

THIS SEASON IN BASEBALL PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR THE LOCAL TEAM

The Game Calls for Large Salaries to Players in League.

The baseball season of 1908 is on. The California state on the Coast League teams bring the first nines to take the field.

The National and American leagues will play their first games on the 15th of the present month and from that time until the end of May the many minor leagues will start their seasons.

It would be a hard matter to estimate the large salaries which are paid out to ball players yearly as well as the large amount of money invested in the game in ball parks, players' etc.

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there are several outlaw leagues and many thousands of independent, college and amateur nines in the States as well as in Canada.

Last week reference was made to the glorious history of the local team in 1903.

The season of 1904 was not the huge success that the previous season was.

McManns, Emerson, Earle and Treadway joined the club early in the season and for the first month the team was victorious in all the games played.

In 1905 the Northwestern league placed a team in Victoria under the management of Geo. H. Hottel.

But Victorians did not take very kindly to professional baseball, and owing to the poor attendance the Victorian nine was after the first month or so merged into the city taking Victoria's place in the league.

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ANGLERS' LUCK IN NEAR WATERS

MANY SOUGHT SPORT WITH VARYING SUCCESS

Some Fair Catches Are Reported—Result of the Day's Sport.

The time of year has come when an angler can enjoy himself, even if he catches no fish.

At Sooke lake there was a good deal of pure enjoyment obtained but the fish were rather shy.

At Saanich Arm the grise were rather shy, the baskets ranging from one to a dozen.

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At Sooke many Victorians are building for themselves fishing camps.

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Local News

Two drunks were the only representatives of their class in the police court this morning.

Rev. G. W. Dean is giving up his work and going to Shawangan Lake.

Rev. Robt. Milliken, B. D., occupied the pulpit of the Metropolitan Methodist church yesterday when services were held specially for the Sunday school.

The regular review of Victoria Hive No. 1, Ladies' of the Maccoches, will be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall.

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The Local Markets

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Table listing various goods and their prices, including Fruit, Vegetables, etc.

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Meat, Poultry, etc.

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PERFECTION ATTAINED

ALWAYS OF HIGH AND UNIFORM QUALITY. Lead Packets Only. Blue Label 40c. Red Label 50c. And Gold Label 60c. per lb. At All Grocers. HIGHEST AWARD—ST. LOUIS, 1904.

LOCAL FRUIT GROWERS ARE GETTING BUSY

The first and most important work of James Drummond, the new secretary of the Victoria Fruitgrowers' association, and the one in which he is now engaged, is that of persuading the few remaining growers to enter the association.

Representative of the orange growers of California, who gave the members a good deal of valuable advice in regard to the matter under consideration.

Temporary quarters have been taken by the local association at the foot of Yates street, until they get a building of their own.

Large quantities of the fruit will be brought to the headquarters in the neighborhood of the Pumping station and also in the evening to a packing house of their own where the fruit can be properly packed and graded near at hand.

Goodness gradually as the Bishop and a lot of the clergy are in the Old Country at present.

A plumber tells me our pipes sometimes burst; but they are repaired in a day and no one knows about it.

BRIGANDS KILL RUSSIANS. Lenkoran, Transcaucasia, Russia, April 13.—There was a conflict yesterday between Russian troops and a band of Persian brigands near the frontier coast of Belucistan.

The steamship Otter arrived in port this morning from Ladysmith, bringing a load of coal for the C. P. R. wharf.

CHINESE BOYCOTT JAPANESE STEAMERS. Empress Profits at Expense of Vessel Flying Nipponese Flag.

Although the Tatsu Maru case, which aroused so much interest in the Orient, has been officially closed by the Chinese and Japanese governments and consigned into the past as a regrettable incident, the Hongkong and Canton among the business men is daily growing stronger, and the boycott aimed against Japanese steamships is already assuming large proportions.

It is realized by shipping men in the Orient, as well as on the Pacific Coast, that the boycott has now reached a serious stage as far as the two Japanese companies, the Toyo Kisen and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, are concerned.

The trade from Hongkong and Canton is a very valuable one, and the two companies can hardly afford to lose the share heretofore given to them in submission. The discrimination against the British and American lines will very likely result in international complications, according to advices received by the liner Tremont on Saturday.

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BLUCHER CUT sole. Per pair. \$3.75. LACE BOOTS, me. \$4.50. BLUCHER LACE per pair. \$3.00. BLUCHER LACE pair. \$5.00. AS LACE BOOT. \$2.50. OXFORDS, me. \$1.50. KID BLUCHER. Per pair. \$4.50. OXFORDS, welt. \$5.00. OXFORDS, welt. \$3.50.

Hats

man that intends to for Easter, we call fact that the Cloth- to please. It will will please you in you in quality, and is bound to be sat- stitiveness and an er Men's Clothing dressers. We can set up-to-the-minute newest and noblest ed and beautifully no more than you garments that were an elegant assort- asked for brown \$30 to \$2.50.

AT DEATH WAS

Jury Investigates of William Hooper of Duncan.

Monday's Daily.) est into the circumstances the death of Wm. Hooper, which took place in the on at an early hour Satur- day, was investigated by a jury the same afternoon, and returned that the man had as a result of piece of meat his windpipe. The story as inquest was that while eating in the Commercial corner of Cormorant and streets, he was suddenly seized and was conveyed to the he commenced to vomit, engaged a piece of meat being in his windpipe, causing as soon as the seriousness of his condition was noted he across the street to the police, but died almost immedi-ly.

Heiler was eating with when the latter exclaimed, in going to have a fit, collapsed on the floor, and carried out to the sidewalk, emptied to help, but some- intervened. He had gone being Hooper lying on the side of the restaurant.

ann Robertson, who con- post mortem examination, were no signs of violence on or any evidence of poison- was a slight enlargement of the heart, and he had found a solid at sticking in the windpipe. ries he was satisfied that and been seized with a fit, it was coming on when he reach the door. While vom- of meat had jammed in.

Heiler told of the man hur- to the police station, one of two gasps he had this the jury returned to verdict, when was up the effect that died from suffocation as a piece of meat sticking in

of the jurors were: Frank man; John Lemp, Thos. Roderick T. McKinnon, Evans, Thos Burke.

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