Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY & PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—According to a dispatch from Toronto six carloads of live stock, valued at $10,000, have been shipped by the Live Stock Association to this province.

—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Nell Thursday afternoon was a Chinese contractor, who came south to engage a crowd of Chinese for the northern canneries.

—At Sir William Wallace hall last evening an enjoyable time was spent by the members of Primrose Lodge and their friends. Dancing was indulged in, after which refreshments were served.

—A meeting of the Fish & Game Protective Society will be held on Wednesday evening next at the rooms of the Tourist Association. Already the sum of $200 has been subscribed to the new organization's funds.

—The loss in the fire in the Perry residence and the premises adjoining yesterday will total about $2,500. Mr. Perry's house was insured for $1,000 and the furniture for $1,500. A considerable portion of the latter was saved.

—R. W. Riddell, book-keeper for Saunders' Grocery Co., has taken over the book debts, stock in trade and business generally of Erskine, Wall & Co., who recently made an assignment. Mr. Riddell will assume charge on Monday. The store has always been regarded a first-class grocery, and it is Mr. Riddell's intention to maintain that reputation.

—The remains of the late Alex Baillie were interred Thursday afternoon, the funeral taking place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Services were conducted there and at the graveside by Rev. Leslie Clay. There were many handsome floral offerings. The pallbearers were: Messrs John Ross, John Richmond, T. Moffatt and A. Stewart.

—Bulletin No. 12, which has just been issued by the department of agriculture, contains a great deal of information of interest and profit to fruit growers. It deals with locality, selection of a site, soil, preparing the land, laying out an orchard, when to plant, planting, ages of trees for planting, pruning and shaping the tree and other matters, which it is essential fruit growers should know.

—A charge of using abusive and threatening language has been preferred against Samuel Mottishaw, of the Ladysmith branch of the Western Federation of Miners. The information is laid at the instance of W. Smith, H. Carroll and Moses Woodburn, three miners who gave evidence before the royal commission. It is alleged that Mottishaw used the language complained of to them. The case will come up at Ladysmith on Tuesday next.

—Friday about 1 o'clock the members of the fire department had another encounter with fire. A blaze broke out in the two-story frame building occupied by Mr. Hagan, at 138 Pembroke street. Before checked the roof was pretty well damaged, but otherwise the place suffered little. The fire apparatus had just returned from the scene when a second alarm recalled them to the place, a recurrence of the fire having required the attention of the department for a short time.

—The habeas corpus application brought by James Murray to recover the custody of his adopted daughter Violet from his wife came up before Mr. Justice Walkem on Friday. His Lordship granted an order appointing Mr. Murray guardian of the girl. Geo. Morphy appeared for the father; S. P. Mills, K. C., represented Mrs. Murray. In Price vs. Falconer (County court), His Lordship granted a mutual order for interrogatories. H. B. Robertson for plaintiff; Geo. Morphy, contra.

—The school children have taken up the generous donation of one thousand packages of flower seeds from Messrs. Brackman & Ker with the greatest enthusiasm. The seeds have been distributed and the children are now at work cultivating the plots which their parents are glad to place at their disposal. That the interest will be sustained there is no doubt, because this is essential in the race for the commendation which will fall to the pupil who first presents his or her teacher with a bouquet of flowers raised from the seeds.

—The B. C. Review, of London, says that "the agent-general for British Columbia, the Hon. J. H. Turner, gave an illustrated lecture on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Leigh, Lancashire, in which he referred to the great resources and the many attractions of his province, to which he gives the title, 'Britain of the Pacific.' This lecture, at which the mayor presided, was very largely attended, and many complimentary remarks thereon appeared in the local press. On the same evening Mr. Turner spoke at the fifth annual dinner of the Leigh and District Master Builders' Association."

—John Maclaren, whose death occurred at Kamloops on Wednesday, was recently in this city, having spent April and part of May with his brothers-in-law, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Thornton Fell. He left here for the Mainland, and while inspecting for timber up the North Thompson river, fifty miles from Kamloops, met with an accident which resulted fatally. Mr. Maclaren was the second son of the late James Maclaren, of Buckingham, known as "the Ottawa lumber king." He intended to make large investments in this province. He built the Ross-Maclaren mill near New Westminster twelve years ago, and had extensive mining interests in Kootenay and Sudbury. He also owned two large factories in Brockville and mills on the Ottawa river. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian church, and intended to attend the meeting of the general assembly in Vancouver in June. He became ill in January, and came to this city to recuperate. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss.

