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PERSONAL.

nator McSweeney, of Moncton, N. B., ved in the city Monday from Southern fornia, where he has, in company with and Miss McSweeney, spent the last e months. The Senator is returning to wa to be present at the opening of ament on the 10th inst., and left Tues- night for the East. Senator McSweeney large dry goods merchant and a well wn and popular citizen of New Bruns- . He was called to the Senate in 1899. ng his brief stay in the city the Sena- alled upon the Lieut.-Governor, visited parliament buildings, some of the large antile establishments, and other points terest.

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B. Wollaston, traveller for Turner, on & Company, returned on Friday an extended tour of the interior. He ts that business, especially in the ndary country, is all that could be de- . The merchants are preparing for a in the spring. All the mines are work- a large number of employees being regularly. Considerable mining devel- nt is looked forward to during the er months.

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B. Hird, who has been developing min- properties near Ladysmith, is in the . He has beautiful samples of ore three claims, Victoria, Duke and ess. These are only about two miles d from the water and within easy of it by a road. He is staying at the tal.

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MARRIED.

NE-OKE—At Rossland, on March 1st, Rev. J. A. Cleland, Llewellyn C. ynne and Miss Evelyn Oke.
MER-BOWMAN—At Vancouver, on arch 2nd, by Rev. W. E. Pescott, seman Baker Cummer and Miss Clara Bowman.
NALD-RANSOM—At Vancouver, on arch 1st, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, D. cDonald and Miss Georgia Ransom.

DIED.

IE—At Vancouver, on March 2nd, thur Ernest, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Roome, aged 4½ months.
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MISS ANITA GOODWIN WEDS A CALIFORNIAN

Quiet Ceremony Surprised Friends Who Thought Wedding Would Take Place in May.

On Wednesday last in San Francisco Miss Anita Goodwin, daughter of Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter H. Crowell, of the California metropolis. The San Francisco Examiner of Thursday thus reports the happy event:

"The element of suddenness, popularly supposed to be confined to the initial step of an engagement, formed an interesting feature of the wedding of Miss Anita Goodwin and Walter H. Crowell, celebrated yesterday morning at Trinity church, with the distinguishing variation that instead of the shock of surprise affecting one of the active participants it fell to the experience of her family and friends.

"Some two or three months ago the betrothal of Miss Goodwin and Mr. Crowell was announced, according to the prevailing custom in regard to such things, at an afternoon tea, and the matter created the amount of astonishment revelations of the kind usually provoke after twelve months of assiduous cultivation of each other's society on the part of a prominent young couple. Congratulations, teas with bridesmaids roses and luncheons with red hearts followed, and the affair was progressing in accordance with approved social prejudices, a large church wedding, with ushers, shower bouquets, white satin streamers and 'Lohengrin' strains in anticipation, when the appearance of the marriage license to which legal formality required that their names be attached apprised the friends of Miss Goodwin and Mr. Crowell that their engagement was to reach a sudden and picturesque climax.

"In granting its consent, however, to the successful termination of a love affair, the law does not require its document of sanction to particularize further than as to the name, age and habitat of candidates, and the place of the wedding was not revealed, so that only the chosen few let into the secret were present at Trinity church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning when Mr. Crowell led his bride to the altar, where the ceremony was performed by Dr. Clampett.

"It had originally been decided that the wedding should not take place until May, but a change of plan resulted in yesterday's social sensation.

"The bride is the daughter of Mrs. H. Dallas Helmcken, and has passed most of her life in Victoria, British Columbia, where Mr. Helmcken is a prominent lawyer. Part of her education was received at Miss Lake's school, this city, and she has been visiting here for some time past. Mrs. Helmcken is at present travelling in Europe, and it was reluctance to await her somewhat indefinite return that hastened the marriage.

"Mr. Crowell is the brother of M. A. Newell and Mrs. Alpheus Bull, and so zealously was the secret of the wedding guarded that the night before it was celebrated the Misses Kathleen, Marie and Edith Bull, guests at the home of Mrs. Alpheus Bull, were not aware of the interesting event about to take place in their brother's family.

"The bride's gown was of blue cloth, and she carried a cluster of violets.

