

YOUNG SWIMMERS RACES AT GORGE

Ian St. Clair's Meeting for School Children Held Before Many People

Time was all too short on Saturday afternoon to complete the very successful programme of swimming races held by Ian St. Clair at the Gorge for the school children who have, under his instruction, learned to take care of themselves in the water. Fourteen events were contested—and keenly contested—but the final in the sculling race for boys competing for the J. B. A. A. medal was held over till next Saturday, and the consolation diving event will be held some other time.

An untoward event was the impromptu life-saving exhibition of Charles Harper who, just prior to the real event of the day, plunged into the Gorge with his clothes on to assist a girl competitor who had become exhausted and was being held up just outside her depth by two young swimmers. Mr. Harper, acting as the lifeguard, was held up by the Japanese tea barge and, swimming to her assistance, supported her till she safely made the shore. The large gathering of people at the Gorge duly appreciated Mr. Harper's taking a bath in a very demonstrative way.

The events proper were carried out very promptly. Mr. St. Clair managed the meeting excellently with the assistance of Capt. D. McIntosh, F. R. Pomfroy and others.

The Children's Aid Society took up a collection during the afternoon. Misses Joyce and Maude Bruce and Miss Francis Green acting as the collectors. They realized \$20.

Much interest was displayed in the life-saving contests, and much fun was found over the tub and barrel races, Cecil Hay being the only boy who could keep his tub beneath him. The complete result of the races are as follows:

Girls' canoe race—1, Eva Currie; 2, Carrie Burridge.

Boys' best stroke for Lieutenant-Governor's medal—1, G. Burns; 2, B. McIlvride.

Girls' best stroke—1, Miss F. McMillan; 2, Miss M. Elliott.

Diving, boys—1, F. T. Tubman; 2, H. McIlvride.

Diving, girls—1, Miss Dorothy Hay; 2, Miss D. Kerr.

Girls, under 15—1, Miss C. Townsend; 2, Miss W. Nease.

Tug-of-war in boats—1, V. Leigh, C. Hay, V. Palmer and B. McIlvride.

Boys, under 16, swimming race, 25 yards—1, R. Gray; 2, H. Palmer.

Girls, under 12—1, Miss H. Robinson; 2, Miss H. Paffitt.

Boys, under 12—1, Cecil Hay; 2, H. McIlvride.

Girls' life-saving—1, Miss D. Kerr; 2, Miss W. Walker.

Boys' life saving—1, V. Leigh; 2, C. Reads.

Tub race—1, Cecil Hay.

Barrel race—1, D. Deacon; 2, V. Palmer.

EASTERN LACROSSE.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Four thousand people on Saturday witnessed the exciting game and Montreal lighted out to a long-drawn finish in their second scheduled game in the lacrosse union race. The result was a win in the last fifteen seconds for Tecumehs by a score of 6 to 4.

Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The Capitals made their tenth effort to win a game on Saturday, but met with their tenth defeat, the Shamrocks winning by a score of 10 to 8.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—Toronto ran away from Cornwall in the game here Saturday winning by a score of 9 to 1. Toronto scored seven of their goals in the first half.

TOURING JOURNALISTS.

Representatives of British Newspapers Arrive at Montreal From Maritime Provinces.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Twelve British journalists, eager and anxious to study, see and afterwards describe the Dominion, arrived in Montreal on Saturday night after a week's trip in the Maritime provinces which completed the first part of their pilgrimage. The primary object of their visit to see Canada is being fulfilled satisfactorily and their views upon what they have seen are favorable. To-day the party will dine at the St. James Club by Sir Hugh Graham, at which they are meeting representatives of newspaper editors of Montreal. To-day the party will visit the MacDonald College. To-night they will leave for Ottawa and will finish their trip to the coast at the end of September. In each province a representative of that province will travel with the party and furnish to the newspapermen information upon the many subjects to be dealt with.

FOUND DEAD.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 21.—Capt. Frank T. Thornton, commanding 63rd company, United States Coast Artillery, was found dead in his quarters at Fort Worden on Saturday. Death had apparently been due to an overdose of bromidia. On a dresser in his room was found a partly empty bottle of the drug, which officers say Thornton had used to check an attack of insomnia. Captain Thornton was under arrest in his quarters at the time of his death, for some alleged infraction of military discipline. When he failed to appear for breakfast Saturday morning, his quarters were searched and the body was found.

WAR ON LOAN SHARKS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The Curtis bill regulating the loan of money in the District of Columbia, and designed to wipe out the "loan shark" business in government departments, was passed Saturday by the senate.

TWO DEAD.

French Aviator and Pupil Die From Bullet Wounds.

London, Aug. 21.—Pierre Prier, a French aviator and his pupil, M. Hanot, died to-day of pistol shot wounds, sustained Saturday at the London Aerodrome.

