The Phantom Re-Appears.

Mysterious Barkentine Now Reported From Hesquoit—Away for Dawson.

"Katie Flickinger" and Drumlanrig Reported—Other News of the Waterfront.

Somewhat after the fashion of another famous ghost, that of the late Mr. Banquo, that phantom barkentine reported several times recently from points along the West Coast, resolutely refuses to be laid. It was thought that the last had been heard of it when Mr. Thomas Earle's manager at Clayoquot gave the denial to the previous reports to the effect that there was no sign of life on board. He said that he had seen men walking about the deck, and it was then concluded that the mysterious craft had only got a little closer inshore than safety would warrant, and had at the first opportunity stood out again. The Willapa, returning from the Coast yesterday, brings another report, however, which would indicate something serious amiss, if not on this same barkentine, upon some other and very similar craft afloat in the waters skirting the Vancouver Island coast-line. This time the news comes from Hesquoit, considerably farther up the Coast than Clayoquot, John Goltz, a prospector, giving the information that he saw a barkentine, or at all events a three-masted vessel appearing to be barkentine rig, on the afternoon of August 20 (or a week later than the vision had appeared out of the fog to the Clayoquot folks). At this time the weather was clear, and the unidentified craft rode within two miles of the shore, with sails partially set, and unpleasantly close to Sunday rock. Goltz distinctly made out a flag in the rigging and apparently reversed—in any event a signal of distress, and he would have gone out to learn more of the ship and her people but for the fact that the water was too rough to think of venturing on it in a small boat. He could not see any movement of people on board, nor recognize the nationality indicated by the distress flag. It seemed, however, darker than an American flag would be. The winds since the 20th ultimo have been westerly, which would carry the ship to the southward in the event of her rudder being carried away, which is supposed to be the case. Aside from this supplementary news of the phantom barkentine, the Willapa brought little specially interesting information from the Coast. Her returning passengers included A. Leach and H. Short, experienced miners who have been up to Wreck Bay to have a look at the black-sand deposits, which they regard as fairly promising; Mrs. R. McKiel and child, who are here to visit friends and relatives; their home being now at Clayoquot; Mrs. E. and Miss L. Margetich, from Ucluelet; J. W. Ladd and W. H. Flett, of the Seahart Iron Mining Co.; T. D. Conway, of the C. P. R. telegraph service; W. Windle; George Smith; John Cranston; H. C. Brewster; H. E. Newton; and J. W. Williams. The West Coast canneries are reported to be doing little as yet, and the bulk of the homeward freight consisted of a few barrels of dogfish oil. The Willapa is to sail Coastward to-morrow night.

THE REASON O'T.

Restoration of the Tide Gauge Needed to Enable the Victorian to Come in With Safety.

The steamer Victorian on her Sunday and Monday trips to Victoria landed her passengers and freight at the outer wharf; yesterday, however, she came to the old Kingston landing-place in the inner harbor, which will be her regulation dock for arrival and departure hereafter. Captain Anderson's chief objection to coming into the inner harbor is the absence of the old tide-gauge, which in the past was of the greatest assistance to the Sound steamers. It appears to have been merely a matter of trifling neglect that the gauge has not been replaced before this, and the attention of the agent of marine having been directed to the necessity for the aid, it will probably be provided without loss of time.

McKENZIE BROS.' OFFER.

One of the Principals to Confer With the Council Committee—Capt. McKenzie Interviewed.

Capt. McKenzie, of the firm of McKenzie Bros., whose offer to provide Victoria with a fast steamer connection with Vancouver is now receiving the consideration of a council committee of which Ald. Brydon is chairman, will be here in the course of a few days for an interview suggested by this committee. Speaking of his proposal to a Vancouver World reporter a day or so ago, Capt. McKenzie said "that he was fully prepared to carry out the contract, and for all concerned he thought that the service could be made a success. He could not, he said, fear anything in the way of opposition from other steamship companies, as several had either made offers to do the same thing or else had had the matter under consideration. The service he had suggested would be a very fine thing from the point of view of the people of Victoria, for instead of sleeping and spending their money on board the boat, passengers would naturally spend all the more time in the city and leave their money in stores and hotels. He had also promised a reduction in the fare of just half what it is at the present time, in consideration of a bonus of $12,500 being offered by the city for the maintenance of the service according to the proposal that he had made. He thinks that there will be little trouble in coming to a business-like understanding with the city at once, in order that definite arrangements for the new service can be made right away."

HER HULL IS STRENGTHENED.

