

ball has three trials to make the distance between these lines with the penalty of resighting the ball to their opponents, who, in their turn, are given the same chances. Peculiar combinations are worked, the famed "V" wedge, first used at Yale, being the favorite. The player holding the ball is stationed within the angle of the "V," and when the rush is made, attempts to make the gain from some unexpected quarter. It is unfortunate that these varieties of Rugby exist, as the divergence precludes contests between our clubs and the organizations on the Sound. The English game is played in Portland and San Francisco. Whilst great stimulus would be given to Rugby if it were possible to arrange contests with Seattle and Tacoma, it looks very much as if local enthusiasts will have to content themselves with games between our different Provincial clubs.

BASE BALL.

The Amity team play the Nanaimo club to day on the new athletic grounds of the coal city. The players of the Victoria nine are the following: Lenfesty, p. Smith, c; Partridge, 1 b; Widdowson, 2 b; Gowen, Geo. 3 b; Williams, s. s; Duck, 1. f; Wrigglesworth, c. f; Schultz, r. f.

Mr. Phil. F. Kelley, manager of the Seattle Athletic Association base ball team, has written that his men are practicing for the game at the Exhibition on American Day. Thornton, the left-handed college man, so effective on Queen's birthday, will probably be in the box for the visitors, and Dr Cobb, another college man, will figure behind the bat. Victorians will welcome the Seattle players, whose conduct on the field, and clean playing have gained for them many admirers in this city.

THE OAR.

The new shell ordered by the James Bay Athletic Association has arrived at last, and the boys are waiting anxiously to see the boat unpacked, and pass opinions on prospective speed and durability.

It seems that Victoria will have no representatives in the sculling and four-oared events at the Westminster regatta during Exhibition week, most of the local men having given up practice, and, therefore, being in no condition.

LACROSSE.

The lacrosse match between the seniors of Vancouver and Victoria last Saturday, resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 5 to 2. The match was exciting throughout, the principal feature being the rough play of the Mainland team.

The next game will be the protested one between Vancouver and Victoria, which will probably be played in this city Sept 29. This will decide whether or not Victoria will tie Westminster.

The James Bays defeated the Stars by a score of 5 to 2 last Saturday, at Caledonia Park last Saturday. The game was spirited throughout, and reflected the highest possible degree of credit on both teams. The date for the match between the James Bays and the victorious Mainland team has not yet been fixed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

THE STEEL PLANT.

To the Editor of THE HOME JOURNAL.

At the last meeting of the City Council I noticed that a very important matter was brought before the city fathers by one of the aldermen, namely, Col. Witherow's proposition to establish a steel works in Victoria, to employ 2,000 men and to produce 50,000 tons of steel per year.

Now, the importance of such a business to this city and province cannot be over-estimated. It would be of immense benefit in a hundred different ways. I do not blame altogether the council as a whole who voted upon this proposition, but I do condemn the worthy alderman who fathered the motion. He did not bring the matter before the council in a business like or intelligent way, and it was handled and disposed of as if it were a huge joke. Now, I ask, when is this indifferent, lethargic kind of conduct going to stop? Have not our council enough common-sense business about them to treat this question in a broad-minded, liberal manner.

We talk about railroads. Steel works are vastly of more importance to Victoria than a railroad. Get the business and then railroads will come. Someone will say, "it can't be made to pay." Leave that matter alone, I say; capital will take care of itself.

I would rather take the opinion of one practical man than the crude ideas of a dozen councils such as we have in Victoria. I believe the people of this city would carry a by-law for the scheme by 3 to 1.

I have been in business in Victoria for years, but I have yet to see the council of Victoria that assists the business community as it should.

Let this question be reconsidered and brought before the people.

Yours, etc.

BUSINESS.

Mr. J. D. Taylor, of the *Colonist*, has returned from Ottawa.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

It is rumored that a well known lawyer of Langley street, who is now visiting friends in the vicinity of Port Townsend, will undertake a voyage on the sometimes tempestuous sea of matrimony, in the near future.

A harvest Service of Song will be given in the Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt street, on Thursday evening, 27th inst. The choir, which will be strengthened for the occasion, will present an interesting programme.

A young gentleman, well-known and popular in Victoria society circles and the secretary of a prominent government official, will, it is said, go east and wed one of the fairest daughters of the Dominion capital.

The Victoria Quadrille Club has demonstrated its claim to success by giving a most enjoyable hop at Hebrew L. dies' Hall, Wednesday evening last.

Mrs. Watt's lectures at St. Ann's Convent are an interesting literary treat. Her discussion of the novelist Barrie was a brilliant effort.

Rev. Prof. Bryce, one of the best known Scotchmen in Canada, reached Victoria Thursday night on a short visit to the coast.

The Daughters of England gave a necktie social and dance at Sir William Wallace Hall, Thursday evening.

It is whispered that a well known commercial traveller will enter the ranks of the benedicts during the week.

The family of Mr. C. H. Steckels have removed from Nanaimo and become residents of the capital.

Mr. Geo. Burnett has so far recovered as to be able to again take up his musical duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendray were among those who visited the Interstate Fair this week.

Prof. Baird, of Manitoba College, Winnipeg, has been visiting Victoria this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irving have left on a short visit to Portland.

The Misses Crosby arrived down from the North Wednesday.

Miss Broderick returned from the Sound Wednesday.