"On their return from their wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Crowell will become part of the family of M. and Mrs. M. A. Newell, at the beautiful Newell home on Van Ness avenue, where they will reside until the completion of their own residence, when the Newell home will be closed, the bridal couple will take possession of their new abode, and Mr. and Mrs. Newell will go to the St. Francis."

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FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

Toronto, March 5.—Agents of British American and Western Fire Insurance Companies held a conference yesterday relative to advancing rates in Canada on account of the losses sustained by them in the Rochester and Baltimore fires.

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A MERCANTILE CHANGE.

Robert Ward Retires From Firm Bearing His Name.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Last week marked an important change in the personnel of the well-known firm of Messrs. Robert Ward & Company, Limited, commission merchants, shipping, insurance and financial agents, of this city and Victoria, when Robert Ward, the founder, who, for the past seven years, has resided in London, England, sold his controlling interest to R. V. Winch, who has been so intimately connected with the salmon canning industry for many years, in this province, and on Puget Sound.

"The firm of Robert Ward & Company, Limited, in 1891 took over the business of Robert Ward & Company (which was established in 1868), the original shareholders and officers being Robert Ward, president; W. A. Ward, vice-president; and J. C. Maclure, secretary. A few years later Thomas R. Smith became a shareholder and director, and in 1899 W. A. Ward relinquished his interest. For the past five years the management has been in the hands of Thomas R. Smith, Victoria, and J. C. Maclure, Vancouver, as joint managing directors. In this report there is to be no change, except that they will now have the benefit of the able advice and assistance of their new president, R. V. Winch, one of the oldest residents in Vancouver, whose past business achievements are largely due to abilities as a financier, and sterling qualities generally. The shareholders and officers of the company now are: R. V. Winch, president; Thomas R. Smith and J. C. Maclure, joint managing directors; C. B. Stahlschmidt, director."

REGIMENTAL ORDER.

Several Additional Members Enlisted in the Fifth Regiment—Gallery Practice Matches.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. A., has issued the following regimental order:

Regimental Headquarters,
Victoria, B. C., March 5th, 1904.

The following men, having been attested, will be taken on the strength from the date hereafter mentioned, and will assume the regimental number opposite their respective names: No. 36, Gr. Chas. Napier Gowen, Jan. 3rd; No. 76, Gr. Archie A. Boyd, Jan. 3rd; No. 77, Gr. Arthur I. Crozier, Jan. 3rd; No. 79, Gr. Reginald B. Reeve, Jan. 3rd; No. 144, Gr. George Kerr, Feb. 3rd; No. 280, Gr. Chas. Bull, Feb. 3rd.

Officers commanding companies will in future see that regimental orders are read before dismissing their parades.

The teams for the gallery practice match will shoot on the dates as under. The attention of all ranks is called to the conditions laid down which will be strictly adhered to. Capt. Drake will act as range officer on Mondays, Capt. Currie on Tuesdays, Capt. W. H. Langley on Wednesdays, Capt. McConnan on Friday, the 18th, and Major Hibben on Friday, the 25th. Men may use their rack rifles for practice for these matches:

Monday, 14th—No. 1 Section of No. 5 Co. vs. No. 2 Section of No. 6 Co.

Tuesday, 15th—No. 1 Section vs. No. 3 Section of No. 1 Co.

Wednesday, 16th—No. 1 Section vs. No. 2 Section of No. 3 Co.

Friday, 18th—No. 2 Section of No. 4 Co. vs. No. 2 Section of No. 5 Co.

Monday, 21st—No. 4 Section of No. 5 Co. vs. No. 3 Section of No. 3 Co.

Tuesday, 22nd—No. 2 Section of No. 2 Co. vs. No. 2 Section of No. 1 Co.

Wednesday, 23rd—No. 3 Section of No. 4 Co. vs. No. 3 Section of No. 5 Co.

Friday, 25th—No. 4 Section of No. 1 Co. vs. No. 1 Section of No. 2 Co.

Gallery practice for Friday, 18th and 25th is cancelled.

Staff Sergt. Lettice will be in charge of the gallery practice on Friday, 11th, and will be assisted by Grs. Duncan and Goodwin.