—E. J. Wall has severed his connection with the business lately carried on by Erskine, Wall & Co., having accepted the management of the Windsor Grocery Co., and also of the Windsor Cellar and Bottling Department of the Windsor hotel.

—On Tuesday evening, May 26th, Rev. R. B. Blyth will visit No. 2 Council of Royal Templars of Temperance in his official capacity of grand councillor. A full attendance of the members is requested as business of importance will be transacted.

—The municipal court of revision will resume its sitting in the council chamber on Wednesday next, when they will complete the work before them. There are only two or three more appeals to be dealt with. Most of the reductions this year have been in improvements, very few changes having been made in the land assessments.

—The prize advertisement competition instituted by the E. & N. Railway Company was won by T. S. Mills, of Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy. The judge, after submitting the best specimens to the editorial staffs of the Times and Colonist, declared the one produced by Mr. Mills to be the prize winner. The prize is a season ticket over the line.

—Arrangements have been made for a regatta at Seattle under the auspices of the University of Washington on Monday, June 1st, and an invitation has been extended to crews of the J. B. A. A. to participate. It is probable that a junior crew will be sent over. Among the events will be a Peterboro canoe race, in which a number of Victorians will likely figure as contestants.

—Preparations for the next exhibition, which is to be held here from October 6th to the 10th, are already under way. A meeting of the prize committee will take place on Friday next. It is the intention to introduce many new and attractive features this year, and everybody is imbued with a determination to make the show a success. R. H. Swinerton, the secretary, will get into harness at once, and undoubtedly will perform the duties devolving on him with credit.

—The musical given on Thursday by the Misses Scowcroft was a pronounced success in every particular. The programme was first class, and was much enjoyed by the large number present. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted the Misses Scowcroft in the programme: Mrs. G. J. Burnett, Miss Baker, Miss Nora McCoy, the Misses Stoddart, Mrs. J. Manville Williams, of Galville, Wash., and Messrs. Scowcroft, Okell, Gordon and Longfield. While every number was well received, especial enthusiasm greeted Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Williams in their singing, Miss Stoddart and J. Lonfield in their violin duet, and Miss Nora McCoy in her reciting.

—A passenger from Van Anda, Texada island, reports that the whole northern end of that island, for a distance of fifteen miles south, has been staked off by different prospectors, and a number of very promising leads have been discovered. The Chehalis mine is working; the Royal Flush has six men engaged, and the management is looking forward to increasing the number by twenty men; the Gold Boy is operating, and the tramway from Cornwall mine, for the Van Anda Copper & Gold Company, is nearing completion. Work, too, has been begun on the new bunkers at that point. A. Raper, J. P., is among those who has recently staked off a number of promising prospects on the island.

—An entertainment under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity and in aid of their fund towards the children's ward and other improvements at the Jubilee hospital will be given in the theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday next. A series of scenes from "Alice in Wonderland" will be presented, and an evening pleasurable to all attending is promised. A large committee, headed by Mrs. E. J. Tilton and Miss C. Neven, have for some time been preparing costumes, while a number of very pretty dances for children have been arranged by Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Herbert Kent and Mrs. Simpson. Special scenery has also been arranged, and altogether nothing has been overlooked in the preparation of a splendid programme.

—The death occurred early on Saturday at the Jubilee hospital of Captain F. Gatter, the well known Puget Sound pilot for Dodwell & Co.'s steamers. Deceased has been ailing for the past three weeks from heart disease, and came to this city about a fortnight ago to enter the hospital. He was about 63 years of age. He was widely acquainted in Victoria and on the Sound, and the news of his demise will be received with general regret. For the past twelve years he has followed the shipping business on this coast, and has been a frequent visitor to this city. A family of three daughters, who reside at Tacoma, and two sons, one of whom is employed at the Northern Pacific railway office, Vancouver, and the other on the steamer Majestic, as engineer, survive him. The funeral will be announced later.