And the Victorian Will Therefore Be Able to Utilize Her Full Engine Capacity.

When she was on the Victoria-Puget Sound run before, the Victorian proved a comparative failure, for the reason that her hull appeared too frail to permit of her full speed being developed. In other words, she was over-engined, and running her at the limit meant simply shaking her to pieces. Intelligent and apparently successful efforts have been put forth in the remodelling of the ship to correct this weakness, the hull being so braced and strengthened that the shaking and oscillation are no longer noticeable, nor yet a source of alarm to passengers. So soon as the stiffness is out of the engines, Chief Engineer Hill promises to show the people of the Victorian's terminal ports the best connections as to speed ever made on the run.

THROUGH FREIGHTS REFUSED.

Consignments Are Now Booked No Farther Than Bennett, and for an Obvious Reason.

It will be of importance to shippers of Northern freight to remember that consignments can no longer be billed through to Dawson, the possibility of the rivers freezing over having to be taken into account by the forwarding concerns. Freight will hereafter be billed to Bennett, whence it will be pushed on to the Klondike capital as quickly as possible. It is not anticipated that the rivers will remain open for navigation as long this year as they were last, as late arrivals report that it is already growing cold in the Yukon valley. In the fall of 1898 the Ora was the last steamer to arrive at Dawson, she making that port October 15. And according to Northern steamship men, it is extremely improbable that any steamer will go through this year later than October 1.

CANNERIES HAVE DONE WELL.

The Louise Brings Down a Valuable Land Fur Cargo — Salmon Shipments.

The C. P. N. Company's steamer Princess was at the ocean dock yesterday, loading some 8,000 odd cases of salmon for Fraser river points, for which she left late in the evening. Included in this extra cargo were 5,855 cases from H. Bell-Irving & Co., for the Phoenix cannery at Steveston, where it is to be trans-shipped by sailing vessel for the United Kingdom. There were also 2300 cases for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., to be landed at New Westminster, and sent to the Eastern market by the C. P. R. The Louise arrived on Monday last from the North, the bulk of her passengers being men who had been engaged in the cannery work during the season just closed. They state that the pack in the North will be much larger than previously anticipated, and bring the news that navigation has closed thus early on the Skeena and Stikine rivers, the Caledonia and the Strathcona being already laid up. The down cargo of the Louise consisted chiefly of land furs, of which there were fully $25,000 worth aboard. The Louise returns North on Saturday.

IN FROM THE ORIENT.

Glenogle Reaches Port Early This Morning, After an Uneventful Trip.

The steamer Glenogle, from China and Japan, tied up to the outer wharf early this morning. She left Yokohama on August 23, and had an uneventful trip. She brought five saloon passengers—Malcolm Fenwick, a Canadian missionary who is en route to Toronto, from Corea; J. H. Emery, an Idaho mining man, who has been working at Woolsang, China; Miss Wallace, of Tacoma, and Miss Scott of New York, and George Cummings of the Washington Flour Mills. The steamer brought seven Japs for Victoria, and thirty-two for Tacoma, and thirty Chinese for Victoria.

FULL CARGO FOR DAWSON.

Luxuries and Necessities Make Up a Full Freight for the Big Barge Georgian.

Out at the Brackman & Ker wharves yesterday the big barge Georgian completed her cargo, and made ready to sail for the North in tow of the tug Mamie. She had on board when she got away late ni the evening a large quantity of dressed lumber for the Canadian Development Company; some 20 tons of baled hay and oats for Eckardt & Macaulay; 50 tons or more of steam-thawing machinery, which the Albion Iron Works have supplied; and Mr. Eckardt is taking to Dawson as a personal speculation ten horses for the same enterprising gentleman; and a consignment of cutters and fancy sleighs, in which the rich ones of the Klondike will enjoy themselves during the winter season.

"FULL UP" WITH FREIGHT.

Steamer Danube Leaves To-night With Many Passengers and Heavy Freight for Dawson.

