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Speed the Plough.

Of all the sciences and professions there is perhaps none of greater importance in a new country than that of agriculture. Agriculture is properly a science, although it is not always conducted upon scientific principles. In this Colony agriculture has not made that progress which the highly favorable conditions presented would lead one to expect.

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of promoting a more scientific system of agriculture, and who could well spare a few dollars for that purpose, will stop forward and render the prize list more befitting the importance of the occasion.

THE MATCH BETWEEN ELEVEN OF THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL AND ELEVEN OF THE VICTORIA JUNIOR CLUB came off yesterday and resulted in an easy victory for the Victorians, who scored in one innings more than the Collegiate got in both.

Table with 2 columns: 1st Innings, 2nd Innings. Lists names and scores for various players.

THE COWICHAN HARVEST HOME—October 13th, the day appointed for the Cowichan Harvest Thanksgiving proved to be one of those glorious autumnal days forming a portion of that 'Indian summer' with which the unequalled climate of this Colony is singularly blessed.

At the Cowichan Harvest Home, the tables were erected on the barn floor and upwards of a hundred persons sat down. After lunch several local church matters were brought before the meeting by the Archdeacon and it was voted that the Offering for the day (\$23) as well as that of last year (still in hand) should be devoted to obtaining a suitable font.

Tax work of decaying Ogden Point of its timber goes on rapidly and never a hand of those who say the public are the owners is raised to prevent it. If the Colony owns the land and the Government is paid to conserve the public right to it and all that it contains.

The Contest for the Snider Rifle and Ammunition.

The shooting by the Victoria Rifle Volunteers for the Snider rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition, presented by Tunstall & Co., came off at the Butts yesterday. The ranges were 300, 600 and 800 yards.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Yds. 300, 600, 800, Total. Lists names and scores for various participants.

FROM COMOX, NANAIMO AND COWICHAN.—The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived from Comox, Nanaimo and other ports at 4 1/2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing about 30 passengers and a large freight of young cattle, hogs, chickens and geese, besides a quantity of produce.

INTERNATIONAL RIFLE MATCH.—It is stated that Lord Elcho, a Scotch nobleman, whose name stands prominently connected with home rifle practice, is turning his attention to bringing about a rifle-match between British and American riflemen.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.—Rev. Horatio Stebbens took occasion lately before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to let the people of California know what they have to expect if they continue to oppose the immigration of the Chinese.

FROM THE MAINLAND.—The steamer Enterprise returned from New Westminster at 8 o'clock last evening, with Hon Henry Holdbrook as passenger. News has reached New Westminster of the death of Mr. A. Kingscote, who was accidentally shot while hunting in New Zealand.

Important Information! A Good Appetite, A Vigorous Circulation, and A Healthy Liver. Are the pure and inflexible standard of Bristol's Sugar-coated Pills and Bristol's Sarsaparilla.

THE LATE GUNBOAT FORWARD.—This vessel is being placed in condition for the passage to San Francisco. Capt Sutton, of California, will command the steamer. There are many arrivals made as to the use to which the Forward will be put by her new owners and the particular service she is destined to adorn in the future.

THE ALLEGED HIGHWAYMAN.—Henry Mentzer, who is charged with having robbed a man from Steilacoom of a gold watch, some weeks since, was brought before Mr. Pemberton yesterday and remanded for eight days. Mentzer was caught by officers Kennedy and McMillan shortly after he landed from a canoe.

DESTRUCTION OF TREES.—EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Time and again I have urged immediate action on the part of the authorities to stop the wholesale felling of trees and sapplings in the neighborhood of James' Bay, but without avail.

MR. GRANT DUFF, Under-Secretary for India, recently referred to a question of the first importance to many other colonies as well as India; "Forests," he says, "are always looked upon as inexhaustible till they begin to be exhausted."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.—Mrs. Fred Douglas, Jr., is described as a beautiful brunette, whom nine persons on the road would pronounce a white woman.

REMINISCENCE OF BYRON'S BOON COMPANION, CAPTAIN MEDWIN.—(Communication to the Portland, Maine, Advertiser.) The moral atmosphere in which Byron's entire life was spent was for the most part very far from pure.

A YOUNG MILLINER FALLS HEIR TO NINETEEN MILLION DOLLARS.—The Davenport, Iowa, Democrat says: A few years since an Englishman living in this country formed the acquaintance of a young lady in the town of Fort Edwards, New York, by the name of Ellen Grey, a young woman who earned her daily bread by pursuing the vocation of a village milliner and dressmaker.

THE LATE ELOPMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO.—The Call of October 5th gives the following particulars of this affair lately referred to in the Union: On Sunday last an event occurred in this city which has caused considerable commotion among the Jewish portion of our citizens.

Diary Fires. In your paper... X. Y. Z. The Insurance Company... will be played to-day...