

SPORTING GOSSIP.

VICTORIA COLLEGIATE SPORTS.

The annual sports of the Victoria Collegiate School, of which Rev. C. E. Sharp, is headmaster, were held under most charming circumstances in the presence of the wealth and fashion of the city. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney and also the Bishop graced the affair with their presence.

The first event was the junior hundred yards which was most keenly contested, the competitors being under the age of 14, this was won by Powell, major.

The next event was throwing the shot ball. This was won by Kane (74 lbs), Foster second, (72 yds).

The junior high jump came next, and involved itself into a duel between Johnson and Dewdney, minor. This was one of the most exciting contests on the programme, the result being Dewdney, 3 ft 6 in.; Johnson, 3 ft 6 in.

The obstacle race was a most amusing one. Kane led for some time, but in the second lap he cut his knee and was obliged to retire. Foster won this event, being a good second.

After refreshments came the half-mile race, which was won by Kane. Johnson won the potato race.

Mrs. Hannington, Aspland acted as referee, while Mr. Skene, to whose efforts much of the afternoon's enjoyment may be credited, acted as starter and Mr. A. Aspland held the watch. The prizes, which were valuable, were universally appreciated.

LACROSSE.

The intermediate championship lacrosse which will be played this afternoon is expected to be a first class exhibition and a hard fought battle. Both the teams have been practising hard, and there is considerable speculation as to the result. Last year's rivalry has again cropped up, and a spirited contest is inevitable. This is the third match in the intermediate championship series for the trophies offered by the Victoria Lacrosse Club.

BASEBALL.

The Stanford University base ball team will play Victoria at the Caledonia grounds on Thursday coming. The college boys from Palo Alto have had a long series of wins since leaving California. They are the amateur champions of California, and will certainly be entitled to claim that proud title for the Pacific Coast, as they have defeated every team in Oregon and Washington that they have encountered. The Victoria nine will be the strongest team that can be put on the field, and will comprise picked men from the James

Bay and V. A. C's. The game should be exciting, as our boys will endeavor to snatch victory from the Golden State representatives at their national pastime. The college boys are described as nimble base-runners, accurate fielders and heavy batsmen. The local team have been practising steadily and are showing better work in the in-field, and the batting is certainly much better. It is hoped that Victorians will crowd the grounds to welcome the visitors. The following will likely be the make-up of the Victoria nine in their position:—Partridge, 1st b; Widdowson, 2nd b; Wrigglesworth, 3rd b; Franklin, ss; Gouge, l. f; Gowan, c. f; Schultz, r. f; captain, Lenfesty, p; Smith, c.

CRICKET.

The match between Corrigan College and the United Banks last Saturday afternoon was interesting after a way. The College boys are sadly in need of a catch. They are developing bad form, especially in batting, there being an entire absence of anything approaching a forward play, in every instance the ball being blocked by a backward movement. There is nothing so pretty as a gracefully executed forward stroke. The fielding of the Bank eleven was a sorry exhibition, and principally responsible for their defeat. The throwing was the poorest imaginable, on one occasion the ball being hurled at the wickets without any one backing up. The muffing or rather lack of judgment in gauging catches was very conspicuous. Cricket is not altogether confined to batting, and the sooner attention is paid to fielding, the better for the interests of cricket.

The Victoria Cricket club met the Albions on the Caledonia grounds last Saturday, and after a good game gained a victory on the first innings by 68 runs and five wickets. The ground was slow, but the wicket, thanks to Wallis' careful handling, played extremely well, and it was distinctly a batsman's day. The Albions went first to the bat, and showed a vast improvement on their last year's form. Warden and Frost played good cricket, but the batting throughout was marked by a confidence which augurs well for the Albions during the rest of the season. The innings closed for 125, none of the Victoria bowlers except Wallis, showing over average form. With only one hour and three-quarters in which to make 125, it seemed very doubtful if the Victoria Cricket club could win, but Lieut. Barnes and Little commenced by playing careful cricket, and having once got set punished the bowling to such an extent that the result was soon beyond a doubt. Change after change was tried, but after first Barnes and then Little had been sent to the pavilion, Wallis, Foulkes and Smith

drove the Albion bowlers to despair, and the ball to the boundary, until at the drawing of stumps, 195 was hoisted on the telegraph board. The Victoria Cricket club have this year a very strong batting eleven, and as in the chief matches they will be represented by their strongest team, it may be safely predicted that they will go through the season undefeated.

SPORTING TIPS.

There seems to be good grounds for the belief that Corbett will not meet Jackson this year.

"Old Tulip," in society circles known as Prof. Robt. Foster, has placed the Victoria Lacrosse Club under lasting obligations to him for the manner in which he looks after his men and the grounds, too.

The long-talked-of foot-race between George Algernon Morphy and Thos. Alice will come off some time this autumn. At first the betting inclined a little in favor of Alice, but since it has leaked out that Morphy once ran a mile in one hour and thirty minutes, on a heavy track, at Carleton Place, the sports are seriously considering the wisdom of hedging.

It cannot be denied that the Provincial Government have manifested commendable promptitude in their action in providing assistance and relief for the sufferers by the Fraser River floods. Instructions have, we notice, been given to commence as soon as possible, certain works of reparation and in the meantime to supply the necessary accommodations at once in the most prompt and convenient way possible. The bridge over the Thompson River, at Ashcroft, having been carried away, a first-class ferry scow is to be built immediately and put at once into operation as the entire traffic to and from Cariboo, Lillooet and other sections is accustomed to pass this way.

In connection with the short supplies of meat which have been occasioned by the suspension of railway traffic on the Mainland and the impossibility to get cattle from the East to this market, Collector of Customs Milne, has been officially notified that the ninety days' quarantine on cattle entering this port from the United States has been raised temporarily, and that cattle immediately after inspection here can, if fit, be slaughtered. It would appear to be somewhat unfortunate that it was impossible to communicate with Australia so as to have had supplies brought in by the steamer which reached here from that country on Sunday night, as the Arawa is credited with having a very large cold storage capacity.

We have again and again urged upon the authorities and the public the necessity which exists for a more thorough system of inspection at the quarantine station, through, or rather the hands of the quarantine officer of which, upon repeated occasions smallpox has been allowed to slip. Now it is announced that the black plague one of the most terrible scourges of Eastern Countries, has broken out at Hong Kong, from which vessels are continually arriving here, especially the well known steamships of the C. P. R. Empress line. These vessels, it is notorious, have on several occasions been the means of bringing in smallpox. It is to be hoped that they will not also be allowed to carry among us the terrible black plague, the havoc caused by which forms the story of several pathetic chapters of history.—Commercial Journal.