

HIGH STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY

ATTAINED BY FIFTH
REGIMENT THIS YEAR

Officers Gratified With Week's Training—Church Parade To-morrow—Annual Sports.

To-morrow will mark the expiration of the first week of the annual Fifth Regiment camp at Macaulay Plains. So far the outing has been exceptionally gratifying to all concerned from every standpoint except, perhaps, one, and that the extreme coolness of the atmosphere at night. But blankets of reasonable thickness were distributed liberally this year, and both officers and men are fairly comfortable. The attentiveness at drill has been better than ever before and the smartness of the regiment as a whole shows an improvement over previous summers. These are not mere idle words, but a serious statement which may be corroborated by consultation with any of the company officers. The training on the six-inch guns, on the field artillery and in infantry tactics already has advanced beyond the stage of officiousness reached at the close of the last camp.

Last evening at the little military camp village the various companies engaged in their usual drill. No. 1 took up the thirteen-pound gun drill, No. 2 went into the fort and No. 3 tried infantry manoeuvres. There were a number of spectators on hand to watch the drill, and the scene, it must be acknowledged, was exceedingly interesting. The militiamen rushed up and down the field in skirmishing order, dropping to the ground at the sound of the whistle and jumping again to their feet for a further charge at another signal. And so the training proceeded, the thin red line advancing and retreating according to the inclination of those in charge. It all looked very genuine with the exception that no casualties were noted, nor could one hear the expected crackle of musketry. But those engaged took the matter very earnestly. The officers issued their orders in that sharp tone denoting a determination that they should be carried out promptly and accurately. The men responded as desired, and when the command "charge" came, ran over the hill top shouting and cheering in a truly blood-curdling manner. They invariably carried the imaginary enemy's strongholds, and came back flushed with victory (equally imaginary).

On the whole the past week has not been without amusement at the Fifth Regiment's summer headquarters. In the first place there was the ward's enterprising but unsuccessful attempt to ride home upon a log. The fact that he was carried out to sea and picked up in a precarious condition by the quarantine tender Princess did not dampen the ardor of that youthful and adventurous spirit. On the following day, or soon after, he again trusted himself to the deep, taking a raft and proceeding to an American training cruiser then lying in the offing. He wanted to join the United States navy service, according to report, but not having secured his discharge from Canadian militia in the regulation manner was not admitted. This time he got back safely and without assistance, and it is understood, is still looking for excitement. The career of this gunner since going into camp has given him a large following of admirers, and as he is said to disdain hero worship it is not thought flattery will induce him to undertake anything quite as dangerous as his initial escapade—that of riding five or six miles along a treacherous coast upon an unstable log.

Tents will be inspected about 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. As usual the one found to be the cleanest, neatest and fitted up with the required military simplicity will be awarded a prize of \$5, presented by the commanding officer. At 9.30 the militia will parade for the purpose of attending divine services. They will be held at St. Paul's church, Esquimalt, and Rev. W. V. Bolton, the chaplain, will preside.

Last evening a meeting of the sports committee was held for the purpose of arranging for the athletic competition which take place next Saturday afternoon. This is an annual event. The forthcoming contests, however, promise to eclipse anything previously held under the auspices of the regiment. The complete programme follows:

Music—Introduction.
One hundred yards.
Steeplechase (cup).
Officers' race.
Music—Selection.
Four hundred and forty yards.
Hammer throwing.
Tent pitching (medals).
Music—Pipers and Scotch Reel dance.
Shot putting.
Relay race, 1 mile (cup).
V. C. race.
Bandmen race.
Boot and shoe race and band selection.
Hurdle race.
Strangers' race (amateur).
Tug-of-war (final).
Music—Selection.
Distribution of prizes.
God Save the King.

It was decided that all entries must be received not later than Thursday, the 21st inst. They must be forwarded to the orderly room clerk, Sergt. W. H. Lettuse.

Among the regulations drafted are the following: No third prize will be issued unless there are four competitors. Past entries will be accepted from officers, bandmen and strangers. The judges are Rev. W. V. Bolton and Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory; clerk of the course, Regimental Sergeant-Major McDonald; starter, Hospital Sergeant F. Richardson; time-keepers, Sergt. W. H. Spurren and Br. B. Prior.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Elevator Company, with a capital of \$500,000, has been incorporated.