By order.
(Signed) D. B. M'CONNAN, Capt.,
Adjutant.

"THE CREATION."

Famous Oratorio to Be Given at the Metropolitan Church To-Morrow.

Haydn's great oratorio, "The Creation," will be presented at the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow evening in aid of the funds of the Lifeboat Association. A number of rehearsels have been held since the production in December last, and the principals and chorus have attained a greater degree of perfection than that which was responsible for the signally successful presentation last year.

The chorus, which will comprise one hundred and fifty voices, will be under the baton of Gideon Hicks, which is a sufficient guarantee of its excellence. The soloists will be: Miss Grace Helen Bradley, Tacoma; soprano; A. T. Goward, tenor; Herbert Taylor, bass. The same orchestra which contributed to the success of the previous event, under the leadership of Dr. Nash, will be on hand. Jesse Longfield will preside at the organ.

The performance will commence at 8.15 p.m. promptly, owing to the length of the oratorio. It will be under the distinguished patronage of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, His Worship Mayor Barnard, Hon. Senator Templeman, Hon. Senator Macdonald, Capt. Baker, R. N., Lieut.-Colonel Holmes, D.O.C., and Lieut.-Colonel Hall, commanding officer Fifth Regiment, C.A.

Hamilton, March 5.—Mrs. James Hall, 276 Hughson street, is dead from injuries sustained through the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

A largely attended meeting of the Chinese Contractors' and Cannery Workers' Association was held Thursday, between 250 and 300 being present, including delegates from Victoria and New Westminster. It was decided that owing to the heavy losses sustained by the contractors in past years and the scarcity of Chinese labor, owing to the increased poll tax, the prices for the current cannery season will have to be advanced, notification to which effect has already been made to interested parties. It was pointed out that Chinese laborers were now demanding $45 to $50 per month and board, instead of $40, and even at the increased wages were scarce, as none were now coming in and large numbers had moved to Eastern Canada.

At the annual meeting of the Employers' Association the following officers were elected: President, J. G. Woods (re-elected); first vice-president, Colin F. Jackson (re-elected); second vice-president, W. Farrell; treasurer, A. E. Goodman. The old executive committee was re-elected, several additional members being added. The reports received were considered of a satisfactory nature, and the first year's working of the association was regarded as a success.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Brockton Point Amateur Athletic Association it was decided to go ahead with putting the new grounds in shape. The sum of $1,500 has been appropriated for the work, and it is thought that this amount will fully cover the excavation and improvements to the new recreation grounds which will be a big addition to the present grounds, insofar as they can be used for amateur baseball purposes, etc.

Mr. Justice Irving will have nothing more to do with the Brothier case. J. Edward Bird, counsel for the women who had deposited money with Brothier, made application on Thursday to consolidate the action of Adele Le Large with five other actions, and the learned judge remarked that he simply would not deal with the application. Mr. Bird contended that the bench should render a decision of some kind so that an appeal could be made, but this Mr. Justice Irving declined to do. Mr. Bird realized the difficulty which presented itself to him, as with no decision in the case there was nothing to act upon, and he afterward stated that he would petition the minister of justice to compel the judge to deal with the applications in the case. When counsel for the women pressed the matter, Mr. Justice Irving stated his reason, namely, that there was a taint attached to the case, and as long as there was he refused to act. He said he would make no order, nor dismiss the application—he would simply do nothing. Before the judge had received information that the money involved was the avails of prostitution, he had granted an order tying up the amount in Vancouver banks, which stands to the credit of Brothier. Now he declines to dissolve the order, and the money will not be molested by any person. There the matter rests until Mr. Bird receives an answer from Ottawa regarding his appeal to the minister of justice. Mr. Justice Irving has created a precedent in refusing to deal with the cases, which involve the ownership of money alleged to have been earned in disorderly houses.

The amount of the building permits issued last year from the office of the inspector, totalled $1,500,000 in value, and was counted a record, but this amount will probably be doubled in 1904. Present indications signify this, for in the first two months so far, twice the amount of permits have been issued than for the corresponding months of 1903. In February the figures were $138,602, and for February a year ago the figures were $69,475, just half.