Hanot, who is believed to have been rendered suddenly insane by the heat, fired at M. Chereau, manager of M. Bleriot, but the bullet went wild and struck Prier. Realizing what he had done, Hanot turned the revolver on himself and fired twice and afterwards tried to cut his throat with a razor.

Prier last April flew from London to Paris in an aeroplane without stopping. He made the 290 miles in four hours and eight minutes, which at that time was a record.

LOCAL AMATEURS BEAT WESTMINSTER

The Lacrosse Team's Work Showed Improvement Over That of Two Weeks Ago

The local amateur lacrosse team administered a severe defeat to the Westminster aggregation on Saturday and effectually set at rest any doubt of its right to another chance at the league leaders. The ground was heavy, making fast play difficult, and a drizzling rain made things decidedly unpleasant, but despite the unfavorable conditions the brand of lacrosse was good. Victoria outclassed Westminster in every quarter and won 7 to 0.

A fair crowd of fans assembled at the Royal Athletic park, although, as was to be expected, the attendance was not as good as it has been on many previous occasions, owing to the threatening weather and the counter-attraction at Oak Bay. Those who did attend the match went away satisfied that they had received their money's worth. Although the homesters did not have to extend themselves to gain a victory their work showed distinct improvement over that of a couple of weeks ago, when Vancouver showed them up so badly.

Nevertheless they have still some distance to go before they can claim to be on a level with Vancouver in every department and they will have to cover that ground if they are to win from the Terminal City twelve in their next match. As has been said, the play on the home is weak. With the exception of one or two, the players in that section of the team seem to be lazy; they do not get on with the same vim and dash as in some of their previous games. And again they depend too much on one man; if Captain Clute were taken out the home would not know what to do. On the other hand, the defence is all that can be desired, and with a little strengthening in the offensive division Victoria would be invincible.

G. B. Bjornfelt, the Swedish consultant here, who was present at the game in company with his wife and Bro. Florman, the Vancouver sportsman who is promoting the European tour next year, faced off the ball.

When the crash came most of the people on the board the Chieftain were rescued, but Mrs. Haggerty, the cook, and her daughter are supposed to have been killed in their berths, but the others were drowned.

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RAIL CLUB FOR NEW WESTMINSTER

Work of Organization is Under Way—Improvement of Roads

New Westminster, Aug. 19.—At the instigation of W. J. Kerr, who has just returned from Portland, Ore., where he was present at the Pacific Highway meeting, many of the principal owners of cars in Westminster assembled in St. George's hall, when with Dr. A. J. Holmes as chairman, it was unanimously decided to form an automobile club in this city.

The city council with neighboring municipal bodies are to be brought into line, and show where they fall down on the good roads proposition. The principal citizens of the Royal City backing up the protests, it is safe to predict that matters will take a turn and mend with the assistance of public money for a laudable purpose.

So that everything might be in order, Sheriff Armstrong moved, and Alderman Lynch seconded, the first motion, "That an automobile club for this city be formed." This was carried, and Dr. A. J. Holmes appointed as first president of an organization which promises to carry out a deal of good work.

The Sheriff, with Alderman Lynch and Eric Chief Watson were elected a committee to carry out the initial work of organization. K. C. Eastman was chosen honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to fix up sign and danger posts between Westminster and Vancouver as well as on the Pacific highway. These will be about two feet square with black lettering on a white background with a salmon, and the word Westminster on red at centre.

The chairman was of the opinion that the members should combine and seek an interview with the city council regarding the condition of many of the roads of the city, especially in the city limits.

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It would be interesting to know, Mr. Editor, how the city solicitor's word was so potent in getting this contract, involving the expenditure of thousands of dollars of the city's money, practically railroad through the council in the face of the fact that a resolution had been passed stating that in the event of the lowest tender not complying with conditions regarding bond, etc., the contract should be given to the next lowest bidder.

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FOUR LOSE LIVES WHEN TUG SINKS

Vessel Goes Down in the St. Lawrence After Collision With Steamer

Quebec, Aug. 21.—Four people met death shortly after one o'clock this morning on the St. Lawrence river when a collision took place between the Steamer Hero and the tug Chieftain.

The Hero was bound down and the Chieftain when brought down a raft to Quebec, on its way up. As a result of the collision the Chieftain was sunk.

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Gold, like the sun, which melts wax and hardens clay, expands souls and contracts bad hearts.—Rivaroli.

OUR LETTER BOX

SEA WALL CONTRACT.

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ISLANDS MAIL SERVICE.

To the Editor:—We enclose herewith copy of a letter sent to the editor of the Colonist in reply to an article in Wednesday's issue headed, "Seek Better Mail Service." The article in question is not calculated to do us any good, inasmuch as it is untrue, which fact we can prove at any time. We shall be glad if you can find space in the next issue for the letter that we put to the editor of the Colonist, with his usual unfairness, has evidently refused to insert this, as no mention is made of this letter either in to-day's issue or in yesterday's.

