

his men. Where the fight was the thickest, there also was Capt. Mills, and ever and anon like a sorcerer he waved his magic wand, which operated as a signal to his men to get the rubber or perish in the attempt. Consequently Capt. Rickaby's men succumbed to the psychological influence exercised by Capt. Mills.

### PROVINCIAL RACES.

To be run over the Victoria Political Course.

Judge, Mr. Vox Populi. Starter, Mr. Sheriff McMillan.

These races, in which a great deal of interest is centered, take place to-day, over the popular old course, which is in prime condition for the event. There are eight horses entered, nearly all of which are well known, but from the tone of the betting there would appear to be little difficulty in naming the winners. The starters will be Mr. Rithet's Progress, own brother to Prosperity, out of Go-a-head; Mr. Turner's Financier, by Experience, also from Go-a-head stable; Mr. Helmcken's Litigation, Limb-o the Law, by Old-Timer; Mr. Braden's Utility, by Plumber's Bell; Dr. Milne's Physic, by Dejected; Mr. Beaven's Moss-Back, own brother to Forlorn-Hope; Mr. Cameron's Single Tax, by Theory, dam Miss-Phit; and Mr. Dutton's Toil-on.

Progress is a good horse, from whom much is expected, and will start a favorite, with Financier. Litigation is also very popular, and will no doubt take a place. Utility is well spoken of by those who know his performances and they will be disappointed if he does not show those staying powers which they claim for him. Physic has been over the course before, and did good work, but although the criminal has been kept well in training, he has seen his best days. He will make a good fight, but will never reach the winning post in time to score. Mossback is an aged horse, and out of the running. He was so badly beaten at the Municipal races last year that everybody thought he would, metaphorically, have joined his brother, Forlorn-Hope, and never show himself on the political race track again. Single-Tax has but few backers; he may safely be considered an outsider, while Toil-on has never been heard of before, nor is he likely to be again.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

LAST Wednesday evening, at Vancouver, the Rev. E. D. McLaren officiated at the marriage of Mr. Chas. Wilson, the well known barrister, to Mrs. Helen Mary Twiford. The marriage was solemnized in St. Andrew's Church, in the presence of a few friends, the bridal

couple being supported by Mr. and Mrs. Kinmond. After a wedding breakfast at the Kinmonds the happy couple went to their new home on Burrard street.

Capt. Carey, R. E., a native of Victoria, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carey, was married in Halifax, N. S., on Saturday, June 9, to Miss Kate Moren. Capt. and Mrs. Carey will reside in future in England.

Peter Steele, jr., has returned from California, bringing with him a bride in the person of an ex-Victorian, who before her marriage was Miss Rex, of San Francisco.

The members of No. 1 Company, B. C. B. G. A., gave an enjoyable dance Thursday evening at the Victoria Gardens. The programme comprised some twenty dances.

Wm. Wilson and family, of Birdcage Walk, have removed for the summer months to their cottage at Shoal Bay.

Col. and Mrs. Henry Landes, of Port Townsend, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. L. A. Berkley, of 23 Burdett Avenue, and Mrs. Caldwell are camping at Sailor Bay, Victoria West.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ker will reside for a month or so at the Oak Bay Hotel.

Arthur Robertson and bride have arrived from the east.

Mrs. Dewdney's mother is reported seriously ill.

### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

We notice the following excellent paragraph in an exchange: "One of our merchants thinks that the proper place to cure the evils of the deadly credit system is in the public schools. Let the children be taught that lesson at once, and a new generation of careful business men will arise to destroy the present ruinous paralyzing system. This seems to be sound doctrine, and is well worthy of elaboration in the text-books of the day."

The recommendation is one that will bear close thinking out and inasmuch as upon the Board of School Trustees are men who have been, and still are extensively engaged in business, their experience might lead them to tender to the teachers their views upon the topic. Teachers, as a rule, know nothing of business experiences, they teach arithmetic in its various branches, and book-keeping merely in the abstract, but did some of these experienced men only let the teachers and scholars know some-

thing of what they have felt and seen lessons might be taught that would be incalculable practical benefit.

There is too much theory in much that is taught at school or rather in what the teachers strive to convey to the pupils, but there are lessons relating to home and to outside society which are completely lost sight of in the curriculum ofologies and sciences that can never be of any use to seven-eighths of those taught, and which, in fact, stand in the way of anything approaching thoroughness in what are really the essentials. At the ends of the various school terms, it may be from the teacher's point of view, be very fine to be able to show that so many pupils have successfully passed through all the details of a long, but to many outsiders, meaningless programme of studies; but what does the father or mother care about it except to be assured that the children have made satisfactory progress and have held their own with the rest of the scholars.

Were the programme changed and did the boys and girls, as they undoubtedly would, equally distinguish themselves they would be all the better satisfied with possibly less showing but nevertheless more substantial results. We do not want to degrade school instruction, but when it goes away above ordinary people's heads, it makes the more pupils feel just as awkward and disgusted as was the farmer's college taught son, who, on returning home was called upon to get a spade and dig out a drain or take a fork and besom and clean out the pig pen. Our girls, many of them, know nothing about the duties and requirements of home, their school instruction having unfitted them to become wives and mothers in their station, while the boys having been taught too soon about hard work have no inclination to settle down to anything in which physical exertion is by no means the least important factor. We believe in the State supplying a really first-class every day education, after which the one who has merit and ambition will, as in the past, succeed in forcing his or her way to the front.—*Commercial Journal*.

### AN EXEMPLARY DAUGHTER.

One of the papers tells of a pretty and talented girl who had completed her school course with credit, and by reason of special accomplishments had received much attention and admiration, and who was asked the other day how she enjoyed her freedom from school life.

"Oh, I'm enjoying it very much," she answered, brightly. "I'm doing the housework, and letting mother have a rest."

"Your mother is away, then, is she not?" was the natural question.

"Oh, no," was the reply; "she's at home, but I'm giving her a chance to rest in the morning, and to dress up and sit out on the piazza when she feels like it. I think it will do her good to have a little change."