Transient traders and hawkers of goods will hereafter pay higher licenses for doing business in Vancouver. On Friday the chairman of the finance committee, Ald. Grant, City Solicitor Hamersley and License Inspector Brown conferred with a committee of the Retail Merchants' Association relative to the amending of the present by-law. As a result the recommendation will be made to the city council that the license to hawkers be increased from $10 to $25 per week, and that of transient traders from $200 to $250 per annum, to be paid strictly in advance. Heretofore transient traders took refuge behind that section of the by-law relating to hawkers, and escaped by payment of the smaller fee.

The meeting held on Saturday evening to consider a bill for the endowment of a provincial university was attended by about 40 university graduates resident in Vancoucer and New Westminster. The mayor presided, and C. C. McCaul, K. C., at the request of the chair, read the proposed bill, which provides in effect that 1,000,000 acres of land shall be set aside for the endowment of a provincial university, and that it be placed in the hands of a board of trustees, composed of graduates of universities within the British Empire. The bill was heartily endorsed, and it was decided to place it in the hands of a committee. It was decided to endorse the idea of a university association, and a committee of three was appointed to draft a constitution and report at the next meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting in two weeks' time, committees to meet in the meantime and report.

At the regular meeting of N. Clarke Wallace Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1,715, Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Thos. Duke presented Grand Organizer Bro. Thomas A. Duff, of Toronto, with a gold-mounted ebony cane, accompanied by an address. The presentation was a joint one from all the subordinate lodges of the city, in recognition of the results attained by Grand Organizer Duff since his arrival in British Columbia. The recipient made a neat reply to the address.

In the police court on Wednesday Louis Middlemas elected for summary trial on the charge of stealing $240 and a diamond ring from the house of Robert Mee, 636 Homer street. The boy pleaded guilty to the charge. The magistrate said that he was apparently an incorrigible thief, and thought it would be for his own good to have a fairly long term of imprisonment, so he sentenced him to five years, hard labor in the penitentiary. In passing sentence the magistrate pointed out distinctly that it was given with a view to the boy's moral betterment.

A number of applications for increases in salaries were submitted to the health committee on Wednesday. The assistant health inspector applied for an increase. He mentioned that he had been five years in the city's employ, during which period he had received only $10 per month advance, making his present salary $70. The health inspector also applied for an increase of $10 per month on his present salary of $100 per month. He mentioned that the work of his department had increased very largely during the last few years, over $1,750 having been collected in fees during the last year. The assistant plumbing inspector had an application for increase. His present wages, he said, were less than those paid to journeymen plumbers. The cemetery caretaker requested an increase of $10 per month in salary to place him on a level with other officials occupying similar positions. These were all referred to the salary committee.

KAMLOOPS.

The hearing of the Chinese gambling cases, the second chapter in the story of the police raid on Monday night, occupied the greater part of Wednesday and Thursday, and resulted in the conviction of 26 out of 28 of the accused, two being dismissed. Kloyo Pi was fined $30 and costs or two months in jail; Pi was the banker. Ah Bun and Ah Lee, said to have been the dealers, were mulcted $25 a piece and costs, with the same alternative as Pi. A batch of 18 were fined $20 a piece with costs or two months' imprisonment. Five Chinks, ancient and indigent, were let out on suspended sentence. Only one Chink failed to put up the collateral and heroically went to jail. A. D. Macintyre, who appeared for the Celestials, says an appeal will be entered.

The Lytton correspondent of the Sentinel says: "The town of Lytton has been suddenly thrown into the deepest mourning by the untimely death of Mrs. Smith, wife of Francis Smith, the popular engineer of the Fraser River Gold Dredging Company. It is only just over a week ago since Mr. Smith was united in the bonds of matrimony, his bride having come all the way from New Zealand. They were quietly married in Vancouver on February 24th, the day of her arrival, and arrived at their future home at Lytton on the following Friday. On Tuesday, March 1st, Mrs. Smith was taken violently ill and Dr. Sanson was summoned from Ashcroft, who pronounced her to be suffering from acute pneumonia, and notwithstanding every attention she passed away at 11 o'clock the same evening."