Steamer Danube, Captain Foot, of the C. P. N. fleet, is to leave to-night for Skagway and other Northern ports, "full up" with both passengers and freight. The consignments include several important shipments of machinery for Dawson, with large quantities of feed stuffs. As the time is fast approaching when communication between the Coast and the Yukon centres will be cut off, it is to be noted that enterprising merchants are making heavy shipments of articles that cannot be taken in during the winter months, such as potatoes and onions, large lots of which commodities go forward to Dawson by the Danube to-night. The machinery shipments consist chiefly of thawing machinery sent forward by Thomas Shaw, both on order and speculation, Mr. Shaw's son accompanying them through to Dawson; while D. McArthur is also taking with him a plant of the most approved description for working the claims in which he is interested. The passengers booked for Skagway and beyond, the majority of whom are for Dawson, include the Switzer party of eleven, from over the C. P. R.; a Nanaimo party of fifteen; Miss Brockway; Mrs. Banks; A. E. Hyde; T. H. McGoff; Mrs. Davison, wife of the Mayor of Nanaimo; Captain Buckley; Thos. Weir; D. McArthur and his party of four; and perhaps forty others.

THE GUN.

A Game Famine Threatened.

In consequence of recent satisfactory reports of a good supply of both deer and grouse in the East Sooke district, a party of expert hunters started in that direction yesterday, intending to devote a ten days' stay at the New England farm to the partial extermination of anything in season. The party includes Mr. H. Wille, who devotes his special attention to the commissariat; City Editor Geo. Denny, of the Colonist; Assistant City Clerk E. W. Bradley; Mr. Barrett, of Atlin; Mr. C. J. Harrison, holder of the fly fishing (story) record for British Columbia; and several other notable sportsmen. Some slight idea of the extent of the contemplated devastation may be formed from the fact that the baggage wagons accompanying the army contained several large casks or kegs, presumably of powder; while a few gallons of alcohol in suitable glass receptacles have been provided for the preservation of unique specimens until such time as they may be delivered at the museum.

Labor Day At Home.

Concerts by Godfrey's Band Will Constitute Victoria's Celebration.

Programmes of Special Interest—Examples of Managerial Efficiency.

Victoria's celebration of Labor Day (to-morrow) will consist almost exclusively of hearing Godfrey's band. It is not a bad programme by any means, and so think the people of Tacoma who are coming over by the Ledger's excursion today, for almost all have announced their determination of remaining over for the Monday afternoon concert.

And thus by favoring Victoria with a return date, the veteran of British bandmasters not only gives the citizens a musical treat at popular prices—in addition he gives the business created by several hundred holiday-making travellers remaining in the city.

In the Sound cities, Godfrey and his famous band have been received with all the predicted enthusiasm. At Seattle, the opera house—by far the largest building in the city—was literally packed with humanity for both matinee and evening concerts Friday, people being of necessity turned away at each. Tacoma saw an equally pronounced success yesterday.

And with no school for the little folks, a general holiday, the presence of the Tacoma excursionists, and the exceedingly low prices fixed for to-morrow's concerts, it would seem that Victorians will have an excellent opportunity of learning just what the capacity of the spacious Drill hall is.

In connection with these return concerts it is to be noted that as there is no reserve of seats for either afternoon or evening, there will be no possibility of a crush at the doors such as occurred on Thursday night—for all can be admitted just as quickly as their tickets can be taken at the door, and they are then at liberty to take what seats they choose.

They may be given the word of advice, however, to purchase tickets during the day, and thereby avoid the pressure that is sure to be found about the box office.

Concerning Thursday's concerts, and the lonely complaint or two made with regard to the arrangements, it is only fair to say that the management adopted the only effectual way of avoiding confusion and discomfort by admitting the public only as fast as the force of twenty-five ushers could attend to their seating.

This feature, as well as every other detail of the managerial arrangements indeed impressed itself upon the band directors and others familiar with the mechanical difficulties in the way of accommodating large audiences, as approaching very near to perfection. Although there were four thousand people or thereabout in attendance at the evening concert, one has yet to hear of a seat being mixed, or of an accident of even the most trifling description.

The seats were easily reached, too, and each of the working staff appeared to know his duties and discharged them with quiet efficiency. In the advertising of the attraction the same thoroughness was evidenced, and it is but right that Manager Jamieson should receive a public acknowledgment of his success in these particulars.

Nor was Victoria alone indebted to him for an illustration of perfect and smooth working arrangements, the people of Vancouver being yet more astounded at the ease with which Mr. Jamieson had overcome the apparently unsurmountable obstacles to success in giving a concert at Brockton Point.

In the first place there was the lighting, without gas pipes or electric wires to depend upon; this was solved by the use of a first-class circus light system, although it would puzzle the best of the managers to say where such a plant might be secured at a few days' notice.

Next came the question of protecting the grounds from being run over with fencejumpers. This was looked after, and so effectually that the box office suffered little.

