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INDOOR RECREATIONS FOR WINTER MONTHS

Basketball Should Boom Among Local Athletic Organizations—Yacht Races To-Morrow.

Basketball should be one of the most popular indoor sports during the ensuing winter months. The indoor range of the outlook for outdoor recreations was dealt with, but comparatively little mention was made of those pastimes which occupy the attention of athletes at times when the weather is too inclement to exercise anywhere but beneath the protection of a roof. Of those basketball is the most important from the standpoint of Victorians, but there are others which are equally popular. The foremost of these are, in order of popularity, handball, indoor baseball, gymnasiums, etc.

Last season, as those who follow the trend of sport will remember, the basketball tournaments were a failure. As a result, the indoor baseball season—senior, intermediate and junior—while one or more contests are opened with

British Columbia. But last year there was a break in the ranks. The J. B. A. members had a dispute with others who represented upon the league membership committee. The latter were the agent and the club's representative conditionally. As a result, the senior committee for the local championship was not the success usually expected. But the J. B. A. members, who were usually vocal, the younger players refusing to allow a dispute between their seniors to interfere with their enjoyment of the game. The result was a season of understanding was exceedingly unfortunate as it undoubtedly put a damper upon the general enthusiasm.

It is predicted by those concerned that there will be teams entered from all local athletic organizations or good standing for all three leagues. A meeting will be called for an early date to discuss the matter and the plans will be gauged and plans laid accordingly. It is

scarcely probable that the James Bay Athletic Association, which will remain at loggerheads any longer. Two years is long enough for any dispute, however serious, and for the good of the sport, if for no other reason, it is to be hoped that some basis for an amicable agreement will be reached.

That three first-class local tournaments could be organized here this fall goes without saying. Besides the James Bay Athletic Association, there are the Fernandus, Victoria, and C. C. C. and a number of other minor organizations from which to draw. Senior fives could be depended upon from all of those mentioned, and the majority also might be relied upon to enter Intermediate and Junior aggregations.

Let those interested get together and discuss matters so that when the time comes to organize nothing will stand in the way of all the Victoria associations standing in line shoulder to shoulder to help launch a sport that should be alike popular among the competitors and the general public.

Handball is another indoor game on which, perhaps, not so much is heard as basketball. Yet it is just as popular

among its votaries and the latter number a good proportion of the members of the different athletic organizations. The courts necessary to indulge in it are to be found at the James Bay, Y. M. C. A., Fernwood and Victoria West clubs. From this it may readily be seen that it is recognized as one of the standard recreations. Although practiced by a large number fond of spirited sport no effort

has been made heretofore to bring the exponents of the game from the various clubs together for the purpose of deciding which is entitled to hold the local championship. Perhaps this is because no suitable trophy has been offered, and

Of gymnastics it is scarcely necessary to say anything. These are indulged in to some extent by almost all young men, whether or not of a decided athletic turn of mind. The clubs of Victoria all have the usual equipment, and it is seldom or never a winter's evening but that someone may be found doing a handstand or a hand spring. There is every indication that the sport loving young men will have plenty of amusement, outdoor and indoor, during the ensuing few months.

the enjoyment that should fall to their lot it is imperative that preparations for the various competitions should be undertaken without delay.

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NELSON VICTORIOUS.

"Nelson won the return match this season with Rossland by an innings and 11 runs, amply avenging the disastrous defeat inflicted by Rossland earlier in the season."

"Rossland's first innings called on nine, and though the second saw a better performance, the total of 100 runs for the Kings combined was only 51 against the home team in a single innings defeat. Nor was this all, Captain Coppen seeing that the team was not to be overworked by his men, declared the Innings closed with E. J. Marks and A. Tregillus at the wicket.

It is understood that a third match this season with Rossland is improbable, but the latter team recognizing that Nelsons' strength lay in their strong bowling, will play with Nelson in getting up a match between the Kootenays and the Northwesters. This season's cricketing season, however, is also in view for the latter part of September, when the cricketers of Nelson will play the team they sent to Victoria and the result will be of little chance of victory resting with the former, yet cricket is full of chances and the result will be a very exciting one with the tourists. By the way, the tourists did at the Coast against the Victorians, and the latter were generally understood exactly what the tourists did at the Coast. They were made such a shoving against the Victorians eleven, made up of no less than seven international players of the Victoria team, that the latter were recognized that the Nelson team was easily the second team at Victoria. The

—The demonstration of life-saving to the Dominion lifeboat and "line rock" crew, under Capt. Voss, at the Gorge has been postponed until the weather clears up.

his father, and entered his father's store, where he remained in the majority, when he established a general store at Antigonish, which grew after a short time to be the largest in that county. In 1898 he opened a dry goods branch at Sydney and in 1900 the headquarters of the business was removed here, the Antigonish branch being

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