

## THE WORLD OF SPORT.

**"Union Gun Club" Provides an Interesting Digest of the Provincial Game Laws.**

Dunn off for California—Foulkes' Success at Tacoma—Gossip of Field and Path.

TO THE SPORTING EDITOR:—It was a move in the right direction for the Legislature in 1892 to repeal the Game act of 1890 and 1891, and to amend and consolidate the same by the enactment of "The Game Protection Act, 1892." That act was a fairly good one, making the "close season" applicable to all portions of the province on the same dates. But it was subsequently contended by some of the representatives from the Mainland that the close season to the sections of the province east of the Cascades was too restrictive. In 1893 the act was amended, making the open season for mountain sheep, deer and caribou (moose), east of the Cascade range, a month earlier; and eighteen days earlier for blue grouse and prairie fowl. The concession, though unwise, would not have been objectionable in the early days, but the changes in the mode of travelling making travel to the interior comparatively cheap and easy, brought hunters from all directions, who, together with the local sportsmen, made such havoc among the young brood of prairie fowl as almost threatened their extermination in some localities. This caused a repeal of that portion of the statute, and the act was amended in 1894, making the close season for blue grouse throughout the province. So far so good, but the numerous alterations, additions, conditions, changes of dates, etc., set forth in the various amendments to the act as it now stands, are intended as a guide to sportsmen and a simple manual to justices of the peace and constables, only tend to perplex and confuse instead of to instruct and inform. The would-be law-abiding sportsman is really at a loss to know when he is right, as without a close scrutiny of the act of 1892, '93, and '94, it is utterly impossible to say when he may consider himself safe and within the meaning of the act. The ordinary sportsman or hunter is not supposed to be a student of the law to work out enigmas, and even if he were a "game shot" at that business he might, even with a gun that would make a pattern of 240 pellets to a 30 inch circle, miss some repeating clause in the Game act, if he ever took a crack at it.

I have gone carefully through the act, and hereto a digest of the same, which I think may be safely taken as a correct guide to sportsmen.

**GAME PROTECTION ACT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

**And Amendments, to 1894.**

**It is lawful to shoot:**

Grouse—(blue, willow or ruffed), prairie fowl and partridge from 1st September to 31st January.

Ducks, from 1st September to last day February.

Goose—(except on Mainland), from 1st October to 31st January.

Deer, elk, caribou, moose, hare, mountain sheep and mountain goat, from 15th September to 31st December.

**Notes—On Mainland, East of Cascades, mountain sheep, goat and caribou, from 1st September to 31st December.**

**It is unlawful to shoot:**

Blue grouse at any time.

Pronghorn at any time.

Cow elk or cow moose at any time.

Quail, before the 1st September 1894.

**It is unlawful to buy or sell or offer for sale or expose for sale:**

Any game at any time.

Any deer under the age of twelve months at any time.

Any goat or goat any time.

Willow or ruffed grouse, before 1st October in each year.

The act in respect to the offering of deer for sale is very vague. In one section it states that deer are not permitted to be exposed for sale until 1st September, and in another section it provides that deer are not to be killed before the 15th September. This error in the act is slightly misleading, still it is only common sense to place a fair construction on the intention of the Legislature, namely, that deer are not sold until killed, and if not killed until the 15th cannot be exposed for sale on the 1st of the same month. A hunter who kills a deer before the 15th of September, and then exposes it, is exposed to section of the act which is not to be killed before the 15th September.

**UNION GUN CLUB.**

**LACROSSE.**

**THE PENNANT ON VIEW.**

The championship lacrosse pennant presented by the Hudson's Bay Co., and which was to be won this year by the Victoria twelve to the Victoria eleven, was yesterday in the windows of Weller Bros. It is about 3 1/2 feet long by 2 1/2 feet wide, the groundwork being a bluish gray on which the design appears in permanent colors. The lettering is very neat and the work throughout elegant. The British Columbia coat of arms and crossed sticks form the central design, being surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by the inscription: "Lacrosse, British Columbia Championship," while below appears the announcement: "Presented by the Hudson's Bay Co., Victoria."

**THE EXHIBITION MEETS.**

At last evening's meeting of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse Club a letter was received from Vancouver asking if the deferred-off match could be played here on or about September 1st instead of in Vancouver, the date that the attraction will be arranged. It is probable that the attraction will be arranged. A general practice is called for this evening and another for Friday, and practice will be held the first four evenings of next week. Great interest is being taken in Saturday's intermediate match here, for which the Bays have been greatly strengthened by the acquisition of Greenfield. The latest talk in lacrosse circles is of a grand national performance which will shortly be given under the auspices of the club.

**THE WHEEL.**

**LESSONS OF THE VANCOUVER MEET.**

The cyclists of British Columbia who attended the annual race meet of C. W. A. district No. 11, at Vancouver Saturday, taught the useful lesson, that more than strength and skill is required in bicycle racing, and that "headwork" plays just as important a part in the game as does speed. The few Victoria riders who competed did as well as they did in remarkable when the fact of their having no track to train on is taken into consideration. With modern facilities, Victoria could put out at any time half a dozen or more flyers capable of holding their own against any on the coast; without the track it is used for them to attempt anything. But the old hands as well as the young riders were enlightened in more than one respect at Vancouver, and as a result, provision will no doubt be made next year to meet competitors such as took the track officials by surprise on Saturday, and which had to be disposed

of while the public were kept waiting. Unfortunately all riders are not of the "square sport" variety that has many sturdy champions in the great majority of the riders familiar to race-goers in this Province. The majority referred to are the good riders who are verging toward the line which divides riding for sport and riding for profit, and who are apparently not above jockeying a likely winner if opportunity presents, so that the best man may not get the chance to win that is his right. The fact that it is no honor to take a race by questionable riding tactics is lost sight of in knowledge that bets have been won. Another point worthy of consideration, and also dealing with the safety of competitors, is in regard to the number of men who may safely be sent away at once on a track of the regulation width. Several of the races at Vancouver Saturday, filled so well that they invited accidents from start to finish, and it was a matter of guesswork whether the best men won, as those handicapped behind had no opportunity of passing the crowded front ranks even if they possessed strength and speed enough to do so. The matter of the number of limits for all important races must now be taken into serious consideration, while the simplification of conditions in obstacle races would be found advantageous all round. The officials of the Vancouver races were forced to face numerous petty difficulties which were not to have been anticipated, and to their credit it may be said that they met them well. Though the meet of '94 cannot be classed as a parallel success to its predecessor of 1893, it furnished valuable lessons of experience, with which in the possession and a good track Victoria should make the meet of '95 a triumph in every respect.

**A SPORTSMANLIKE PROPOSITION.**

**NANAIMO, Aug. 21.**—(Special.)—The Deering brothers claim that they have not been altogether fairly treated in connection with last Saturday's bicycle races at Vancouver. They entirely repudiate the instructions of unfair play on their part, and to prove their contention they now offer to ride any of the competitors in the championship race, or Bradley of Victoria, whom they especially desire to meet, on the same track and at similar distances for any of the prizes won by them, conditional upon those taking part putting up prizes of an equal value, the winner to take both prizes. The Deering will ride at any time on a fortnight's notice.

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## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

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**The Canadian General Electric Company Will Put in the Dynamos.**

The special meeting of the city council for the consideration of electric light plant tenders opened yesterday afternoon with an address from Mr. Hamilton of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., Peterboro, who explained in detail the meaning of his tender. It was found in its nature a tandem compound condensing Corliss engine and boiler, would cost \$11,500, or a cross-compound condensing Corliss engine in the plant would cost \$12,150.

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