Lastly, and all the more appreciable as it was an act of thoughtfulness of which possibly no other manager in the Northwest would have been guilty—the avenue from the bridge to the enclosed grounds was by the time the people were leaving, lined with torch-bearers standing at lamp-post intervals, so that no one had to grope his way home in darkness.

GOSSIP OF THE FRONT.

Odds and Ends of Marine News Tersely Told.

According to the report of the Elihu Thompson, which has just reached Puget Sound from Honolulu, the British ship Drumlanrig is nearing the end of her long journey, a vessel fully answering her description having been sighted by the Thompson 100 miles or so off the Cape. The Drumlanrig left Liverpool with general cargo for R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., and supplies for the navy, in December last, and put into Montevideo in May, for necessary repairs. Since then nothing has been heard of her until the report of the just-arrived steamer.

The work of re-planking and strengthening the outer wharf, which has been in progress for several weeks, will be completed before Saturday, a thoroughly workmanlike job having been done. Upwards of 135,000 feet of timber, exclusive of the new piling, has been used in the repairs and improvements. The Hope made delivery of some special sizes required for immediate use yesterday, it being found more convenient to make delivery by steamer than by hauling in the ordinary fashion.

A number of returned soldiers from the Philippines were on board the Queen when that vessel arrived from California last evening, their haggard looks and general dilapidation testifying to the severity of their experiences. The men belong to the Portland contingent of volunteers, and have recently been mustered out.

Now that Port Angeles has begun to grow in the shadow of future greatness as a railway terminus, the business of the Garland, maintaining connection with this city, has more than doubled. Indeed, it grows at the present rate for six months more, a larger and better steamer will be an actual necessity of the run.

Steamer Queen arrived from San Francisco at 5:30 last evening, with upwards of 250 tons of miscellaneous freight for Victoria, and perhaps two dozen passengers. Included among the latter were two companies of regular infantry for the Marrowstone Point barracks, Washington.

Both the Rosalie and the City of Topeka gave Victoria the go-by in passing down from the North for Puget Sound on Monday. The only American ship in the Skagway trade that can be depended upon to call both going and coming is now the Cottage City.

The long-overdue Katie Flickinger, from Pisagua for Royal Roads, is reported to have passed in last night, thus disposing satisfactorily of all uneasiness concerning her.

M. Kalish, owner of the steamer Humboldt, has placed the steamer Challenger in service between Tacoma and San Francisco, to accommodate bulk freights that are in no particular hurry. She is expected to make a round trip every 45 days.

The four-masted schooner J. C. Wood, construction of which was completed at Gray's Harbor only a week or so ago, towed up to Cowichan yesterday with the Lorne, to take her maiden cargo of props for Santa Rosalia.

Government steamer Princess, which had met wit a mishap in the engine room that left her helpless, was brought to port yesterday by the Fearless of Westminster. She will go in dock at once, to make good.

San Francisco is suffering from a scarcity of coal that threatens to develop into a fuel famine. The cause is difficulty in securing carriers from the Northern collieries.

Schooner R. I. Morse, which has been utilized as a floating home for fishermen during the salmon run over the Sound, returned to port yesterday in tow of the Lottie.

Only about 100 excursionists took advantage of the reduced Labor Day rates of the C. P. N. Co. to visit the Mainland for the workingman's holiday.

Tug Lorne returned yesterday from Tacoma, whither she had taken the German ship Drehna, chartered to load wheat for the U. K.

Steamer Mystery is returning from the season of fishing work on the Skeena, where she has been acting as a cannery tender.

Steamer Victorian took on 800 cases of salmon for the Eastern market on her call at the outer wharf last evening.

Schooners Bonanza, Lulu and Spendthrift were in port yesterday, each with produce from the Fraser valley.

Steamers Oscar and Lapwing have left for the Fraser under special charters for service as cannery tenders.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

Game is Plentiful, But May Nevertheless Be Expected to Advance in Price.

The presence of the first game of the season; the receipt of new oats; a temporary scarcity of fish; and a stiffening in eggs—these are the most notable features of this week's retail business. The market is well supplied with both venison and grouse, and at present low prices rule, although it is fully expected that next week will see grouse at $1 and $1.25 per brace. The birds are very small this year, which is supposed to be attributable to the backward spring.

The principal effect which new oats had on the market, though they are not yet in in large quantity, has been to reduce the price for best quality from $40 to $35 per ton.

Fish is scarce because of the sockeye run being over, and a consequent "grab" for all that can be bought.

Eggs have not raised, but they are stiff at 40 cents, and as the moulting season is now on, when poultry shed their feathers rather than otherwise toil, an even better price for their fruit may be looked for shortly.