THOUSANDS OF MOTHERS

Recommend Baby's Own Tablets. "I would not be without them," is a very familiar sentence in their letters to us. The Tablets get this praise simply because no other medicine has ever done so much in relieving and curing the minor ills of infants and young children.

Mrs. Levi Perry, Roseway, N. S., says: "I take great pleasure in recommending Baby's Own Tablets for colic and constipation. I have never found anything to equal them for these troubles." Besides curing colic, constipation and indigestion, Baby's Own Tablets prevent croup, break up colds, expel worms, allay the irritation accompanying the cutting of teeth, sweeten the stomach and promote health-giving sleep. Guaranteed to contain neither opiates nor other harmful drugs. Sold at 25 cents a box by all druggists or may be had by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

JUDGE WALKEM ON CURTIS CHARGES

FULL TEXT OF THE REPORT TO THE HOUSE

Commissioner Rules That Government Be Exonerated as Result of His Investigation.

The following is the full text of the report on the Smith Curtis charges made by the commissioner, Mr. Justice Walkem:

Victoria, B. C., May 13th, 1903.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir:—Certain charges of malversation of office, or political corruption, having been preferred during the last session of the legislative assembly against the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir, the then Premier of the province, and his colleagues, by Mr. Curtis, an honorable member of the House, with a request that a select committee should be appointed to inquire into their truth, the House decided that the enquiry should be held before a royal commission, and His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, having concurred therein, was pleased to appoint me to act as sole commissioner for the purpose mentioned. Having held the inquiry, I have now the honor to report the result of it for the information of honorable members of the House.

The first, and main, charge is, in substance, that Mr. Dunsmuir, while Premier, agreed, in order to enhance the value of his railway and other personal interests on Vancouver Island, to give the Canadian Northern Railway Company an excessive provincial subsidy in money and land for the purpose of assisting them to extend their eastern railway system through the province to the waters of Bute Inlet, and, ultimately, to the city of Victoria. The principal evidence which Mr. Curtis produced with a view of proving that the subsidy was excessive—for that is what is complained of—is contained in the following replies, which he elicited when examining Mr. Dunsmuir. (See evidence pp. 694, 695):

Question.—I asked you a fair question, and I will repeat it, when the railway is built or sections of it built, so that land is open, what in your opinion is a fair value per acre of that land so earned? Answer.—It all depends on the quality of the land.

Question.—Is it worth $2 per acre? Answer.—I don't know what it is worth—whatever you can get for it, that is what it is worth; it is worth nothing the way it is now, not worth 10 cents an acre.

These questions were put by Mr. Curtis on the assumption, which he contended was correct, that the worth to the province of every portion of the land promised to the company would be its marketable value when it was conveyed to them by a crown grant. Such a contention, although ingenious and plausible, is obviously fallacious, for it means, in effect, that the province should be credited, for one reason that has been suggested, with the increase caused in its value by the company's expenditure in constructing the railway through it. Such a meaning is opposed to the true construction of the agreement. For instance, according to that document, the government, in effect, say to the company: "We will give you in aid of the extension of your railway, and at progressive stages of the work, a certain cash bonus, plus a certain acreage of wild land, per mile of line completed. At the outset, we will appropriate this land to your exclusive use by publicly reserving it on your behalf for railway purposes, until you become entitled to crown grants for it, and then give you a conditional title to it."

The land being at this time in its wild state would, according to Mr. Dunsmuir's evidence, above quoted, be "worth nothing—not ten cents an acre," and hence be a valueless asset to the province. The implemental part of the subsidy, namely, the cash bonus, was not impeached. Consequently, the allegation that the subsidy, as a whole, was excessive has not been proved. It necessarily follows that the charge of corruption made against Mr. Dunsmuir, as well as that made against his colleagues, as being alleged parties to that corruption, has not been established.

With respect to the next charge, namely, that the government improperly employed Mr. Greenshields as its legal adviser in the matter of the railway negotiations with the company, notwithstanding the fact, which they were aware of, that he was at the time acting in that capacity for the company, I need only say that the weight of evidence is against it.

