

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

To-morrow's Lacrosse Match Between the Victoria and Westminster Senior Teams.

Robert J. Breaks the World's Record at Indianapolis-Cricket and Wheeling.

The senior lacrosse team had their last practice last evening for the match at Westminster to-morrow, and for the first time during the week were enabled to use their sticks. Some good hard work was put in and the boys will be pretty well in shape for the game. A big crowd of excursionists will go up with them on the steamer Yosemite, which leaves at 7:30 to-morrow morning expressly for the match, and will return after the game is over. The fare is only \$1.50 for the round trip, which is certainly very moderate. The team will be selected from the following: R. Eckardt, A. E. Macnaughton, W. H. Callin, C. L. Collin, F. Collin, W. Ditchburn, W. F. Blight, A. Beatty, F. Williams, R. Williams, D. M. Paterson, T. Casack and W. Jackson. The Westminster team will be chosen from: Goldwell, Cheyne, Snell, Campbell, MacKenzie, P. Peale, H. J. Peale, McQuarry, Dalgleish, J. Lewis, L. A. Lewis, Ryall and Cambridge. It will be seen that there will be little change in the personnel of either team, which goes to show that the game will be a hard fought one all through.

CRICKET.

VICTORIA C.C. VS. MR. S. F. MORLEY'S ELEVEN. This match was played yesterday afternoon in the Caledonia grounds and resulted in a victory for the Victoria C.C. by 33 runs, after an exhibition of good and free hitting by both sides. It was gratifying to see Mr. Scroggie and Mr. Barff, who have formerly played for the club, considering more than of late, both distinguishing themselves respectively at bowling and batting, though they were out of practice. Barraclough, as usual, made some great hits, making a long stand with Barff for about 45 runs. Mr. Morley and others managed, by rattling the field, to bring the score up to the three figures when the former was caught in the deep field. The redoubtable Mr. Maurice Hill carried his bat after a most ably played innings against the bowling of the Victoria C.C. who had shown himself able to dispose of Mr. Wigram for the small score of 3. Mr. Wigram is generally good for anything under four figures. For the V.C.C. Messrs. Smith and Wallis made the great stand of the innings, the second wicket not falling for under 98 runs. This was almost good as the record of the Wolves v. Lamb's match, when the second wicket of the Wolves did not fall for under 75.

FACETING.

THE VIGILANT'S MISAP. LONDON, Sept. 6.—In an interview published to-day Howard Gould said he did not believe that the Vigilant sailed a rock in her voyage to Cowes. The chart showed plainly five fathoms of water where the accident occurred. He did not blame the pilot. The ship had a heavy voyage and the board must have been strained.

THE CITY.

THE PACIFIC RECORD BROKEN. INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—To-day Robert J. Breaks the world's passing record, travelling a mile in 2.022.

Time has been extended one week to give opportunity to all who desire to come in as charter members of the new I.O.O.F. lodge, "Peerless." The list now contains 150 names.

The following promotions have been made in No. 1 Company B.C.B.G.A.: To be sergeants, Corporals Wilson and Cave; to be corporals, Bombardiers Holmes and Richard and Gunner Wilkerson; to be bombardier, Gunner Russell.

TWO GENTLEMEN, J. T. Holt and D. D. Mann, representing a considerable amount of Montreal capital, passed through Victoria on their way to Carleton Place. E. Brown and H. A. Bingham, mining experts, joined them in this city and will go with them to look at some hydraulic property which is being negotiated for. From the Winnipeg papers it would appear that Messrs. Holt and Mann are also looking into the construction of a railway from the P. R. main line at Ashcroft northward. The gentlemen refuse to confirm the rumor.

ORDERS have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.A.G., postponing the inspection of the various companies B.C.B.G.A. until after the course of instruction about to be held under Major Rawstone, R.M.A. Officers, non-commissioned officers and men who intend to avail themselves of the course will attend in uniform (drill order) at the drill hall at 8 o'clock next Monday evening. As the inspection has been postponed Lieut.-Col. Prior has ordered all drills of the headquarters companies to be discontinued until December 31.