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Flour—	
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	$ 5.00
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	5.50
Leitch's, per bbl	5.00@ 5.50
O. K., per bbl.	5.00
Snow Flake, per bbl	5.00
Calgary, Hung.	5.50
Premier, per bbl.	5.50
XXX Enderby, per bbl.	5.00
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	30.00@35.00
Corn (whole), per ton	26.00@28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	27.00@30.00
Oats, per ton	33.00@35.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40@ 50
Rolled Oats (B. & K.)	4
Rolled oats (B. & K.), 7lb sack	30
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	12.00@15.00
Straw, per bale	50@ 75
Middlings, per ton	23.00@25.00
Bran, per ton	20.00@22.00
Ground feed, per ton	28.00@30.00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes (new), per 100 lbs.	1.25
Water cress, per bunch	5
Watermelon	40@ 60
Cabbage, per lb	3
Cauliflower, per head	10
Lettuce, 4 heads for	25
Onions, per lb.	3
Onions (pickling), per lb.	3@ 4
Gherkins, per lb.	2 3@ 2 5
Tomatoes	10
Beans, per lb.	10
Peas, per lb.	5
Cucumbers, Island, each	3
Cucumbers, Cala., per dozen	25
Radishes, 2 bunches for	5
Rhubarb, per lb.	2
Carrots, per lb.	3
Turnips, per lb.	3
Fish—	
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	15
Salmon (spring), per lb.	8@ 10
Oysters (Olympian), per pt.	50
Oysters (Eastern), per tin	60
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	8@ 10
Herring	6
Smelts, per lb.	10
Flounders	8
Crabs, 3 for	25
Farm Produce—	
Eggs (Manitoba), per dozen	25
Eggs (Island, fresh), per dozen	40
Butter (Delta creamery)	30
Best dairy	20
Butter (Cowichan creamery)	25
Cheese (Canadian)	15@ 20
Lard, per lb.	12½@ 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb.	18
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	18
Bacon (American), per lb.	15
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14@ 16
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12@ 16
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12½
Shoulders, per lb.	14
Beef, per lb.	8@ 15
Mutton, per lb.	10@ 15
Veal, per lb.	12@ 15
Pork, per lb.	10@ 15
Venison, per lb.	8@12½
Grouse, per brace	75@ 90
Fruit—	
Bananas, per dozen	30@ 40
Pineapples, each	30@ 50
Lemons (California), per doz.	20@ 25
Lemons (small)	10@ 15
Oranges (California seedlings)	20@ 25
Valencia oranges, per dozen	25@ 35
Apples, per lb.	5
Plums	10
Peaches	10
Apricots	10
Grapes, per lb.	10
Blackberries, per lb.	15
Pears, 3 lbs. for	25
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl (per pair)	1.50@ 1.75
Ducks (per pair)	1.00
Turkeys (per lb., live weight)	20@ 25
Duck, dressed, each	75

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(From Sunday's Daily Colonist.)

The Battle Of Giants.

Champion Whitman Has Once Tasted Defeat at the Hand of Our Foulkes.

Bays Win the the Junior Lacrosse Championship From Victoria West.

There is still that little matter of the $150 guarantee—only that and nothing more—standing between Victoria and the visit of the American champion, Whitman, and his companion cracks of the tennis court. Now that the Victoria Lawn Tennic Club have bravely stepped forward and subscribed a sum of $200 to secure the visit, in order that Champion Foulkes may prove his mettle against a foeman worthy of his steel, it would surely be to the everlasting discredit of such a sport-loving city as Victoria to allow this chance—a big advertisement for the city, too,—to slip past. No one need be told how pleased Seattle or Tacoma would be to close with a similar offer, and it is not to be believed for a moment that the small balance will not be quickly proffered, subscriptions being received by any member of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club committee, or for convenience's sake, the names may be left at the Colonist office. Nor should it be understood that the amount subscribed will require to be paid in any event—that is, only the contingency of safety in the event of bad weather or some other similar accident preventing the tournament paying for itself.

If the committee of the V. L. T. C. is successful in its efforts, Mr. George Wright and his quadrant "cracks"—who are at present playing in the championship doubles tournament at Delmonte, Cal.,—will be in Victoria for an exhibition tournament on Monday and Tuesday, September 18 and 19, the only dates the Easterners have open. Local admirers of the game will then have the opportunity of witnessing play of a class never before seen on British Columbia courts, or for that matter, on any courts west of Chicago, and to the committee will be due no small amount of praise for its enterprise in embarking on so sporting a venture.