Many newspaper articles and reports of the speeches made by ministers and others at public meetings held during Col. Prior's election campaign, as a candidate to represent this city in your assembly, were produced; but I held them to be irrelevant, inasmuch as it was plainly my duty, as the charges I had to consider were charges of corruption, to be guided only by such evidence, given one way or the other, as would be admissible in a court of justice, when dealing with similar charges.

There is a proviso in the draft agreement that it should be void if not confirmed by the House. Even if this proviso had not been inserted it would, constitutionally speaking, have been implied, for no grant of public lands or revenue can be made without the assent of the House. The proviso is, consequently, a recognition of this rule—a rule which ministers must have known was meant to protect the interests of the public.

I herewith forward the evidence which I took during the inquiry. It consists of three thousand folios of type-written matter and very numerous exhibits. I have carefully examined all of it since the close of the investigation for the purpose of arriving, if possible, at a correct conclusion as to its effect, and I respectfully submit this report to honorable members of the House as the result of that examination.

I had intended to send it to the House within the first few days of its present sittings, but my judicial duties, here and on circuit, as well as two subsequent very severe and protracted attacks of illness have prevented me from doing so until now.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. A. WALKEM,

Commissioner.

VICTORIA, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

To the Editor:—The proposition made by the president of the C. P. R. to the ratepayers of this city, to build a large 300-roomed hotel on certain conditions, upon the so-called mud flats, will be in the minds of all citizens interested in the welfare of our city for some time to come, owing to the fact that the whole affair is a public one.

As a resident of this city for nearly 22 years, this is the first time that I adopted the plan to write to the press, but I consider the present position of our fair city in the greatest danger to entertain the proposition made by the president of the C. P. R. for only a minute. Some years ago we had industries in Victoria in a flourishing condition, work was to be had for all comers; we had no need for poorhouse, no necessity to call for assistance to families or men. The Albion Iron Works gave work to hundreds of mechanics; other factories gave employment to scores of men. We knew of no dull times. No matter what business a person was to follow, no matter what occupation was taken up by any one, we all did well. We all have seen better days of years gone by in this our city. So much for the past.

As to the present time, it is useless to comment upon that. We all know only too well how everyone is situated. But one thing is certain, our present condition and the prosperity of our city could be greatly improved. Now comes the question: How is this to be done? Will the building of a C.P.R. tourist hotel better condition of our city? Will this be done? That is the question. We all know how Victoria has been treated in the past by this great corporation. It is absolutely necessary to abandon the proposition by all fair-minded citizens and try and adopt another principle, that to be the only true and business principle for us to take up and act immediately, unanimously, like one man. Let us as citizens of Victoria work towards another company of great standing and make an "iron cast" agreement if possible that will be lasting forever, and that will be of the greatest benefit to everyone who is so fortunate or unfortunate to possess property in the city of Victoria. We are aware of the fact that the Grand Trunk railway is building towards this coast. If the proper inducements are given to this company by the ratepayers of this city there is no doubt that the dreams of old timers will be realized in the future, to have direct railroad connection with the East via Seymour narrows. If the city of Victoria offers a good, substantial proposition to the G. T. R. Company in various ways, there is no doubt in my mind that the company will entertain the matter and take up the building into this city, to place us in a better position than any of our sister cities, as Vancouver, Seattle or Tacoma. The mud flats could be reserved and offered to the Grand Trunk Railroad Company as a hotel site. The Indian reserve, situated in Victoria West, will soon be the property of our city, and could be offered the company to be used for their terminal buildings, and for railroad purposes in general. A cash offer of a substantial nature of a million or more dollars could be given to the company for another inducement to come to our city direct. Let us consider between the two railroad corporations, and in a twinkle it must be seen which is the best, and which of the two is of benefit for everlasting to all Victorians concerned. I know for a positive fact that not one man would object to having his taxes increased to raise this large sum. Every one should be willing to assist to pay the interest on this money and create a sinking fund to eventually pay off the same. We are only too glad to do it if we can better our conditions from the present state of affairs. I am satisfied that a large sum could be collected independently from some of our more fortunate ratepayers if it could be proven to them that the great dream is to come to pass. If we all "pull" on the one rope, with a long and strong "pull," we must succeed, and once more enter into the long-forgotten prosperity that we enjoyed in the good old days of years gone by.

HENRY F. W. BEHNSEN.