A MEETING for the purpose of making arrangements for a ball in connection with the forthcoming exhibition of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, was held yesterday afternoon in Mr. H. E. A. Robertson's office, there being present Messrs. D. R. Ker, B. Wilson, J. A. Aikman, W. E. Dowling, H. E. A. Robertson and A. J. Dallin. Mr. Dallin was appointed secretary, with Mr. Dowling as assistant, and was instructed to make all necessary preparations for the event, the date set for which is the evening of Friday, October 6.

The monthly parlor social of the local W.C.T.U. was held at the residence of Mrs. McNaughton, Devonshire road, yesterday afternoon, there being a large attendance and much interest manifested. Mrs. Jenkins gave a full report of the proceedings of the convention recently closed at Vancouver, this convention being unanimously voted to have been the most successful ever held in the province. Mrs. Jenkins' report was followed by the reading of a paper by Mrs. Gould, entitled "Love of Power," bearing upon the power lost by not wearing the white ribbon.

"G. GALITZIN, St. Petersburg," was the modest inscription on the District register. "The Prince" remarked the night clerk: "Would he send up a card?" "He would not!" The Prince had ordered that he must not be disturbed. The Prince is a tall, well-built man who is getting down the shady side of life, being apparently 50 or over. His dark face is framed with a grizzled beard and his once black hair is streaked with grey. "Travelling for pleasure" was all the information which the distinguished gentleman would impart, but his mission is already too well known to need more than passing comment. The re-

sources of Canada, and more particularly the Northwest and extreme West, are being carefully studied for data to guide the recent move to establish colonies of his countrymen in this part of the world. So far as can be learned, Prince Galitzin is exceedingly well pleased with what he has seen of this part of Canada and will no doubt, on his return, report favorably on several points in this vicinity. It is understood that he will remain here several days.

THE Ottawa correspondent of the Colonist wired last evening that "the decision of the British Columbia sealers to accept the United States' offer of \$425,000 in settlement of their seizure claims was received by Sir Charles H. Tupper to-night (Thursday), and was immediately communicated to Washington. While Sir Charles is himself disappointed that the amount is not larger, and while he fought hard for more, under the circumstances he thinks the sealers have acted wisely." This indication is the first that has been given here of the action of the sealing men; it was, however, anticipated that the offer would be accepted.

CAPTAIN J. E. CLEMENTS, pilot of the steamship City of Kingston, and well known in Puget Sound, was last evening united in holy matrimony to Miss Bella Leckie. The marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage, Quadra street, and was conducted by Rev. Solomon Clever. After the wedding the friends of the contracting parties were given a reception at the residence of Mr. Robert Pickerton, Fort street. The bride is a popular young Victorian and is the recipient of all good wishes. Captain Clements and his wife leave this morning by the Rosalie on a tour of the Sound cities.

THE Oddfellows turned out in a body at the funeral of one of their former members, John William Arnold, yesterday afternoon. The funeral, after leaving the family residence, Second street, marched to St. John's church and thence to Ross Bay cemetery, the Odd Fellows being first in line, followed by numerous friends of the deceased. At the church Rev. Percival Jones conducted services, as also at the grave side, the Odd Fellows conducting the burial rites of the order. The pall-bearers, who were all members of Dominion Lodge No. 4, I.O.O.F., to which deceased had belonged, were: George Oliver, L. Conning, J. E. Phillips, R. A. Robinson, Joshua Holland and Gavin Fowle. The deceased, who leaves a widow and one child, was born in 1859 in Broadway near Dorchester England.