We would also draw your attention to the fact that A. E. Hicks, member of the firm of Jarvis & James, evidently not enquired into by the Colonist on the same subject; but, as in our case, this letter was not dealt with in any way whatever. We are Yours truly,

BECKETT & MAJOR, Agents and Part Owners.

To the Editor of the Colonist:—We observe from a report in the Colonist of the 14th inst. that the residents of the Gulf Islands are up in arms because of the unsatisfactory nature of the mail service. You also state for the residents that the residents of the Gulf Islands are up in arms because of the unsatisfactory nature of the mail service. You also state for the residents that the residents of the Gulf Islands are up in arms because of the unsatisfactory nature of the mail service.

We are in a position to state that the complaint as to the delivery of the mail is very much exaggerated, and in fact we can confidently say that the majority of the residents on the Gulf Islands are satisfied.

With due respect to Mr. Dean, we would ask him to produce one case where the mail has been lost when carried by our boat and we would very much like to know what is his reason for being so much in favor of the C. P. holders of the present contracts. We are giving a regular service and the agents of the "Tulad" report that since the boat has been overhauled and placed on the run again they have not received a single complaint in reference to the manner in which the mails are being handled.

"TULAD". BECKETT & MAJOR, Agents and Part Owners.

TESTING PLACERS.

Revelstoke, Aug. 19.—Should the test work which E. A. Bradley intends doing in the near future on the Pioneer placer mines, Big Bend, produce the results confidently expected, this city will once again put on its old time show of prosperity.

Old French creek is where these placers are situated. Prospectors have only touched the edge of it and taken away the top of it, and the introduction of machinery. For years owing to the natural difficulties that require to be overcome this country has been practically abandoned by capitalists. Mr. Bradley and associates have expended upwards of \$150,000 in exploring and developing the lower end of the creek, and it is the intention to test the gravel by the use of a big Keystone drill.

Afterwards the rioters marched in the town and broke into the offices of a justice of peace who had read the riot act, and threw his goods into the street.

When the police and troops dispersed the rioters, they again returned to the freight sheds and set fire to them. As the flames were licking up the building a series of explosions occurred.

The troops charged and drove back the rioters, and then put out the blaze. Later search of the ruins revealed the three bodies.

Both in the streets and at the railway sheds the soldiers were compelled to make a number of bayonet charges, and many persons, including women and children, were injured.

Edmonds, Aug. 19.—Patrick Keenan, the penitentiary guard who shot Chas. Legg under the mistaken impression that he was an escaped convict, was arraigned for trial before a higher court by Magistrate Walker. Keenan will be allowed out on bail.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and the fact that a number of the members of the 5th Regiment are attending a drill at Ottawa, there was a good attendance at the Glover Point range on Saturday. The 600-yard range shot in a pouring rain, which spoiled what otherwise would have been good scores. Following are the principal scores:

First Class. 200 500 600 TL.

*Sergt. Doyle 33 38 29 36

Sgt. A. Richardson 31 31 38

Gr. Edmunds 27 33 28 39

Sergt. Smith 27 33 28 38

Sergt. de Carteret 29 30 27 37

Sergt. A. Richardson 31 29 37 31

C. Q. M. S. Hatcher 29 29 28 36

Lieut. A. Robertson 30 21 25 36

Corp. Harness 23 23 27 35

Second Class. 200 500 600 TL.

Lieut. A. E. Robertson 29 28 28 39

Gr. Pike 32 22 27 31

Gr. McGibson 25 25 25 33

Gr. Culross 27 27 18 32

Gr. Berry 29 29 12 30

Honorary. 200 500 600 TL.

Mr. Blomfield 23 23 28 34

Mr. Galt 23 23 28 34

"Spoon win".

AGED 108.

London, Aug. 19.—Accompanied by her youngest son, a frisky youngster of 66, Mrs. Rebecca Clarke, who at the age of 108, claims the distinction of being England's oldest woman, attended the funeral of her husband, who died in her honor. Mrs. Clarke looks half her age, can read, without glasses, is blessed with vigor, health and perfect hearing.

In fact, in such a remarkable state of preservation is she that some of the most eminent medical men of the Empire have become interested and are busily engaged in examining and comparing notes upon this interesting old personage.

NEW AVIATION RECORD.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—W. G. Beatty, in a Wright biplane, beat the world's record for duration while carrying a passenger by flying 4,478 feet, there was a total of 3 hours 28 minutes. The former record was made by Amerigo, at Mulhausen, Germany, December 11, 1910, when he carried a passenger 3 hours 19 minutes and 37 seconds. Beatty's actual elapsed time in the air as computed by the official timers was 3 hours 42 minutes 21-3 seconds. He rose at 1:30 and descended at 7:08:23.