LIPTON'S YACHTS

Will Sail For United States on Thursday Next.

Glasgow, May 22.—Sir Thomas Lipton's squadron of four vessels will sail for the United States on May 28th, two days ahead of time. Sir Thomas himself will sail for New York between June 15th and 20th.

Reliance's Performance.

Lamlash, Island of Arran, Scotland, May 22.—Leading Clyde yachtmen in this vicinity were somewhat staggered by the cabled reports of Reliance's fine performance against Columbia yesterday. They express the opinion that the new boat is a more formidable antagonist than previous reports indicated.

CARD FROM NORTH.

Steamer J. L. Card arrived yesterday from northern British Columbia ports with a small freight. She brought no passengers. She reports that on the Naas some fishing is being done, and that by the end of this week cannery operations would, it was thought, be begun. The steamer will sail again to-night.

HOW LONG HAVE YOUR KIDNEYS BEEN SICK?—Here's South American Kidney Cure evidence that's convincing: "I am a new man—three bottles cured me." "Five bottles cured me of Diabetes." "I never expected to be cured of Bright's Disease, but half a dozen bottles did it." "I thought my days were numbered, but this great remedy cured me." It never fails. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—134.

Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

CAPITAL VS. CUMBERLAND.

From present indications it is not likely that a final match will be played between the Capital and Cumberland teams for the intermediate championship of the province. Word has been received from Cumberland stating that arrangements could be made to go to Nanaimo on Saturday. On inquiry, however, it appears that the local club will be unable to get together a strong team for that day. Under these circumstances the probability is that the trophy will remain in the hands of the executive this season.

GOLF.

SEATTLE TOURNEY.

The first open tournament of the Seattle Golf and Country Club commenced yesterday, and is being continued to-day. To-morrow will be the last day of the tourney. The programme is an exceedingly attractive one, providing for nine different events, some of which continue from day to day, and the others completed on the day started. These are women's open championship, men's open championship, women's foursomes, men's foursomes, putting contest, approaching contest, men's singles, women's singles and driving contest. Several Victorians are taking part in the tournament.

BASEBALL.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

Victoria baseball team won a decided victory in last night's match with the Tacoma Greys, the score being 9 to 0. At first it appeared as if the match was to be close, but Holness did such remarkably good work that the visitors were unable to find his curves. On the other hand Hall, the Tacoma pitcher, while having good control, had not speed, and the local boys did not find it difficult to land on the ball. With Shirby, Tacoma's crack twirler, in the box, this afternoon's game should be more even.

There was no score until the second inning, when the local team opened their account by making two. Goward and Haynes were those successful in rounding the diamond. Both made single base hits.

It was on the occasion of Victoria's third turn at the bat that Chase made the hit of the evening, knocking a long fly over the left fielder's head and making an easy home run. McConnell made a two-bagger, which was followed by Burnes with another double, which scored McConnell. Two runs for the locals was the result of this inning.

After the refiring of the visiting team in the fourth, Goward added another to the local team's score on coming to bat. The fifty was a repetition. Tacoma retired and Victoria scored one, McConnell doing the work. Neither side scored in the sixth or the seventh.

In the eighth the visiting team again failed to score, and Victoria added three runs to the account. McConnell started out by sending a long fly to left field, followed by Burnes with a single. Moore made another nice hit, capturing second. Haynes then came to the rescue and smashed one past the second baseman, which brought in Goward and Moore, and placed himself on third. Holness followed with a hit which scored Haynes's run. Smith retired the side on a fly hit to left. Tacoma made a final effort in the ninth inning, but was unsuccessful. The summary follows:

Victoria.

	a.b.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Smith, c.	5	0	2	13	0	1
Rithet, 1 b.	4	0	0	7	0	0
Chase, 3 b.	4	1	2	2	0	0
McConnell, s. s.	4	2	2	2	3	1
Burnes, c. f.	4	0	3	1	1	0
Moore, l. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Goward, r. f.	4	3	2	0	0	0
Haynes, 2 b.	4	2	1	2	2	1
Holness, p.	4	0	1	0	2	0
	36	9	14	27	8	3

Tacoma.