The long pending sale of the Kamloops sawmill has been completed, and that property has now changed hands, the new owners being a concern in which the Hon. G. E. Foster, G. W. Fowler, M.P., G. McCormick, M.P., and Wm. Irwin hold large interests. The same company have recently acquired other mill and lumber interests in the Okanagan districts and other points. The Kamloops sawmill was one of the properties owned by the Ashcroft Water & Electric Improvement Company. The property sold includes, in addition to the mill here, the logging, etc., interests on Shuswap lake. The Ashcroft Water & Electric Improvement Company still retain the Ashcroft business and timber limits outside of Kamloops lake. Mr. Fowler will ultimately have the management of the sawmill, which will for the next month or so, however, be run by the present management.

REVELSTOKE.

The Camborne correspondent of the Herald, writing on February 26th, says: "During the past week business has been brisk, consequent upon the Great Northern Mines, Limited, and the Calumet & B. C. Gold Mines, Limited, disbursing some $8,000 in cheques. Besides the two pay-roles mentioned Camborne receives much financial benefit from the different lumbering outfits employed along the Fish river. It is announced that the Harbor Lumber Company will erect a new modern mill at this point to replace the one recently destroyed. It will be located on Fish river, and will add a considerable pay-roll.

"An agitation has been started for the purpose of circulating petitions here, Ferguson, Beaton and Trout Lake City urging the government to establish a daily mail service in the Upper Lardeau.

"A petition is in circulation between here and Beaton addressed to Hon. W. A. Galliher, M. P., requesting him to use his influence with the Dominion government for the purpose of having the river approach to Beaton made navigable."

GRAND FORKS.

It is stated on good authority that the Kettle Valley Railway Company has ordered their surveyors to make immediate preparations to complete a survey of the proposed north fork branch which will commence at this city and terminate at the well known Franklin camp, 50 miles up the north fork of the Kettle river. It was given out a short time ago that the company was prepared to go ahead with this branch just as soon as provincial aid was guaranteed them, and although the government did not bring down a railway policy at the last session, yet it is pretty well understood that the Kettle Valley company have the assurance from the McBride government that the promised aid will be granted them. George A. Fraser, M. P. P., who has just returned from Victoria, says there is no reason why the company should not be at work on the road in thirty days. This is taken to indicate that the question of provincial aid is practically settled.

At a meeting of the police commissioners H. A. Sheads was appointed chief of police, vice Chief Dan McMillan, resigned. A. E. Savage will remain chief of the fire department and assistant to the chief of police.

ROSSLAND.

The shipments for the week ending Saturday night from the Rossland mines were as follows: Le Roi, 5,248 tons; Centre Star, 1,080 tons; War Eagle, 780 tons; Kootenay, 180 tons; Jumbo, 280 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 590 tons; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 340 tons; total, 8,498 tons; total for the year to date, 82,690 tons. The snowfall in the early part of the week interfered somewhat with shipments from the camp, but in all the mines operations proceeded steadily, and good progress was made. The outlook for enhanced activity at the mines in the coming spring and summer is now especially bright. Continued splendid developments in the Le Roi deeps assure a wider scope of operations, and the Le Roi No. 2 Company is now expected to inaugurate an active programme of deep-level exploration in the Josie mines as an outcome of the discoveries in the Le Roi deeps. It is fully expected that 200 additional miners will be added to the crews of the principal mines, and that 100 men in building trades will be employed in construction work now planned.

The effect of the heavy snowfall this season has been more disastrous than in any previous winter. Last year a number of buildings, most of them of small value and in outlying sections, were strained severely by the weight of snow falling upon them and left there till the spring thaws dissolved the burden, and this winter the additional strain proved more than the structures could stand. Few business places have succumbed, the exceptions being the Butte hotel building, which is damaged somewhat, and the blacksmith shop on Washington street. The roof of the latter building was completely shattered. Most business men have been warned by these examples, and roof cleaning is under way generally in the business section.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

On Tuesday evening the congregation of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church bade farewell to their pastor, Rev. W. Miler Magrath. The reverend gentleman has been troubled a great deal lately with rheumatism, to such an extent, in fact, that he has been obliged to retire from the ministry. He is going to rejoin his family in the Northwest Territories. Rev. Mr. Magrath was presented with an address of regret at his departure, and a gold-headed cane, with a suitable inscription.