THE FULL COURT.

Judgments Were Given in Two Appeals This Morning.

(From Friday's Daily.)
The appeal in Green et al. vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company is now before the Full Court. R. L. Green, who was employed on the line of the company, was killed by an exposed wire. The action was brought on behalf of the widow and children to recover damages within twelve months after the death of Mr. Green, but not within six months. It was contended at the trial before Mr. Justice Morrison that the company was excused from liability because of the six months within which action was allowed to be taken, according to act of incorporation, having expired.

It was on the other side argued that the Families Compensation Act allowed twelve months in which to begin action, and a technical argument followed.

Mr. Justice Morrison allowed that the action was not barred within statutory time. The appeal was argued by J. Martin, K. C., and L. G. McPhillips, K. C., representing the defendants, appellants, and Mr. McDonald and W. H. McHarg for the plaintiffs, respondents.

Mr. Martin contended that the action should have been begun within the time in which the deceased could have taken action, according to the act of incorporation.

The court dismissed the appeal, upholding the trial judge. Written reasons will be given later.

The court also dismissed the appeal in E. A. Chas. Gies which was argued the day before and involved the question of a judge's jurisdiction.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

Notices Appearing in This Week's Official Publication.

(From Friday's Daily.)
This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the appointment of S. B. Burchett, of Port Neville, and W. Fleet Robertson as Justices of the Peace for the province.

Notice is given that the dates for the holding of the High School entrance examinations this year have been changed to June 20th, 21st and 22nd, and granting permission to teachers desiring to attend the annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Association to close their schools on June 22nd.

The following companies have been incorporated: Dominion Hospital and Sanatorium, with a capital of \$50,000; North Vancouver Loan & Mortgage Co., with a capital stock of \$500,000; Pacific Coast Oyster & Trading Company with a capital of \$50,000.

MANY DELEGATES TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Five Hundred Expected at Forthcoming Teachers' Institute Meeting—Public Gathering Suggested.

The annual convention of the British Columbia Teachers' Institute, which will be held in Victoria on the 26th, 27th and 28th of the present month, is expected to be attended by a large number of delegates. Conservative estimates place the total at about five hundred, although it is impossible to arrive at any definite figure. Some idea of the attendance may be gleaned from the fact that Vancouver alone will have a representation of about a hundred. As the organization covers the whole of the province it can easily be seen that the number mentioned is not an exaggeration.

Some weeks ago the Times published a complete programme of the proceedings in connection with the forthcoming gathering. This has not been altered in any respect, but there have been some additions. Since then Superintendent Eaton has been endeavoring to arrange for a public meeting to be held on the evening of Wednesday, the 27th, in the Victoria theatre. His plan is to have a debate take place between some of the prominent educationists who will be in Victoria at the time. The definite announcement in the course of a few days.

The teachers' convention, as already stated, will open on June 26th and continue for three days. On the last day there will be a picnic at the Gorge for which elaborate preparations have been made. The visitors will be taken up in a motor launch and small boats. There will be sports and nothing will be left undone in the endeavor to give them a thoroughly pleasant time.

THE PRINCESS MAY.

Steamer Will Leave for Ladysmith This Afternoon for Bunker Coal.

This afternoon the C. P. R. steamship Princess May will leave for Ladysmith to take on bunker coal. The ship will be in command of Capt. McLeod, who had charge of the steamer previous to the time she was tied up for repairs and alterations last fall. Pretty much the same crew who were then under Capt. McLeod have remained.

All the alterations to the steamer have now been completed, and all that has to be done before the ship enters service the week after next will be the furnishing of the coal.

The Princess May will not be recognized when she again enters port. Her appearance is entirely changed and improved. The alterations, together with the changes which have been made, have already been published in these columns.

A dispatch from Vancouver says: "Dr. Richard, surgeon of the steamer Mowles of the Australian line, was found in his surgery on Friday afternoon, having shot himself. The revolver had been put into his mouth, the bullet striking at the top of his head. Deceased came from Winnipeg, where a sister lives, and where he formerly had a practice. He was to have left on Thursday afternoon on a trip to Winnipeg. He had been missing since noon Thursday."