	a.b.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Gibbs, 2 b.	3	0	1	3	1	0
Meutzer, 1 b.	3	0	1	6	0	1
Williamson, 3 b.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Teats, c. f.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Votaw, s. s.	4	0	0	2	0	1
Mathews, c.	4	0	0	9	3	0
Shirley, r. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Hastings, l. f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Hall, p.	3	0	0	0	3	0
	32	0	3	24	8	2

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Victoria	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	*	—9
Tacoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Summary.—Earned runs, Victoria, 4; home run, Chase; three base hits, Chase, Haynes; two base hits, Burnes, Meutzer; struck out, by Hall, 9; by Holness, 12; bases on balls, by Holness, 2; hit by pitcher, Moore. Time of game, 1 hour 20 minutes. Umpire, W. Hall.

OPENING AT VANCOUVER.

The baseball season is opening at Vancouver to-day with a match between the Manuel Lopez team and the home nine. The game is being played at the new baseball grounds at Fairview. A Vancouver exchange says: Managers Holmes and Miller have signed a first-class team to uphold Vancouver's reputation this season, and it will be safe to say that they will carry off the Independent championship pennant of the Northwest again this year. The Vancouver men will line up as follows: Ballentine, catcher; Gregory, Schroeder and Forrest, pitchers; Miller, 1st base; Schmitt, 2nd base; Croll, short stop; Egan, 3rd base; Linnehan, left field; Broadhurst, centre field; McRae, right field.

So far, the local management has drawn up the following schedule:

May 22—Manuel Lopez, at Vancouver.
May 23—Manuel Lopez, at Vancouver.
May 29—Whatcom, at Vancouver.
May 30—Whatcom, at Vancouver.
June 5—Mount Vernon, at Vancouver.
June 6—Mount Vernon, at Vancouver.
June 19—Victoria, at Vancouver.
June 20—Victoria, at Vancouver.
June 26—Berkeley, at Vancouver.
June 27—Berkeley, at Vancouver.

THE TURF.

PROGRAMME OF RACES.

Members of the Victoria Driving Association are busy preparing for the first club meet which takes place on the exhibition track on the afternoon of Saturday, June 6th. Every evening a large number of local horsemen spend an hour or so training, and some even and exciting races are looked for. Mr. Fullerton, of Vancouver, who was in the city the other day, pronounced the Victoria race track in as good condition as any on the coast. Indications are that the season in this city will be most interesting.

The forthcoming meet is only the first of a series of Saturday afternoon matinee meets to be held under the auspices of the club during the summer months. The programme for the first meet has already been arranged for, and will consist of three races as follows: Gentlemen's driving contest, three-year-old colt race, and a half mile and repeat running race.

The latter is expected to be a feature of the afternoon, and a large number of entries are anticipated. It is already known that Kasabel, Dr. McLean, Grey Friar, Pharoah, and Frank L. will participate.

The driving events are expected to be particularly interesting, as they are open only to members of the club, the owners to drive. They will be run off in mile heats, the best three in five winning. Every precaution has been taken to make these contests strictly amateur. Handsome trophies are offered for winning horses.

The running race is for a purse stake. In order that spectators will not be subjected to long and tedious waits between the different events a committee has been appointed whose duty it will be to see that as soon as one race is over the participants in the next are ready to come on the track.

YACHTING.

COLUMBIA DEFEATED.

New York, May 21.—By a combination of good luck and splendid sailing qualities, the new cup yacht Reliance to-day inflicted such a defeat upon the former cup defender, Columbia, as she had never before experienced, beating her over the finishing line of a 25-mile course off Glencove by 14 minutes and 43 seconds, official time. Not all the glory of that rosy victory was fairly earned by the new boat. If it had been there would be no doubt that Reliance would be the next cup defender, but despite Columbia's ill-luck Reliance convincingly showed herself to be the better boat. The race was triangular, 11 miles to the eastward, westward along the Long Island shore to Eaton's Point, three miles to the northwest across the Sound to Green's Ledge light, and 11 miles southwest by west to the finish line off Glencove.

NANCY AT VANCOUVER.

