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Foot Ball Players Turn Out. A game of Rugby foot ball will be played on Saturday 31st.

The Little Blue Bee. Mr. W. J. Armstrong, who resides at 26 Fort street, reports that his busy bees are improving the shining hours of the present summer weather in honey making.

Caught in the Machinery. A young lad named Eldert, who is employed at Mr. R. Smith's steam bakery, met with an accident while at work a few days ago, by which his foot was badly torn.

Heavy Fines. In the Provincial Court, yesterday afternoon, a well-known suburban hotel man pleaded guilty to supplying an Indian with an intoxicant.

Barntormers. Anyone who resents the feelings of the public, would be advised to witness the performance of the Henry Barque company, which opened a two nights' engagement, last evening.

Shipped a New Crew. The American bark J. D. Peters, coal laden from Nainaimo for San Francisco, has been lying in Esquimaux harbor for several days past, waiting for men, with whom to proceed to sea.

A Noteworthy Occasion. Hon. Mr. Robson announced to the House, last evening, that, on Thursday next, the House would adjourn until Monday.

Lossing No Way. Ald. Hunter, who is also M. P. P. for Comox, is losing no time in dealing with the question of the Indian reserve, which, by the recent enlargement, has been increased.

First-Class Horses. Mr. James Bryce has recently brought over from Paisley, Ontario, a number of very valuable heavy draft horses.

The Death of February. It is gratifying to hear that Mrs. Clarke is meeting with nothing but success in her praiseworthy plan of giving a first-class concert in aid of the widows and orphans of the wharf accident.

A Pioneer Fancher Hunter. John Veir, of Methoene, one of the pioneers of this country, killed another panther in his district, on Wednesday last.

Depreciation in Seal Skins. Reports received of the last sale of seal skins in London, announced a falling off in their value of from 10 to 15 per cent.

He Will Return. The Milwaukee brewer, who was referred to in yesterday's issue, has returned to the Sound, but promises to come back to Victoria in about two weeks.

Victoria West. A very nice and well selected programme was presented at the Methodist church in Victoria west, last night.

Hadn't a Friend. An apt illustration of the truth of the old lines "Be a friend to the poor, for the stones he's only a pauper when nobody owns," was evidenced in the case of the late "Bob" Smith.

A Grateful Recognition. The friends of the Jubilee Hospital have for some time past been considering the advisability of showing in some practical way their appreciation of the immense services rendered to the worthy institution by Dr. Davis.

A Cash Prize. The winners of the Burdock Blood Bitters cash prize of Five Dollars for the best essay (not to exceed 500 words) on the merits of B. B. B. as a cure for competition will close Jan. 31st.

Hoefler of Nainaimo, have sold on business to T. J. Jackson, of Comox, Vancouver.

It was authoritatively announced that it would be impossible for Dr. Davis to entertain such an idea.

A Collision on James Bay Bridge. Yesterday morning, as George Vianna's man was driving over James Bay bridge in one of his fish carts, his horse took fright at the approaching street car.

A Sixteen Day Trip. The steamer Barbara Bosworth, Capt. J. D. Warren, drove over from northern ports yesterday, having been from here just sixteen days.

Inquest on the Body of Charles McLaughlin. The verdict of the coroner's jury empanelled to enquire into the death of Charles McLaughlin was given by the jury, Messrs. John Temple (foreman), G. S. Russell, A. E. Reid, G. H. Tye, John Leonard, and H. T. Toole, yesterday afternoon.

How to Use the Telephone. The following new rules have just come in force: Two sharp rings will call up the central office.

Growing Steadily. The new sewer pipe machinery, bought for the Victoria Pottery and Terra Cotta company, was tested yesterday afternoon.

RETURN OF MR. VERNON. His Experiences on the Other Side of the Atlantic—Great Interest in British Columbia.

McDONALD IS MISSING. One of the inmates of the Provincial Jail Takes His Discharge Upon Himself.

PERSONAL. Gibson Robertson, of Vancouver, is at the Hotel. A. C. Flummerfelt returned from the East.

Police Court. Five different cases were got rid of by the police magistrate, yesterday morning.

A SERIOUS CHARGE. Alleged Attempt to Inoculate a Witness in an Important Case in a Lunatic Asylum.

SANITARY MATTERS. Sanitary Officer Bailey has a number of men and carts employed cleaning up Street street.

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