It is not yet definitely arranged that this event will take place. Mr. Wright is ready to come, but first requires that the expenses of the Easterners, to the amount of $350, be guaranteed. There is little doubt that, given fine weather on the two days of the proposed tournament, the gate receipts would more than cover this sum, but unfortunately the tennis club has not control of the weather, and neither is its treasury at present in a condition to warrant the committee in taking the risk of guaranteeing so large an amount. At a special general meeting of the club on Friday last the committee was authorized to guarantee $200 of the requisite $350, from the club funds, and endeavors are now being made to cover the remainder by outside subscriptions.

Necessarily the time is very limited in which the amount must be raised, as a definite answer must be given the Easterners within the next two days. A guarantee of the full subscription, and it is to be hoped that no lover of sports will hesitate in lending a helping hand to the Tennis Club committee in its praiseworthy effort to provide for Victorians so brilliant an event, especially since it is very unlikely that any one putting his name upon the list will be called upon to also put his hand into his pocket eventually, should the weather on the 18th and 19th prove propitious.

Just what the details of the proposed tournament will be is not yet decided. Efforts will be made to secure Messrs. Hurd, Pelly and Russell of Seattle, Fransioli and others of Tacoma, and Talbot and Malcolm of Vancouver, as well as certain of the more brilliant players of the Victoria club. All local enthusiasts look forward with keen interest to a match between Foulkes, the present holder of the British Columbia, Washington State, and Pacific Northwest championships, and M. D. Whitman, the most brilliant of the Easterners, and champion of all America for the past two years.

Interest and enthusiasm in tennis has increased rapidly in Victoria of late years, as is shown by the entries in the '97, '98 and last tournaments—the largest in point of entries in Canada, and second to but few in all America—and a tournament such as that now proposed would afford a chance of judging just how strong is the class of British Columbia play, as compared with the best the East can put up, for the four Easterners now in California are certainly all in the very first flight.

Besides Whitman, Mr. Wright has with him Holcom Ward, Dwight Davis and Beals Wright, the present interscholastic champion. Messrs. Davis and Ward are considered the strongest doubles in the States, while of Malcolm D. Whitman, the sporting editor of Harper's Weekly, Mr. Caspar Whitney, who is looked upon as one of the greatest authorities of the day on tennis matters, recently said:

"Doubt of Whitman's class is not possible after following him through the Longwood and Southampton tournaments. If there is an American first class, he certainly belongs in it, and, in my judgment, at its head. I believe his game stronger, not only than that of Larned or R. D. Wrenn, but of any champion this country has yet developed. Whitman's game has what every other American champion has lacked—viz., all-round strength. He is first-class in every department, at home on the back line as at the net, and with a service at once so severe and brilliant as to distinguish him above all others."

Foulkes, in 1896, met and defeated Whitman in the handicap at Niagara, a difference of only one-fourth of 15 separating them. Doubtless Whitman's game has greatly improved during the last two years, but so, as many who have watched it maintain, has Foulkes', and a meeting between these two would certainly be worth going a long way to see. But such a meeting can only be arranged by the liberality of those local supporters of athletics who will come forward within the next two days and assist the committee in raising the amount required as a guarantee.

VANCOUVER TOURNEY CLOSES.

Vancouver, Sept. 2.—(Special)—The last day of the tennis tournament was, of course, the most interesting day of the week. The finals resulted as follows:

For the British Columbia cup, Foulkes beat Talbot: 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

In the doubles, Malcolm and Talbot, believed by the Mainlanders to be the strongest double players on the Coast, beat Foulkes and Johnson: 6-4, 6-4, 8-6.

Foulkes and Miss Goward beat Powell and Miss Arrowsmith.

In the ladies' singles Miss Goward beat Mrs. Brydon Johnston: 6-4, 7-5.

The finals in the open handicap will be played off in Victoria between Foulkes and R. B. Powell.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Irish Team.

London, Sept. 2.—J. M. Franks, of Dublin University, expects to shortly sail for Canada with a team of Rugby football players, including many of the best Irish players.

THE RIFLE.

More Winnings.

Ottawa, Sept. 2. —(Special)—The results of the balance of the D. R. A. matches were declared to-day. The British Columbian winners are Lieut. Duff Stuart, $4.60 with 24 in the Hutton match; Corp. Richardson and Kendall, $4 each in the extra series at 600 yards with 33; Lieut. Duff Stuart, $10, in the extra series aggregate with 103.