The Vancouver Yacht Club has acquired the Nancy, formerly of this city. The Province says:

"Another boat has been added to the fleet of the Vancouver Yacht Club. With several boats that are now being fitted out, this will make a total of twenty yachts that will fly the Vancouver Yacht Club's burgee. The latest addition is the yacht Nancy, formerly owned by Mr. Williams, a member of the Victoria Yacht Club. The Nancy was purchased by Mr. C. S. V. Branch a few days ago and has arrived over from the capital. The new yacht is a speedy craft, with a length of 31 feet over all and eight feet beam. She is equipped with a comfortable cabin, and is of the fin keel build, with a draught of about six feet.

"The accessions to the boats of the local yacht club are creating great enthusiasm among the members, and a club cruise is being talked of. It is understood that Commodore Graveley will call one as soon as the rigging and fittings of several other new yachts are completed. The Pollywog was launched last week, and is now being fitted with sails and gear. Mr. A. G. Thyne's new yawl-rigged yacht will be launched shortly. Various places are now being considered as the objective point of the proposed cruise."

LACROSSE.

WILL SEND TEAM.

"The English Lacrosse Union has now definitely decided to send a representative British team to Canada in the summer of 1904. The players will probably reach the other side on July 1st next year. By the special request of our visitors of last season, the arrangements are in the hands of the Toronto Lacrosse Club. A match between the United Kingdom and Canada will doubtless figure in the programme. It will be a somewhat belated 'return' to the contest which took place in London 20 years ago, when Canada won by 12 goals to 1."—Canadian Gazette.

MONDAY'S MATCH.

There was a fair turnout at last evening's practice of the Victoria Lacrosse Club. To-night the team to represent this city in Monday's match with Vancouver will be selected, and a large attendance is therefore requested. Word has been received from Vancouver to the effect that the following team will come over, the men to be place dupon their arrival here. It follows: Goal, Herman; and Messrs. York, Allan, Campbell, Barr, Springer, Pinner, Morrison, Quigley, Robinson, Murray, Matheson, Cao, Godfrey and Cameron. Field captain, Jim Smith.

JUNIOR MATCH.

As mentioned in these columns, a junior match will be played at the Caledonia grounds on Monday after the senior game between the Victoria boys and a team from Nanaimo. The challenge came from the latter, and the local team is practicing hard in order to give them a hearty reception during their stay here. The team selected to represent the junior of Victoria in this contest follow: McDougall, Clegg, A. Sargison, T. Sargison, L. Sweeney, Matthews, Colbert, F. Cullin, Mulcahy, Gawley, Roskamp, Ross and Fawcett.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

On Wednesday a special meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse Association was held at Vancouver. The matter of allowing both Vancouver teams to amalgamate for outside matches was discussed at length. The delegates from Nanaimo and New Westminster could not see their way clear to granting this request. After a brief discussion the delegates came to an amicable settlement, which will no doubt benefit both the local clubs and thereby strengthen the latter.

THE ROD.

PROTECTION OF TROUT.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of those desirous of seeing steps taken for the better protection of trout held at the Victoria Tourist Association rooms Monday night. Mr. Mann was appointed chairman. After considerable discussion the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That a committee be appointed to consider the question of forming a fish and game club, for the purpose of protecting the game and game fishing in the district adjacent to Victoria. Also to draw up a draft constitution, and an estimate of the support that could be obtained for such a club."

A committee was appointed as follows: Mr. Mann, G. Hartnagle, E. Musgrave, G. L. Courtney, O. Bass, T. G. Fox, P. C. MacGregor, Wm. Brice, and H. Cuthbert, secretary.

If a club is successfully organized, it is the intention that the blasting of the falls at Shawnigan Lake and the placing of fish ladders in order to allow the salmon access to the lake for spawning purposes will be one of the first actions of the association. The question of preventing the destruction of salmon in the Cowichan river by the Indians was discussed.

Next Wednesday evening a meeting of the committee mentioned will be held, commencing at 7.30 o'clock, in the Tourist Association rooms. This will be followed by a general meeting of all anglers interested.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. Manville Williams, of Colville, Washington, who has been on a visit to the Pacific Coast congress of the Congregational church at Seattle, came over on the Majestic Monday night in company with R. B. Blyth, of this city, who was also present at that gathering. Mrs. Williams, who, until a year ago, was one of the leading singers of Montreal, having been soprano soloist of the American Presbyterian church, of that city, came also with Mr. Williams, and both will spend a few days in Victoria. Mrs. Williams will sing at a musical evening at the residence of Mrs. Scowcroft to-morrow evening, but owing to her brief stay in the city this will be the only opportunity Victorians will have of hearing her charming voice. A collection will be taken at the evening, but no admission fee will be charged.