While the official announcement from the contest committee was received without doubt here after it had been learned that O. A. Brindley, officially reported to have flown to a height of 11,200 feet, instead of the 10,000 feet which was the official height, there was little doubt that the Beatty figures were approximately correct.

The speed contest for biplanes was taken by Eugene Ely after a sharp brush with Lincoln Beachey. He made the twelve miles in 13 minutes 47 seconds, Beachey's time being 14 minutes and 22 seconds. The fastest mile and a third lap was made by Ely in 1:30.33.

The record for a dip nearly every morning and was a good swimmer. It is believed that she took cancer while some distance out from the shore and was unable to return. Coroner Jelfs was notified and will make an investigation. The deceased was a widow and lived with her son at the above address.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE.

Cordova, Alaska, Aug. 21.—Word was received here to-day of the narrow escape from drowning of Prof. R. S. Tarr and Lawrence Martin, glacier experts sent out by the Smithsonian Institute to study the glacial system of Alaska.

While crossing the Big Delta river on their way to Fairbanks the swift current nearly upset their wagon and Prof. Tarr and Prof. Martin had to jump. They landed in the middle of the turbulent stream and after a difficult struggle managed to reach shore. They were completely exhausted when they got to shore and had lost all their field notes containing much valuable data and their cameras together with valuable films.

Vancouver, Aug. 21.—The body of Mrs. Mary Hill King, of 132 Fourth street, was found on Saturday at Kitsilano beach floating in the water near the shore.

Mrs. King had been in the habit of going to the bay for a dip nearly every morning and was a good swimmer. It is believed that she took cancer while some distance out from the shore and was unable to return. Coroner Jelfs was notified and will make an investigation. The deceased was a widow and lived with her son at the above address.

AUTO FATALITY.

Lafayette, Cal., Aug. 21.—F. H. Martin, of Stockton, Cal., was instantly killed and five other persons were seriously injured in an automobile accident here last night. The driver is Mr. and Mrs. Harley R. Wiley and their daughter, Elizabeth, of Berkeley, and Martin's two daughters, Jean and Lois.

The Martins were the guests of the Wileys at Berkeley and the two families were driving in Martin's car. The car turned out to allow a bus to pass and struck a dip near a bridge, broke up and ran over a bridge, broken embankment. Martin's neck was fractured and he died. The others probably will recover.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Chesterfield, Va., Aug. 21.—Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., arrived at the Chesterfield county courthouse to-day to answer the charge of killing his wife in a motor car on a turnpike near Richmond a month ago and the stage was set for the opening of one of the most spectacular trials in the history of Virginia.

There were all sorts of rumors of postponements or continuances, but with more than 60 witnesses subpoenaed by the Commonwealth and a venire of 32 taxmen en route to the courthouse, the crowd began to assemble early hoping to catch a glimpse of the merchant's son charged with shooting his young wife as they motored near Richmond on the night of July 15.

The following companies have been granted certificates of incorporation: Alberni Lime & Brick Co., Ltd.; Canadian General Trusts Corporation, Ltd.; Forty-Acre Farms, Ltd.; Green-Richardson Company, Ltd.; Kloeppel, Speers & Evans, Ltd.; National Mercantile Co., Ltd.; Orchard Home Development Co. of British Columbia, Ltd.; Pillsbury Milling Co., Ltd.; R. B. Johnson, Ltd.; Riggs-Higgins, Ltd.; Victoria Shoe Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Yuen Yoo Society.

The Investment Corporation of Canada, Ltd., extra-provincial, has been licensed, and the North American Timber Holding Co., registered in Ontario.

Appointments made included W. H. M. May, Nelson, to be an inspector of schools; George M. Blakney, Vancouver, to be a notary public; Frank J. Stacopole, K.C., Victoria, to be a notary public and a commissioner for taking affidavits.

WILL ASCENT MOUNT RAINIER.

Vancouver, Aug. 19.—The ascent of Mount Rainier, the mighty peak which rears its snow-covered summit above the neighbors in the Cascade range, will be undertaken by a party of members of a distinguished and leisurely-made trip across the continent.

The head of the party is Victor de Flers. He is accompanied by his countess de Flers, his wife, and Count Amadeus de Flers and Count Marcel de Flers, and Baron and Baroness de Flers.

Arrangements for the ascent of Mount Rainier have been left in the hands of Count de Furene, the French consul in Seattle. Their itinerary includes a trip through Yellowstone National park.

EAGLES GATHER.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 21.—The fore nightfall it is expected, there will be in this city fully 35,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and their friends. The establishment of a woman's auxiliary and the changing of the minimum age limit from 18 to 21 years are other subjects of importance that will come before the delegates.