

Sporting News.

LACROSSE.

New Westminster, July 29.—It may have been too much to expect, but certainly every man on the City of Nanaimo this morning hoped that Victoria would repeat their success of last Saturday and return this evening to receive the congratulations of the crowd. As it is, they will bring back with them a tale which tells of defeat, and of excuses. They were handicapped of course; they missed the conveniences to which they are accustomed, but the same can be said of every team that goes away from home. The truth is the best men won, and New Westminster is to be congratulated upon having the very best team in the league this year.

The scoring was a procession and long before the end the Victorians among the crowd had abandoned hope, even the sagacious "Harry" acknowledging that it was all over, but shouting, and therefore the shooting was kept up. Westminster again played roughly as last Saturday, Gray especially, and several Victoria players had marks of this. Pat Smith suffered the most, Gray crossed him and gashed his upper lip deeply. Dr. Drew, who was on the grounds, took him to his office and attended to him.

In the big gathering which assembled to watch the battle between the lacrosse giants—the amateur camp at Queen's Park were 150 Victorians, who went up to cheer their boys to victory. The Victoria boys were handicapped, not only by having to spend seven hours on the steamer, just prior to the game, but by the absence of two good stick-handlers, Williams, who, although he went up on the steamer, was not well enough to go on the field, and Scholefield was obliged to remain at home owing to his still weak ankle. Pat Smith replaced Williams and Dewar took the place of Scholefield. Coldwell, the field captain, was also absent, and the work of urging on the players fell to Cusack. Westminster entered the field first, coming quietly from the lower end. The advent of the Victoria players, a few minutes later, was made the occasion of considerable applause. There were fully two thousand spectators, a big crowd having come over from Vancouver.

At 3:30 when the teams lined up, Victoria defended the down hill goal, with the sun across the field. Westminster drew the face, but Tite secured and ran. Snell saved in the corner, and Turnbull threw down the ball rather wildly. Peele secured, but Dewar soon relieved, sending the rubber behind the Westminster goal. Victoria's home took the ball well in, but lost their advantage and Gray threw down. The Westminster combination played around the Victoria goal, and then drew considerable cheering, but Lorimer saved, and by a pretty piece of play, Blain and Tite the ball was carried up. Finlaison secured and made a good run. He gave the ball to Tite, who threw to Smith right in goal, but the latter missed. The rubber was then left at centre until Burns ran up, and the Victoria combination kept the ball well in. Tite shot, but Snell stopped the rubber. The ball was then kept well in the centre with occasional ups and downs for about 10 minutes, with many exciting plays, but few liberties with the flags. Ultimately, though, after a scrum, the ball went to the Victoria goal, and across from Peele to Oddy he drove it past Norman and scored the first goal for Westminster. Time, 12 minutes.

Second Game.—When the gladiators went back to battle in the blazing sun the Victoria contingent, headed by the president of the B. A. A., "Harry," showed that the last game had not disconcerted them, for they cheered loudly. The face this time went to Victoria. Finlaison securing, but passing badly. Belfry, however, was there and sent the ball to the Gifford brought it back to the vicinity of the Victoria flags. Oddy shot and just grazed the net.

The ball went out and Belfry secured from the face, throwing well down. But the Victoria home lost the advantage, and the ball went to the back of the flags. Norman relieved and Pat Smith and White made a good combination run, but this was spoiled by a bad throw, which sent the ball over the fence. Westminster secured from this (a) and took the ball up, but Victoria secured and brought it down. Burns and White doing some pretty passing. White, however, missed his shot, and the ball went up again and the Westminster men were again struggling around the flags. Peele tried but missed.

There was a face back of the flags and Westminster brought the ball into the front of the Victoria circle. Finlaison endeavored to relieve, but was fouled by Oddy. He secured from the consequent face and ran down. The Victoria passing and catching was, however, not up to the usual mark, and the opportunity was lost. Stephens managed to get a shot after some minutes scrambling, but missed and Westminster secured and ran up. Frank Smith made himself a hero for a space by a pretty stop, and the ball was then kept well in the centre until Gray secured, and after some good combination play gave it to Peele, who shot and scored.

Time, 12 minutes.

The Third.—It was a big handicap, but there was still considerable time for play and the boys in blue and white worked hard. The game was good, so far as goal being hard to get, but the Westminster team made better use of the opportunities.

Blaine took the ball from the face, and gave to Smith, who threw well in. Turnbull secured and ran up. Gray secured and saved pretty well carried the game in to the enemy's territory, secured and shot, but Gray saved pretty well and Westminster went in and gave the Victoria defence some work. Dewar was due to the occasion though, and the ball went up behind the Westminster goal. Gifford brought it down and Westminster made some good combination play, bringing the ball within a few yards of the Victoria flags, and Geo. Oddy managed to do the trick, two minutes after the face.