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Capt. Lotbiniere, son of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, accompanied by Mrs. Lotbiniere, are visiting the Lieut.-Governor. Capt. Lotbiniere is well known throughout Canada, having had a distinguished military career. In 1888 he graduated from the Royal Military College at Kingston, where he won the Governor-General's gold medal. He was gazetted second lieutenant in the Royal Engineers in the same year, and was promoted to a lieutenancy in 1891.

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Rev. E. S. Ufford, author of the hymn "Throw Out the Life Line," is in the city. On Thursday evening he will address a public meeting at the Calvary Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Ufford is an accomplished singer and whistler, and varies his address by musical selections.

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E. E. Leeson and P. J. Pearson were among the passengers from the West Coast by the steamer Queen City Tuesday morning. They have, it is understood, been inspecting mining properties at Alberni canal.

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G. W. Jenkins and wife, of Newark, N. J., are among the tourists visiting the city. They will spend some days here taking in the sights, and are making their headquarters at the Victoria.

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F. B. Gregg, of the firm of A. Gregg & Son, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is able to attend to business again.

A. C. Flumerfelt, manager of the Granby smelter, Grand Forks, arrived in the city the other day via Seattle.

F. Lloyd, the sawmill proprietor, of Westholme, is at the Victoria. He is visiting the city on business.

J. Frank Callbreath, a business man of Telegraph Creek, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Albanian Losses in Recent Fight With Turks—Number of Leaders Have Submitted.

London, May 23.—The Times correspondent at Uskub, Turkey, confirms the report that the Albanians had over 200 killed in the recent fighting near Jakova. The Albanians are alarmed to find that the Turks are in earnest. The majority of their leaders have submitted, and it is believed that the Albanian movement has practically collopsed. The two principal ringleaders, Husseia and Martaz, have just been arrested near Jakova, and will be exiled to Asia with the other disaffected chiefs. The dissatisfaction, adds the correspondent, is now only serious in the Dibru district, where it will probably soon be suppressed.

To Reach Agreement.

Sofia, May 23.—It is believed that the government will endeavor to negotiate with the Porte in order to arrive at an understanding in the Macedonian difficulty. The Bulgarian agent at Constantinople has had an interview with the Grand Vizier with this intention. It is understood that Prince Ferdinand will visit the Sultan if he can get the assent of Austria and Russia to a direct understanding between Turkey and Bulgaria.

Further Fighting.

Constantinople, May 23.—Fighting occurred all day long on Thursday near the Bulgarian village of Mogil, six miles north of Monastir. The firing of guns was audible at Monastir. Details of the fighting, which presumably was between the Imperial forces and insurgents, have not been received. The insurgents are active in the Maleah mountains southwest of Dujumbala.

BORN.

BRADLEY—At Nelson, on May 15th, the wife of W. W. Bradley, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

SHARPE-BISSELL—At Rossland, on May 20th, by Rev. Van Sickle, Alfred Gee Sharpe and Miss Charlotte A. Bissell.

DIED.

CHARLES—At the family residence 270 Fort street, on the 21st instant, William Charles (late inspecting chief factor Hudson's Bay Company), a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, aged 72 years.

IRWIN—On 17th May, after a short illness, Dixon Irwin, aged 59, born at Whitehaven, Cumberland, Eng.

ANGUS—At his late residence, "Ellesmere," Belcher street, on the 19th inst., James Angus, a native of Bathgate, Scotland, aged 70 years.

WONDERFUL REMEDY.

Mrs. Stubb—"It is remarkable how many things that patent medicine peddler claims for his remedy would cure."

Mr. Stubb—"Yes, he was about to tell me it would cure a ham, and I set Towser on him."

Steamer City of Puebla is due from San Francisco to-morrow, and Tacoma is scheduled to sail on the 24th. The schooner Jessie has been hauling Turpel's ways for cleaning and painting preparatory to entering the seal business.