The first spring stallion and fat stock show to be held in Western Canada will open at the exhibition grounds in this city to-morrow. The secretary reports a very satisfactory number of entries in, and every prospect for a good show. The dates for the show are set from Tuesday to Saturday, the last mentioned date being the closing day.

GREENWOOD.

A. Castleman, of Boundary Falls, had an experience with a panther recently which he does not care to repeat. Mr. Castleman went to the stable in the morning to feed his horse, and upon opening the door saw what he supposed to be a dog partly hidden in some hay. He reached out to touch the dog, when the animal, which proved to be a huge panther, sprang out and ran down a little gulch a short distance away. Mr. Castleman, in company with his son, both armed with rifles, went in pursuit, and after firing several shot, all of which took effect, they succeeded in killing the panther. It was afterwards found that the animal was taking a breakfast off Mr. Castleman's dogs, when he was discovered beneath the hay in the stable.

ASHCROFT.

After an absence of ten years from Cariboo, P. H. Peeler has returned to investigate some mining ground in the Forks of Quesnel district. From 1890 to 1893 he prospected that part of Cariboo and now intends to examine certain places more carefully with the intention of developing them if his examinations are satisfactory.

W. H. Kipp is now postmaster of Ashcroft. For the last two years he has been assistant postmaster.

VERNON.

About 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, Mrs. A. Slack, who lived some two miles from Kelowna, was knocked down by the falling of a tree, receiving injuries from which she died some three hours afterwards.

Miss Woodland, who has been head nurse of the Vernon Jubilee hospital for the past two years, has been appointed lady superintendent in succession to Miss Henderson, who has resigned on account of ill-health.

NEW RAILWAY LINES.

Acts Affecting Them to Be Introduced Into the House of Commons.

Among the notices given of bills to be introduced into the Dominion House at the next sitting is one to amend the Kettle River Valley Railway Company's Incorporation Act. An extension of time for completing the work is asked, and the following additional lines of railway are proposed to be constructed:

(a) From a point fifty miles up the north fork of the Kettle river, thence northerly by the most feasible route to Fire valley, thence northwesterly following the general course of Fire valley to Vernon, thence westerly to Nicola, thence northwesterly to Spence's Bridge;

(b) From a point on the line so to be constructed at or near the junction of the east fork and west fork of the north fork of Kettle river in a generally northeasterly direction to Franklin Camp, thence to Killarney by the most feasible route.

Notice is given that the Kootenay Central Railway Company will apply to parliament for amendments to the acts incorporating and relating to the company by extending the time for the commencement, extension and completion of its main line and branches, and for other purposes.

Application will be made also for an act to incorporate a company to be called the Vancouver Island Railway Company, with power to construct, equip, operate, and maintain a line of railway from a point on or near Chatham Point, Vancouver island, B. C., to Alberni, via Comox, to a point on Quatsino Sound; with power to do all such acts as may be necessary, in connection with the construction and operation of the railway.

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No. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug stores.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

GAME DECLARED OFF.

The match announced to be played between H. M. S. Flora fifteen and a combined team of Victoria senior and intermediate players on Saturday at the Caledonia grounds was declared off owing to the condition of the grounds.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MATCH POSTPONED.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the provincial league match that was scheduled to be played on Saturday between the Victoria and Garrison teams at Work Point was postponed. The game will take place on the first Saturday convenient for both elevens.

HOCKEY.

THE STANLEY CUP.

The Ottawa club will retain possession of the Stanley cup. According to a dispatch from Montreal, the Wanderers, of that city, have decided not to go to Ottawa for the purpose of playing the second of the championship series of games. They claim that the match played on Wednesday at Montreal should be replayed on account of the inefficiency of the referee. This was not allowed. The coveted trophy therefore remains in the hands of the Capital City seven.

HANDBALL.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY.

As stated in these columns a few days ago, a championship tournament for doubles is being organized among the members of the James Bay Athletic Association. It has been decided that all entries must be in by the 7th inst., and each pair play two games a week. The arrangement in this case, as has already been pointed out, is that each couple must play all other pairs entered, those obtaining the greater number of points at the finish to be declared the victors.