AN INTERRUPTED TIMBER DEAL

C. S. BATTLE IS NOW
CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Evidence in Police Court This Morning—Case Adjourned Until Next Friday.

(From Friday's Daily.)
One of Vancouver's prominent business men, C. S. Battle, appeared before Magistrate Hall this morning accused of assault, occasioning bodily harm. The victim and prosecutor, Ernest Levenson, although now also resident of the Terminal City, is well known in Victoria, having lived here until a month or so ago. The disagreement which resulted so unfortunately for Mr. Levenson occurred on the 10th inst. in the office of C. H. Lugin. Judging from the evidence it arose out of a timber limit deal, there being a dispute between the two parties mentioned in regard to the matter of a proposed transfer of land and Peters, K. C., appeared for the defendant and Harold Robertson for the prosecution.

When Mr. Levenson took the stand he seemed in a battered condition, as if he had been severely injured. His weakness necessitated a chair before he could proceed with his testimony. The last episode of the recitation of the terms of an extensive timber deal. He had secured an option on a 20,000-acre limit from a local syndicate, among the directors of which were W. B. McGregor, C. S. Battle and C. H. Lugin. On the date mentioned an interview had been held at the office of Mr. Lugin in order to enter into a discussion of the terms of the proposed transfer of the property.

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Under cross-examination witness said he did not use the term "lar" or "lar" when speaking to the accused. He said that the latter's assertions were untrue. He might have used the word "lie." But he did not speak to Mr. Battle personally, but to the gentlemen present generally.

"Did you say it in the gentlest tone of voice you are using now?" asked counsel. Witness, answering, said that then he was not suffering from the loss of a large quantity of blood. He spoke emphatically and loud enough for his words to be heard. He did not advance towards Mr. Battle. He had a previous conversation with Mr. Battle in Vancouver, but no hot words were exchanged. As far as he could remember he had never struck anyone since a lad attending school.

Dr. Holden gave evidence of the character of the wound. There was a two-inch scalp wound, exposing the skull. An artery had been cut and the wound bled freely. With the assistance of Dr. Jones the injuries had been treated. The necessary attention was given. The patient had afterwards been removed to the St. Joseph's hospital. Witness affirmed that it must have been a heavy blow to inflict such a wound.

A. C. Galt, barrister and solicitor, knew both Battle and Levenson, and had been present at the interview at which the assault had taken place. He went into the timber limit deal in detail, explaining the circumstances very clearly. The meeting, he said, was called for the purpose of arranging the terms of the sale of the limits. When the option upon the 20,000-acre was issued to Levenson it was upon the understanding that the sale price was to be at the rate of \$18 an acre. In the interval a timber cruiser arrived in the harbor, and the price was raised to \$20 an acre.

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TENDERS FOR THE NEW HYDROGRAPHIC STEAMER

Representations Being Made Regarding Construction by Local Firm—Memorial to Premier.

Among the tenderers for the new hydrographic steamer for use on this coast was the B. C. Marine Railway Co., Ltd., of this city. When the tenders were opened it was found that the local tender was much higher than those sent in by shipbuilding firms in Great Britain. When this became known several local business men, among them the development and tourist association, endeavored to secure favorable consideration for the Esquimalt concern on various grounds. The matter was brought to the attention of the association named by its industrial committee, and on June 3rd a telegram was sent to the minister of inland revenue strongly requesting that the tender be awarded to the B. C. Marine Railway Co., Ltd., of this city.

Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, Victoria, B. C., Dear Sir:—I received your telegram of June 3rd and replied to-day as follows: "But your local tender is much higher than the tenders from Great Britain. I do not see how we can now pass them by, but I shall be glad to have further communication from you on the subject."

The telegram mentioned was followed by a memorial to Sir Wilfrid Laurier setting out fully the contents of the association in these terms: "Victoria, B. C., June 19th, 1906. The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, Ottawa: Dear Sir:—The executive of the Victoria Development and Tourist Association, composed of representatives of the city council, board of trade and the trades and labor council, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon unanimously decided to approach you for the purpose of bringing before your government the advisability of awarding the tender for the new hydrographic steamer to the B. C. Marine Railway, the lowest Canadian tenderers."

