo with an attendance of delegates from Victoria, Comox, Vancouver, New Westminster, North Arm and Chilliwack. Victoria is represented by sixteen ladies, the names of whom have already appeared. After the opening formalities the afternoon session was devoted to the young women's business. In the evening the president of the society read her annual address, which was followed by other addresses from different societies and churches. To-day the representatives at the conference will exhibit their addresses at the different Sabbath schools in Nanaimo.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL.

Yesterday Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. T. M. Daly had a conference with the members of the provincial cabinet, Hon. Col. Baker, Hon. C. E. Foote, Hon. G. B. Marston and Hon. D. M. Eberts being present. A number of matters relating to the interests of the province were talked over freely but informally, and one result will probably be a satisfactory settlement of the long disputed points in regard to the lands in the railway belt in the Province. After the conference the Premier and Hon. Mr. Daly were shown over the new buildings, and visited the museum, where they saw the new process for making models of fish. The visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased with what they saw. Senator Macdonald entertained Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Hon. Mr. Daly at luncheon and they dined at Government House by invitation of His Excellency the Governor-General. To-day the party left for Vancouver by the government steamer Quadra, which calls for them at Oak Bay.

Hon. Col. Baker yesterday pointed out to the Premier how useful it would be to the farming community at Comox to have the travelling dairy exhibited there, and Sir Mackenzie expressed the hope that Prof. Robertson would be able to change his arrangements so as to suit the wishes of the provincial department of agriculture.

Admiral—"I cannot understand how a man can be as fearless as you are in time of danger. You are brave to recklessness. Here: 'Humph! If you had to go home to the sort of woman I'm married to, you'd be willing to face death, too.'"

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THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Capitals Win the Intermediate Lacrosse Match at Nanaimo—Amateurs Badly Beaten.

Foulkes Captures the Championship Singles at the Tacoma Tennis Tournament.

The Capitals won the intermediate lacrosse match at Nanaimo yesterday after an extremely hard fought match. The Capitals did not waken up apparently until Nanaimo won the first two games; the Capitals protested the first game and the umpire was put off. The Capitals won the next two in short order; they won the fifth game too by superior combination. The Nanaimo team by desperate playing again won the sixth game. In the deciding game the Capitals had the best of it and after thirteen minutes fast play, scored. The players again faced each other, but after playing out the third minute, time was called with no addition to the score. To recapitulate, the Nanaimo men played first class lacrosse. For the Capitals it would be hard to individualize, as all played good, steady, brilliant lacrosse. As one of the spectators remarked, had the Capitals had one weak man on the team the game would have been lost.

SUMMARY.

Game	Won By	Scored By	Time
1	Nanaimo	10	7 min.
2	Nanaimo	10	7 min.
3	Capitals	10	7 min.
4	Capitals	10	7 min.
5	Capitals	10	7 min.
6	Nanaimo	10	7 min.
7	Capitals	10	7 min.

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THE Capitals play next Saturday at the Caledonia grounds with the Beavers of Vancouver, at the annual meeting of the Caledonia Society, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor-General.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 17.—(Special)—The Vancouver Beavers easily won the intermediate match with the Westminster Maple Leaves by a score of 4 to 1. Both teams put up a scientific game. The Vancouver combination, however, was too strong for the visitors. McDonald, Summers and Sourry deserve mention for the Beavers and the two Elkhoffs for the Maple Leaves.

SUMMARY.

Game	Won By	Scored By	Time
1	Beavers	10	15 min.
2	Beavers	10	15 min.
3	Maple Leaves	10	15 min.
4	Beavers	10	15 min.
5	Beavers	10	15 min.
6	Maple Leaves	10	15 min.