LACROSSE.

VANCOUVER'S TEAM.

"The annual meeting of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club will be held in the course of the next few weeks, when the club will organize for the season," says the News-Advertiser. "The officers of the club are of the opinion that Vancouver will be represented by another champion twelve this year, and, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the players in general, there will be many new candidates for a place on the team. Of the old team, Matt Barr will be out of the game this season, and Fred. Murray and Sandy Cowan are both out of the city, but it is expected that these will be the only changes in the personnel of the twelve. Sam Norman will be at his old place in the flags, while Lionel Yorke will, as usual, take care of the inside home player of the opposing twelve, Joe Reynolds will again play at cover point, and it is probable that Alex. Allan, Nick Morrison and Walter Matheson will form the defence field. Of the home players, there will be Frank Wright, 'Chick' Godfrey, 'Billy' Brien, George Matheson and Cliff Cao, while several of the intermediates will be given a chance to show their prowess in senior company. Bob Cameron is one of these, and he should be given a show this year. He is a clever stickholder, a good shot and has an abundance of speed."

ANNUAL MEETING.

Next week the annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held. The association, according to Secretary Mellis, is in financial difficulties owing to the poor support given by the public to the local twelve last season.

Yesterday Mr. Mellis, in conversation with a Times representative, said: "If lacrosse is allowed to drop it will mean the loss of a valuable medium for advertising the city. There could be no better advertisement than a good lacrosse team, and the boys are all willing to work if they feel they have the support of the public. Victorians seem to have recently been deserting the Canadian national game for baseball. One thing I would like to say in this connection. By patronizing the American pastime they are contributing towards a game which results in hundreds of dollars being carried from the city each season. On the other hand, lacrosse attracts crowds from neighboring cities who spend considerable money here. A portion of the gate receipts go into the coffers of the club and the remainder goes towards paying for the lease of the grounds. All the money, therefore, is spent in Victoria."

Referring to the proposed organization of a southern circuit, consisting of teams from Washington, Oregon and California, and a northern circuit (the British Columbia league), the winning teams to play off for the Pacific Coast championship, Mr. Mellis expressed himself in favor of the scheme. It was, however, a question whether it could be carried through successfully.

BASKETBALL.

TO PLAY VANCOUVER.

"Arrangements have been completed to have the James Bays basketball team of Victoria play in this city on Saturday next, when they will meet the Sixth Regiment team in a scheduled match in the provincial league series.

"In connection with the match, two local ladies' teams will play an exhibition game for trophies."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER.

A match will be played in the near future between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams. The latter have now played two games with the New Westminster girls, and won both. They are therefore even with the local five in the struggle for the provincial championship.

The standing of the league follows:

	P.	W.	L.	P.
Vancouver	2	2	0	4
Victoria	2	2	0	4
New Westminster	4	0	4	0

DEFEATED LADYSMITH.

A match played at Ladysmith last Saturday evening between the Victoria West and Ladysmith teams was won by the former by a score of 14 to 9. The local five had the advantage all through, scoring 7 points in the first half to their opponents 3. Checking was closer in the second part of the match, but the Victoria West boys set a faster pace, and before the finish had doubled their score. The shooting of the Ladysmith team was more accurate and they put in 3 goals from the field, making a total of nine points.

Referring to the game, one of the Victoria West players, who returned yesterday, said: "It took place in the new opera house, and all Ladysmith was there to see the match and cheer on their team. In many points I think the Ladysmith team superior to that of Nanaimo. They are faster and better shots."

FRIDAY'S GAME.

"During the first half of the basketball game on Friday night between Victoria West and Nanaimo, the local boys seemed to be somewhat dazed," says the Nanaimo Herald. "The visitors simply played rings around them, and while it is certain that the Nanaimo team did the best they could, it had the appearance, from an onlooker's standpoint, as if they were only half trying. At the end of the first half the score stood 8 to 0 against the Nanaimo boys.