The executive desires to lay before you for your earnest consideration the following facts: 1st. That there is no subsidy or government assistance given to shipbuilders, so far as we know, in Canada. That on the Pacific Coast, where firms have to compete in general business with those of the United States, which are to a large extent fostered by the United States government, the awarding of all such contracts as you are contemplating would be of considerable assistance in keeping the firms which keep up such establishments as would enable them to meet the competition referred to.

2nd. That in considering the tender of the B. C. Marine Railway Company it ought to be remembered that the tender is a large amount of the material used in the construction of such a steamer must be imported by them from England, upon which an average duty of about 25 per cent is payable to our government.

3rd. The Canadian government is permitted to import a steamer built in England without duty, which naturally means that all Canadian firms are placed at a disadvantage in competing for the tender. If the amount of duty received by the government on the material used on the construction of a vessel was deducted from the contract price, it would be found that the tender of the B. C. Marine Railway would be a very large amount of money in workshops outside of Canada.

4th. That there is very little room for profit in the construction of such a steamer. The tender of the B. C. Marine Railway is a very large amount of money in workshops outside of Canada.

5th. This association does not believe that your government will be making the best bargain for the country in awarding the tender to the B. C. Marine Railway, which is a very large amount of money in workshops outside of Canada.

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ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Inquired Into Death of James Redford.

James Redford, whose death was announced in Thursday's Times as occurring at Alberni as a result of bullet wounds inflicted by accident by James Rollins, of the same town, was well known in Victoria. He was a brother-in-law of Andrew Wood, of the Victoria city police force. The deceased was about 42 years of age. He was born at Lilliesleaf, Roxburghshire, Scotland. It is about 20 years since he came to British Columbia, taking up his residence at Alberni. He engaged in the butchery business there, and has ever since resided in the West Coast mining town. He also owned a large ranch. He leaves a wife and seven children.

The details of the accident are given by Hugh Aitken, of Nanaimo, who was in Alberni at the time of the shooting. It appears that Mr. Rollins and Mr. Redford had both been in the woods with rifles, having gone out together. The story as told by Mr. Rollins is that he saw a deer jumping by the side of the road, and he fired. The bullet passed through the deer's back, but he knew that he had missed. He followed up the direction in which the deer had gone and in a few minutes, just as he had climbed on a log he saw the deer lying on its back. The situation was so awful that he was for a moment or two paralyzed, but recovering to some extent he made his way to his horse and galloped into Alberni, a distance of two miles from where a rig was at once taken to the scene of the shocking occurrence.

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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE E. AND N.

TO SPEND LARGE SUM
FILLING IN BRIDGES

Sixty Thousand Dollars Appropriated by C. P. R. For This Purpose—Resident Engineer.

The C. P. R. will spend between \$50,000 and \$60,000 this summer improving the road-bed of the E. & N. railway. So much work is contemplated that the company has decided to have an engineer permanently located in Victoria. A. W. R. Wilby, who left for the Mainland last night after looking over the ground, will return in a few days and act in that capacity.

The sum mentioned, which has been included in the company's appropriations just received by local officials, will be spent filling in bridges between two miles this side of the summit and Shawanigan lake.

"There is no truth in the report that the round house and machine shops will be moved from Wellington to Victoria this year," said a prominent railway official on Saturday. "While such a step will probably be taken in the future it is evidently not to be taken at present. In the absence of terminal facilities such a move would be a serious loss to the company. These facilities will certainly be provided at the earliest possible moment as the traffic certainly warrants it. The necessary track space will not only have to be laid out, but rails, turntables and other works for handling cars in place before the removal of the round house can be made. In view of this I do not think it possible there is any truth in the rumor."

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stay in its employ with a pension in view at the end of a fixed period. There have been one or two minor points raised that will cause some discussion. For instance, the proposal to remove those attaining a salary of \$100 per month from participation in the annuities. This, some of the members, would remove that healthy ambition to advance that should animate those who intend to work practically their whole life in the service of the company. Such men, it is stated, might pay into the pension fund for many years and yet, by a slight raise in wages, become precluded from sharing in its advantages.