BASEBALL.

Match at Nanaimo.

The team to represent the Maple Leafs in the match at Nanaimo to-morrow will probably be composed as follows: J. Holmes, W. Wriglesworth; c., J. Barnswell; 1st b., D. McLeod; 2nd b., J. Smith; 3rd b., L. Gill; ss., F. McConnell; lf., W. Roarke; cf., G. Burns; rf., F. Herd; lf., F. Jewell, manager. The Nanaimo club will be represented by B. Smith, T. White, R. Cameron, L. Vogel, W. McClosky, T. Atkin, W. Ashman, W. McCulloch, F. Gouge and J. Greenwell.

THE TURF.

Races at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Sept. 2.—(Special)—There was a good attendance at the races at Hastings to-day. The weather was fine, the track fast and time good. With the exception of the 2:30 trot the favorites were not in the winning. In the three minute class Willie Clark won as she liked in three straights, Atlanta second. Time: 2:57½.

R. E. B. won the half mile and repeat; Bozeman second. Time: 51⅛, which is the track record. In the pony race, one mile and a quarter, Sleepy Dan won, Doxey second. In the mile and a quarter Dash Niagara won, beating Dixie Land, thef avorite, by a length. In the 2:30 trot Alameda won the first heat in 2:24 4-5, the previous track record being 2:25, and the second heat in 2:26; Carrie S. taking second place in both heats. The remaining heats of this race will be run off Monday.

YACHTING.

Lipton's Reception.

New York, Sept. 2.—The Cunard line steamer Campania arrived to-day and was met in the narrows by a flotilla of tugs and the steam yacht Erin to greet Sir Thomas Lipton, who was a passenger on the liner. The quarantine commissioners' boat, the State of New York, also appeared upon the scene with a large party under the guidance of Commissioner Palmer. The party consisted of Col. Treadwell, Governor Roosevelt's military secretary, who was sent by the governor to receive Sir Thomas Lipton; a number of officials and members of the New York Yacht club, a number of members from the New England society and other similar organizations. All boarded the steamer and came up to the dock. Sir Thomas Lipton, when seen, said that his party was small, consisting of Mr. Wm. Fife, jr., Mr. Ratsey, the sailmaker, and Sir Thomas' secretary. Sir Thomas in his welcome down the bay received an invitation extending the courtesies of 56 clubs, while in this country and an invitation to lead the marine division of the Dewey Day celebration with his yacht Erin. Both were accepted.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victorias to Reorganize.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Association Football Club will be held on Thursday next to reorganize the club for the coming season. Last year the club won the intermediate championship of British Columbia, and they will do their best to hold it. They entered a senior team for the Provincial Senior cup, winning from Wellington in Victoria, but losing to that team in the final. This season, however, they will make a strong bid for both championships, and will endeavor to boom the good old socker game in Victoria. All intermediate and senior players intending to play with the club or interested in it are requested to attend the meeting which will be held at 8 p. m. in the office of Cassidy & Davey, 32 Langley street.

Victoria Junior League.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Junior Association Football League will be held on Monday, the 11th inst., at half past seven. All clubs intending to enter the league this year and compete for the Times cup are requested to communicate with the Secretary, and send two delegates to the meeting. The championship is at present held by No. 2 (Victoria) Company Boys Brigade.

LACROSSE.

Bays Won.

Yesterday's junior lacrosse match, played between the Victoria Wests and James Bays, determined the ownership of the silver cup offered by Mr. A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., for competition. The game leaves the Bays the honored team with a clean record for the season of not a single defeat. Unfortunately there have been only two teams in the league to compete for the trophy, the Victoria Wests being the only opposition which the wearers of the blue and white had. In both teams there are good stick handlers, players who in the course of a year or so should be well able to take places in the senior team. The Bays appear always in better practice than their adversaries. The playing yesterday was at times very lax. It was also at times very rough but fast. Six goals were taken. Patton scored first for the Victoria Wests. Then Finlayson and McDonald took two in succession for the Bays. Patton again scored in the fourth game and McDonald and Finlayson in the fifth and sixth. Geo. Tite refereed the match to the general satisfaction of the boys. Before the season ends the Bays have in contemplation four other matches, one more with the Victoria Wests, one with Vancouver and one with Seattle. The dates of these have not, however, been arranged.

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Heavy Business Looked For

Encouraging Report for the Latter Part of the Year.

Surplus in the New York Banks Less Than in Recent Years.