THE SENIOR MATCH.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 17.—(Special)—The Vancouver and Westminster senior lacrosse teams crossed sticks at Queen's Park, Westminster, to-day. The largest crowd of the season witnessed the match. The play throughout was very swift and scientific. In team work the Vancouver were far superior to the home team, but five star players on Westminster's team succeeded in holding the entire Vancouver team in check, virtually winning the match for the Royal City. With Vancouver's magnificent passing, catching and dodging, it seems incredible how the home team could have won, but they did win, and in grand style at that. Again, if the sphere game anywhere near the Vancouver field, Cambridge and Ryal jugged the ball through in spite of the exceedingly clever efforts of Quigley and the visitors. The defence of J. H. Senkler was particularly satisfactory. There was little roughness and no player was ruled off.

The first game was scored by Westminster after eleven minutes play Lewis scoring. Vancouver took the second game. Quigley scoring in one minute from a corner. Cambridge scored the next game for the Westminster in 24 minutes, while Williams put through the succeeding one for Vancouver in five minutes. In the fifth game an accidental swipe by Vancouver gave Westminster the goal in five minutes. The last game went to Westminster, Cambridge scoring in 20 minutes.

SUMMARY.

Game	Won By	Scored By	Time
1	Westminster	10	11 min.
2	Vancouver	10	11 min.
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YACHTING.

YESTERDAY'S YACHT RACE.

The following yachts started in the large class in yesterday's club race: Volage, Daisy Bell, Frou Frou and Dora. The course was from club house, round the San Pedro by starboard, back to the red buoy in the outer harbor, again round the San Pedro and finish at the club house. The yachts got away at 3:23 with a very light breeze, which died out before the outer wharf was reached. Here the yachts lay becalmed for over an hour. When the wind did spring up again the Volage, with her large sails set, got a good start on the others and made a good run over the course, coming in first. The Daisy Bell and Frou Frou sailed very closely for second place, which fell to the Frou Frou with the Daisy Bell third. In the half rater class only three boats started. The Plunger finished first, Edith second and Deborah third. Next Saturday the majority of yachts will go to Port Angeles to take part in the race there.

THE WHEEL.

THE V. W. C. MEETING.

Notices have been mailed to all members of the V. W. C. urging them to attend the meeting to be held on Tuesday evening next, inasmuch as especially important business will be brought up for consideration. The special committees appointed in connection with the championship of the world will be their reports, and definite action will be taken as to the best manner of conducting the campaign for good roads. Any member who fails to receive a notice will accept this intimation in lieu.

CRICKET.

VICTORIA G. C. V. THE NAVY.

At Caledonia park on Thursday next, the fashionable event of the season will be decided and with it the cricket championship of the island. The rivalry between the V. G. C. and the Royal Arthur team has been very keen during the flagship's sojourn on this station and though when they met on the cricket field earlier in the season the Victoria men gained a well earned victory,

the navy men have a record of twelve wins to offset this one defeat, and at the present time are individually and collectively in perfect cricket trim. Several of their batsmen have rattled up a high average and Hornby, their captain, has the honor of having scored one of the two centuries made this year in British Columbia. It was an excellent exhibition of free batting and though it is to be hoped that he will not repeat the performance against the home club, still no cricket enthusiast would begrudge a score to a batsman who has not as a rule enjoyed the best of luck. Great care will be taken in choosing the Victoria eleven for the committee feel that a reverse on Thursday next will leave the question of superiority answered in favor of H.M.S. Royal Arthur, and as the Victoria club will probably send an eleven to Portland towards the end of September, it would detract from the interest in their tour should they leave this city otherwise than as champions of British Columbia. Every care will be taken to make the match a great success and the supporters of both eleven, will be very much in evidence to cheer their favorites on to victory.

H. M. S. "ROYAL ARTHUR" V. ALBION.

The return match between H.M.S. Royal Arthur and Albion cricket clubs, played at the Caledonia grounds, Esquimalt, proved an easy victory for the former team by a score of 210 to 67. The Royal Arthur eleven were the first to bat and scored 210 for seven wickets when their innings was declared closed. Of this number Ommen