While these objections, taken collectively, are important, they are not insuperable, and the consensus of opinion is that by pursuing a policy of giving the pensioners a salary of \$100 per month and take the B. C. Electric Railway Company will have the distinction of being the first corporation of its kind in Canada to formally institute a fund for pensioning its old and trusted employees.

The matter has already been under consideration in Vancouver, and met with general commendation, though it was not formally adopted. At a meeting of the union there on Thursday the whole scheme was referred to the executive committee for report. What that report will be is probably forerunners of remarks of A. G. Perry, president of the Vancouver Street Railwaymen's Union, who said in an interview:

"It is an excellent pension system, and should be practically no opposition to its adoption, but the men may possibly ask for some slight modification in the age limit at which benefits are to be received, and also with regard to the length of service in the company's employ before participating in the pension benefits. The submission of the scheme shows the careful regard the management has for the welfare of the employees, and will strengthen the very cordial relations between the employees and the management."

A VALUABLE CITIZEN.

Washington Scientist Now One of Most Enthusiastic Victorians.

In February of last year a gentleman residing in Washington, D. C., read in a coast paper that a rancher in the Alberni district, Vancouver Island, was planting potatoes. The gentleman in question laid down his paper, looked through his window at the driving snow storm, and asked himself if a country where potatoes were planted in February would not be a good place to live in. The result of his cogitations on the subject were seen shortly afterwards when he stepped from the boat in Victoria. He had great difficulty in convincing the Eastern ticket agent that he wanted to go to Victoria, the particular agent insisting that Vancouver was his objective, but he finally secured the necessary passage.

Arriving here he purchased the Rodrick Mackenzie home on Head street, and to-day he is one of the most enthusiastic Victorians to be met anywhere. It is doubtful if any individual in the city sends out so many newspapers and other literature to Eastern people with a view to enlightening them on Victoria's charms. Since the enlargement of the Tourist Association the extension of the plan of action he has been one of the most active and energetic members of the civic affairs committee, and has already proved his value as a citizen.

Mr. Mackenzie, who is now in question, has a national standing in the branches he has made his own, his work being thus outlined in the Toronto Globe's "Men of the Day" column in the issue of June 1st last.

Arthur Williams McCurdy, scientist and inventor, was born at Trenton, N. S., April 13th, 1856. He is a son of Hon. David McCurdy, member of the legislative council. He graduated from the Whitby, Ont., Collegiate Institute, and became a student and private secretary in the laboratories of Professor Alexander Graham Bell at Belton Bhagret, N. S., and at Washington, D. C., where he was the inventor of a method of printing statistical maps by the use of the interchangeable "man type." From researches in photography he evolved a scientific system of automatic development of plates and films, and demonstrated that salt or sea water may be used in the processes. His researches of six years resulted in the introduction by the Eastman Kodak Co. of the "Kodak" developing machine and its accessories.

Mr. McCurdy was awarded the John Scott premium medal by the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, for his invention of the "Kodak" developing machine and its accessories. His residence is now at Victoria, B. C.

THE NEW LIFEBOAT.

Craft Will Be Brought Here From Vancouver by D. G. S. Quadra Next Week.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Captain Gaudin, British Columbia, for the department of marine and fisheries, has returned from Vancouver to the Terminal City he took over for the department the new lifeboat built for service in these waters. The boat, which was built at the Victoria S. Quadra, which he expects next week, and which is now engaged on light duty in the Gulf. Some delay has been occasioned by bad weather, but the new lifeboat is 27 feet long and 8 feet beam. She is self-righting and self-bailing. It will require four men with a coxswain to man it, and selection of the crew is a matter which has attracted the attention of Captain Gaudin. He has three applicants for the position of captain of the boat, but will make no choice for a few days yet, as he has arranged to have the boat placed on one of the naval ships at Esquimalt pending its final disposition.

Captain Gaudin's report of the preliminary inquiry held at Vancouver into the alleged shanghaing of Michael Keating, a sailor who was placed aboard the British barque Mozambique while she was at the Terminal port, and who was released before the vessel sailed, has not yet been forwarded to Ottawa.

Miss Stevens, the official stenographer engaged for the investigation, was taken suddenly ill after