New York, Sept. 2.—Bradstreet's weekly report says: "With an exceptionally heavy business already evoked for the latter portion of the year the mercantile community faces the trade situation with confidence testified to by the very generally firm prices and quotations in a number of lines showing further marked advances. The most conspicuous exceptions to this is found in cereals, which are weaker and declining. Lower prices for wheat, corn and oats point to a speculative liquidation of tired holders who, with confidence in the future of prices, have weakened under unsatisfactory foreign demand, larger receipts and the near approach of the expected heavy crop movement. Corn crop prospects, though rosy, still point to a full yield. Cotton, too, has weakened slightly, chiefly because of advices of rain at the south though the Texas crop advices are still unsatisfactory and stories of permanent damage are forthcoming. With these exceptions most staples are rather firmly held or evince decided progress upwards, notably in this latter respect being iron and steel. The reports would seem to indicate that a good part of the output is already engaged for the first half of 1900. August witnessed a general gain in the prices of cotton and woollen goods, evidently the outcome of the active demand, judging from reports from leading cities. Scarcity of material and backward deliveries of the same are reported by clothing manufacturers at many points north, west and south. Among other textiles strength is especially notable in hemp in sympathy with London, whence come reports that the Philippine shipments will shortly cease. Increased strength has been imparted to hides and leather this week by the launching of the new upper leather combination. Boot and shoe manufacturers are actively employed but the margin of profit is reported to be exceedingly small owing to keen competition and this among other reasons may be responsible for rumors that a great combine of shoe manufacturers is projected. Lumber retains all its old activity and in some lines manifest new strength as regards prices. The refined sugar war apparently still continues, one result being stimulation of consumption to a notable extent. Business failures for the week are the smallest reported for a long time, numbering only 131 as compared with 154 last week, 164 in this week a year ago, 336 in 1896 and 184 in 1895.

The stock market was intensely dull throughout the day's short session and net changes extended beyond fractions only in rare instances. The much discussed bank statement was confined closely to previous estimates. The bears had sold the market short in anticipation of the statement evening up their contracts, which when it appeared, created a demand which rallied the market from early depression and brought prices in most casese above yesterday's level. There was nothing in the bank statement to afford relief from the uneasy feeling over the money outlook. The demand from the interior for money is shown to have set in and to be about up to that of previous years at this season. But available surplus of New York banks has not been so low at any time in recent years. The fact that Monday is a holiday had an effect in keeping stocks exchange operations at a minimum, the more so as the situation in the Transvaal, it is feared, may reach its crisis in the meantime. The report of a death from yellow fever in New Orleans and the Texas quarantine caused weakness in the railroad stocks in the South, notably Illinois Central, Brooklyn Transit, Tennessee Coal and Iron, the Republic steel stocks and American Tobacco lead a rise before the bank statement came out. In contrary to the sudden outbreak yesterday of activity in the Vanderbilts, there was only a single sale in the first hour of Northwestern, and of Omaha, the latter at a gain of a point.

A STORY OF LI HUNG CHANG.

Of Li Hung Chang numberless stories are told n Chinese society. Now and then one reaches shis country through our cousins in OVhina.

On one occasion when the premier was having a bitter fight with one of the more conservative members of the tsungli-yaoen he received as a present a magnificent cake, which he had reasons to suspect sontained poison. He put the cage and set all his powerful machinery to work to find out who was at the bottom of the plot. The investigation was partly successful, the crime being traced to three men, of one of whom least was absolutely guilty. Li had the trio arrested and brought to his yamen. When they were usherel into his presence they were received in his courtliest manner. The cake was produced with the remark that "politeness forbade his tasting it until the three generous donors had had an opportunity to enjoy its excellence." Li Hung cut the cake and one of his servitors handed it to his unwilling guest Each took a piece and ate, or pretended to eat it. One crumbled the pieces and let them fall upon the floor, but the other two ate calmly without manifesting any emotion. Ten minutes and the two men began to show symptoms of suffering Li smiled benignantly and said to the man who had not eaten: "Your wisdom is so great that I am compelled to preserve your head as a souvenir to transcendant genius."

The man was removed and promptly decapitated. To the other two the premier remarked: "The cake that you are eating is not the one you sent, but one which I had my cook imitate. The poison from which you are suffering exists only in your imagination. I know of no of no way to cure your present pain except by letting you share the same fate as your friend who has just left the room."

As they were led away, the statesman said to his retinue: "It is a pity that a man who can eat a deadly corrosive poison with an unmoved countenance should so misapply the talent wherewith heaven has endowed him."—Literary Digest.

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