"In the latter half the Nanaimo team played a much better game and succeeded in dropping the ball into the net twice, Bennett doing the trick the first time and then Rosewall. Victoria was not idle, however, and even in the last half of the game succeeded in scoring more than the home team, so that the game closed 14 to 4 in favor of Victoria."

BAYS WIN EASILY.

There was a fair attendance at the drill hall on Saturday evening, when the James Bay and Y. M. C. A. teams played one of the city league series of games. The result was a win for the former by a score of 20 points to 10. The match was not exciting, it being apparent from the start that the J. B. A. A. boys had no very difficult task.

Early in the game the James Bay forwards commenced scoring and continued to do so with monotonous regularity. In the first half the Y. M. C. A. boys had their hands full defending their basket, and even then they could not hold back Peden, Hughes and Smith. As a result, at the call of half time the Bays had piled up a good score and the Y. M. C. A. team had not once placed the ball in the basket.

The second half was marked by desperate efforts on the part of the Y. M. C. A. five. They were allowed numerous openings, but for some time could not score. Finally a free shot brought the first point, and from then their shooting improved considerably. Play became faster on both sides, and when the game ended the score stood as stated above.

Finlaison and Pettingell, at guard for the Bays, made an effective defence, while Smith, Hughes and Peden were at times irresistible in their attacks. Their combination and shooting was as good as any witnessed this season at the drill hall.

Ed. Whyte, at centre for the Y. M. C. A., was undoubtedly the most prominent of that team's players. He worked hard and took every opportunity that offered to shoot. His efforts were ably seconded by Loveridge and McCracken. At guard, Northcott and Lorimer watched their checks closely.

Stanley Porter acted as referee. Since he has acted in this position the league matches have been much faster. Free shots are not awarded unless some flagrant breach of the rules is committed. For the many involuntary fouls that occur in any contest playing is stopped and the ball thrown up between the two men directly concerned. This it has been shown makes a faster game and is just as effective.

FOR B. C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is announced that the Nanaimo team has consented to play a match here with Victoria West for the provincial championship as soon as convenient to the local five. The game will be arranged for the first Saturday evening that the drill hall is available. The Coal City team understands the necessity of being in the pink of condition in order to successfully defend their right to that honor, and will practice regularly during the interval between now and the time the game is played. A fast and exciting struggle is therefore anticipated.

COAL SHIPMENTS.

Tonnage Sent From Extension and Nanaimo During Month of February.

During the month of February the foreign shipments of coal from the Extension and Nanaimo mines were 39,589 tons.

From Extension mines the shipments were as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Tons.
4—S.S.	Tellus	3,258
4—S.S.	Alki	292
6—S.S.	Amur	301
8—S.S.	Wellington	1,250
11—S.S.	Santa Ana	553
13—S.S.	Bertha	330
17—Ship	Glory of the Seas	3,195
18—S.S.	Tellus	3,504
24—S.S.	Hero	5,569
27—S.S.	Alki	314
28—S.S.	Princess May	338
29—Ship	Wm. H. Macy	3,152
Total		22,336

Nanaimo shipped as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Tons.
1—S.S.	New England	88
4—S.S.	Titania	5,802
9—S.S.	Columbia	68
10—S.S.	Kingfisher	82
12—S.S.	Wyefield	5,138
13—S.S.	New England	84
21—S.S.	Kingfisher	90
21—S.S.	Columbia	56
24—S.S.	New England	74
26—S.S.	Titania	5,771
Total		17,253

ORDERED FROM CHURCH.

The Hungarian journals have lately made merry at the expense of Count Tisza, the Premier, who, although a Liberal, is not free from the foibles of his casts. One of these is a love to appear at all functions in his uniform as a reserve lieutenant of Hussars. At a recent public funeral, since his accession to office, this led him into a ludicrous scrape. A regular captain of Hussars, of Tory principles, who happened to be on duty, spied the Premier in his reserve uniform, and therefore in the position of his subordinate. As one or two little details of the uniform had not been donned, the captain peremptorily ordered the "lieutenant" out of the church to "dress correctly," and the Premier had no appeal. Home he rushed to rectify himself, but when he got back to church the funeral was over.

THE PASTOR'S PITY.—A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from Inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure healed me. I pity those who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-tops." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—138.