MRS. MARY DROSDOVITCH monopolized the attention of the city police court for the better part of an hour yesterday, having been summoned for over-driving a horse. Where the over-driving came in is not exactly clear—the point at issue was that the horse should not have been driven at all, and the law does not provide means for reaching such a case except under the measure which has been dragging the woman. Having had considerable court practice herself, and not being burdened with bashfulness or any objection to discussing legal points with the lights of the law, Mrs. Drosdovitch conducted the defence herself. Each witness was in turn subjected to a severe cross-examination, and between depositions the defendant took occasion to address the court in a mournful strain that was really quite plaintive. It developed by the evidence that several days ago the old black pony which had been dragging the woman and her boy about the streets fell down. Not only that, but feeling comfortable he refused to get up again. Hence the charge. Dr. Tolmie had examined the animal. It was over 20 years old. It had no teeth. It could not resist its food, property, and though not diseased in his opinion the animal should be destroyed. Mrs. Drosdovitch pleaded her case with great fluency. Any horse might fall down. She had seen two horses fall only the other day. The only trouble was that the horse's teeth were sharpening. This she would have done at once. If the teeth were properly filed she was sure the horse would fatten up at once. The court ordered that the horse be released from future duty. The owner must pay costs of court. There came another burst of eloquence from the owner. She was poor. She had houses it was true, but alas they were nearly all empty. Could the court wait until her rent came. With great difficulty the court succeeded in checking the volume of sound and gave her until Saturday to pay up the \$3.50.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

A press dispatch of yesterday, under Ottawa date, says that "in the case of the British Columbia sealing schooner Wanderer, which was brought to Victoria by a United States cruiser under arrest and handed over to the British government on a charge of having guns and powder on board, the Minister of Marine has ordered Collector Milne to have nothing to do with the case. He decided that no offences had been shown and that the Wanderer had complied with all the instructions." While this is scarcely correct, the Canadian authorities not being the ones called upon to determine the Wanderer's fate, the outcome of the case is rightly stated. Rear Admiral Stephenson, as commander of the station, has since the arrival of the schooner here given her case his immediate attention, and yesterday his instructions were received to release her. It has been believed from the first that the Wanderer would "come out all right," for the offence was at most a trifling technical misdemeanor; nevertheless her owners have been put to a loss of many thousands of dollars by the vessel's detention.

THE "QUADRA" RETURNS.

The government steamer Quadra arrived in port last evening from a trip to the Gulf where the lightships have been receiving their annual supply of coal for the fog alarms. The bell buoy was removed at the Sandheads on Monday last and Point Grey buoy relieved with another one on Wednesday. Strong southeast winds and rain prevailed in the Gulf whilst the Quadra was engaged there.

REPRESENTING VICTORIA. Captain J. A. Hughes has been appointed deputy surveyor to the Bureau Veritas and the Record of American shipping for Victoria and Esquimalt. This will be a great convenience to shipbuilders, as certificates of repairs can be issued under the seals of the corporations.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from Vazina this evening, says that Princess Bismarck has grown worse rapidly in the last hours and is now dangerously ill.

Professor Hermann von Helmholtz is sinking. His physician fears that he has but a short time to live.

VIENNA, Sept. 6.—In Galicia 168 cases of cholera and 90 deaths were reported to-day.

BERLIN, Sept. 6.—Six cases of cholera were reported in Upper to-day.

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Double Harness, Chain Harness, Bull Chains, Saddles (ladies and gent's), Bridles, etc.

Blacksmiths' Bellows, Anvil and Tools and Carpenters' Tools.

9-Room House (shingle roofed; Stable for 10 horses, with hay loft above; Stone Root-house, Store Buildings, Dairy, Cow Sheds, etc., etc).

4 Miles (about) Standing Fences, in good order; Corral, 10 miles barbed wire and staples; about 2,500 Posts on the ground, ready for use, etc., etc.

Small Lot Household Furniture, Stove and Pipes, Crookery, etc., etc.

This Property is within easy distance of many of the most important population of this district will increase this year by at least 10,000; the area of farm land is very limited, and from this it may be fairly asserted that land and all classes of farm produce will find a ready and lucrative market. The soil is the best bottom of good farm land can be found in one block. A river runs through the property, and rainbow trout are plentiful and afford capital sport. Deer abound in considerable numbers. Bear, Wolf, Coyote and other large game are to be found in the hills. There are two creeks recorded and belonging to the estate, one flows all the year round. Limestone and brick clay are to be had in the valley.

The Cattle are well bred; a much larger herd could be farmed with the many thousands of acres, and is available to the few land owners in the valley. All buildings and fences about the farm are a good order, and farming operations can be gone on with at once; about 180 acres of ploughing have been, so far, provided for this year's work.

The Climate is not severe, the land being about 1,100 feet above sea level; the station was for many years the winter quarters of the H. B. Co.'s pack trains. There is a weekly express in and out. Goods and supplies at wholesale can be procured on order and delivered in 48 hours.

The Title is by grant from the Crown, and is free of all encumbrances. Immediate possession can be given.

Important Railway works are now in progress within moderate distance, and two railway lines have been run to pass close to or through the estate, which can be reached in the spring in three days' journey from Victoria.

The South West Kootenay District, British Columbia, is, judging from the actual ore products of the mines this winter, destined in the next year or two to become one of the richest and most important mineral centres in the world. Statistics show, that although the district is in its primary stage, the mines have developed ore veins rich enough to warrant the investment of over a million dollars. When these mines come to be worked systematically, there will be an

Influx of Population, which will require beef and farm produce in large quantities. The limited quantity of really good farm land in the district to supply these requirements makes this

A BONANZA!

To any person or corporation having the capital and knowledge necessary to develop and work this estate. A store, hotel, and blacksmith shop could be run in connection with the farm.

P. O. BOX 188.

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OFFENDERS BEWARE.

The Officials of the Post Office Department Preparing to Vindicate the Law.

Writing Upon Newspapers and Using of Cancelled Stamps to Be Promptly Punished.

Post Office Inspector Fletcher and the officials of his department are at present preparing for a busy season, it having been decided to inaugurate a crusade against violators of the Post Office act. Wholesale prosecutions may be looked for, for the purpose of writing short messages on newspapers, using faintly-cancelled stamps over again, or enclosing letters with parcels or circulars, has developed considerable proportions in British Columbia of late. Of course the misdemeanor is not so very heinous, but it is nevertheless a violation of the law, and the law must be obeyed and respected.

"How are all the folks at home?" is the sentence which is most liable to get the thoughtless writers upon newspaper margins into trouble, for the statistics of the department show that this is the inquiry most frequently indited. "Write soon," or "I will write soon," may be counted as second in popularity; while "Love to all" is transmitted at reduced rates, contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, on many a magazine or Sunday mammoth.

The post office authorities have no desire to "be hard on" anyone or to put well-meaning thoughtless newspaper editors in the trouble, unpleasantness and expense of prosecution and punishment. Hence it is that they are now mailing official warnings to be prominently displayed in all the post offices, setting forth sections 22, 24 and 108 of the act—the ones most frequently violated—and directing public attention to the fact that under these clauses several prosecutions have lately been instituted, in one case the clearing of cancelled stamps for the purpose of using them again, the culprit being sentenced to imprisonment for a term of years. The intention of the department is to rigorously prosecute all who may be detected in deliberate attempts to defraud the revenue—although willfulness is not noticed in not so much as mentioned in the

sections quoted. For the information of the public they are here given:

"Section 23. Everyone who encloses a letter or letters, or any writing intended to serve the purpose of a letter, in a parcel posted for the parcel post or in a packet of stamps or patterns, or in a newspaper posted to pass as a newspaper, or in any small matter sent by post not being a letter, shall incur a penalty not exceeding \$40, and not less than \$10 in each case.

"Section 24. Everyone who with fraudulent intent removes from any postage stamp any mark that has been made thereon at any post office is guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Section 108. Every person who uses or attempts to use in prepayment of postage any postage stamp which has been before used for a like purpose shall incur a penalty of not more than \$40 and not less than \$10 for each and every such offence.

The first of the prosecutions in this vicinity was taken in Magistrate E. Baynes' court at Esquimalt on Thursday, the culprit, a responsible business man who had been accused by mailing a letter with a printed circular transmitted at special rates, being found guilty and fined \$10 and costs. His plea was "innocence of intention to offend, but it was pointed out to him that ignorance of the law does not excuse."

The carriers and third class clerks of the Victoria post office are still waiting and watching for their provincial allowances, which (owing apparently to some misunderstanding at headquarters) has not been paid them for two months past. Their great fear is that though the usual grant was passed by parliament, an attempt may be made to appropriate it between Vancouver and Victoria, the former having been recently created (though not yet gazetted) a city office. This would reduce the amount of the allowances from \$10 per month per man to about \$6—a cut which could not very well be sustained by the news-towel-paid civil servants of this branch. It is probable, however, that the difficulty will be satisfactorily settled as soon as Sir A. P. Caron returns to Ottawa.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—The government has decided to send a gunboat to the Benue river, in West Africa, to suppress Chief Nana, whose tribesmen recently attacked and killed a number of British subjects.

LIMA, Peru, Sept. 6.—Troops have attacked the revolutionists at Panta, after a four hours' fight the rebels were defeated. The people here are anxious for a war with Ecuador, which will probably not be long delayed.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN PRINCE.

The Czar's Commissioner for the Siberian Railway Arrives on the "Empress"

He Visits Korea, but Does Not Think Much of the War.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 7.—(Special)—A Russian Prince has been unearthed among the second class passengers of the last Empress. He got a second class passenger ticket by mistake so his fellow passenger, Mr. Fee, explains. The Colonist reporter interviewed Mr. Fee and Prince Koudachoff, that being His Highness's name. The Prince is a commissioner of the Russian Government's transcontinental railroad across the continent of Asia, while Mr. Fee is chief engineer of the road and the only English engineer in Siberia. Both gentlemen talked freely. They took to-day's Canadian Pacific across the continent on their way to England. Prince Koudachoff has under his superintendence during the few summer months in which they are able to work 3,000 Siberian convicts and 1,000 Chinamen. The Chinamen do all the stone work and the convicts all the earth works. The convict labor is considered to be better than Chinese labor, but not as good as English or American white labor. Three hundred miles of the road has been built east from Vladivostok. The extent of the road is 5,000 miles. The country through which the road passes is rich in minerals, copper and tin being turned over on the surface of the ground. There are besides large tracks of grain grown by the convicts.

The travellers were in Korea three weeks ago. They did not see any evidence of the fighting which according to the reports is going on. At Ansan, where a great battle is said to have taken place, Chinamen are camped on one side of the river and Japanese on the other, and all the day long they lift their hats to one another and exchange acrobatic greetings across the river. Here an engagement took place; fifty people were wounded, but none killed. The Japanese defeated this into a great victory. The Chinese were when they left had the best of it by sea. Mr. Fee saw one Japanese warship with her decks swept clean. The Chinese warship had met a Japanese warship near

Seoul and ran up the white flag. The Japanese taking it for a surrender approached within a few yards, when the Chinese warship opened a broadside and disabled the Jap at one volley. Two Japanese warships were in sight and the Chinamen skipped. The travellers passed right through where the war was going on, in a Japanese steamer.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. WINNIPEG, Sept. 7.—(Special)—Judge Walker, reviving officer for Winnipeg, has decided to strike from the Dominion voters' lists, now in course of revision, the names of all persons who have been registered under the income qualification, and it is understood that the revising barriers in other constituencies will pursue the same course. Electors who have no other qualification than that of income will have to make a new application.

The Northern Pacific crop reports state that the weather for the past week has been cool, with showers. Stocking is well advanced. There is a small percentage of oats to be cut yet. The harvest has commenced and wheat is turning out better than expected. The field will be about twenty bushels per acre.

The Northwest Assembly has adopted a petition asking the Dominion Government to aid the Hudson's Bay R. R. The report of the education committee has been adopted. The committee further reports that in its opinion the provisions of the school ordinance now in force do not wrongfully deprive Roman Catholics of the right to establish schools.

It is said that W. B. Scarth will be appointed Collector of Customs for Winnipeg. Col. Scott, the present collector, is to be superannuated.

The date for the meeting of the Western grain standards board has been postponed.

FLOUR FOR CHINA. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 6.—There is a great rush of work at the Pacific Mail Co.'s dock at present, principally due to the large shipments of flour to China. The Belgic will take out a very heavy cargo of flour on Saturday.

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