Fourth Game.—The Victorians had not been playing up to their usual standard, and explained by saying they lacked the conveniences to which they are accustomed. The spirits of the Victoria crowd were noticeably

low when the fourth game was commenced. From the face Westminster took the ball right in the Victoria goal, but the defence relieved, temporarily. Westminster soon returned to the attack, passing splendidly among the home players and soon scored again. Peele, once more securing, he sent in one shot which Norman managed to save, but not to relieve, and Peele securing put the ball into the net again. Time, 2 minutes. It certainly looked bad for Victoria, and the excursionists began to philosophize on what Williams and Scholefield would have done.

The Procession Continues.—Victoria took the rubber from the face of the fifth, but shortly lost it to the boys in red, who went down to the Victoria flags. Victoria relieved, and after a good run secured a chance; it looked like a goal, but Snell saved and gave the rubber to the Westminster home, who continued with well practiced, clean combination, their onslaughts on the Victoria goal.

Belfry worked like a Trojan, again and again relieving and sending the sphere back up the field, but the Victoria home failed completely to get past the Westminster defence. Snell got the ball down after a pass from Latham. George Oddy again scored. Time, 5 minutes.

This game was probably the best of the match. Burns made a pretty run up the field, and the Victoria home seemed for a space to have recovered their old form, but they failed again to take advantage of the opportunity. Their passing, too, was weak, comparing unfavorably with that of the home team, showing plainly that there was a weakness somewhere because of the absent players, or—well, it is hard to say why—the fact that there was a weakness is sufficient.

Five to none in fifty minutes' play. It was indeed sad that the party to return by the Nanaimo would be a funeral one, but they used their lungs lustily when the boys came back to the field. Cusack, too, endeavored to spur them on to do something, and despite the disheartening state of affairs, they worked well, and in the opening of the game played with better team play than in most of the past games. The Westminster defence, however, frustrated their attacks, some of which came closer than any had yet done, the Victoria boys seeming to warm up. After a few minutes play, and after some brilliant combination, however, Gifford managed to roll the ball into the net. Time, 6 minutes.

And the Fighting Began.—In the seventh game came the inevitable: Westminster again resorted to pugilism. Finlaison checked B. Peele, and the latter, not knowing that Peter Jackson went up with the Victoria boys, began to fight. The referee sent both men to the fence. After the face White secured and shot, but Cheyne saved. Some play followed at centre and then the Westminster home combination again did the business. Norman ran out to check the incoming player, but the latter managed to get past and lobbed through in the empty net. Time, 7 minutes.

The eighth game went to Westminster in 24 minutes, the whistle blew, and Victoria's chance of securing the championship this year was smashed to atoms, in another Waterloo.

The teams were:

Victoria.	Position.	Westminster.
Norman	Goal	Cheyne
Belfry	Point	Gray
Lorimer	Centre	Garth
Dewar	1st defence	Snell
Finlaison	2nd defence	T. Gifford
Burns	3rd defence	C. D. Peele
Blain	Centre	Turnbull
Stephens	3rd home	Latham
White	2nd home	T. Oddy
Tite	1st home	W. Gifford
P. Smith	Outside home	Geo. Oddy
F. Smith	Inside home	S. Peele
K. B. Ousek	Field Captain	J. Mahoney

The League standing is now as follows:

Victoria.	Played.	Won.	Lost.
New Westminster	7	4	3
Vancouver	7	3	4
Nanaimo	4	0	4

Although it must be admitted that the Victoria players made some pretty individual plays during the match, they were never in it for a minute with the boys in red. The best team won. Victoria was outplayed and lost because their opponents played better lacrosse than they did.

It was strange, in direct contradiction to the game of the previous Saturday, the Victoria players did not seem to have any "go" in them at all. They seemed to play, not to win, but because they had to and it was a worry. They lacked ambition, and it appeared to the observers—practically "their catching—perhaps because of the uncertainty of the bounce on the Westminster lounge was poor, and their passing wild. The combination, which has won them so many goals, was conspicuously absent, in fact, to put in plain English, they fell to pieces.

Norman, who usually makes himself the idol of the grand stand, was playing badly. It was an off day with him and the Westminster home found him easy. Belfry was the lion of the Bays. He played—and was greatly helped by Lorimer and Dewar—a good defence game, but the Westminster combination—which was remarkably good—was too much for them. Finlaison at 2nd defence made some pretty runs and with Burns and Blain took the ball up from the dangerous ground repeatedly, but the Victoria home when they got the rubber in front of the flags, muffed. They seemed to lose all their opportunities, and by their poor passing. Of the home players, perhaps, the play of Frank Smith was the most noticeable. Pat Smith, who resembled Williams, although he played as good lacrosse as could be expected under the circumstances, showed a lack of practice, for a long sojourn in the Klondike is not conducive to good lacrosse. When White and he were not up to their usual mark, although he must be said they certainly made some pretty pieces of play at times, but they discouraged these by wild passing.

The Victoria home players, certainly lacking Williams and Scholefield, the accustomed voice of their field captain. The Westminster players, who lacked the vim of the Victoria boys when playing here, put up a fine exhibition of the game and—although they did not deserve such a big score—they certainly deserved to win. Their passing catching and

throwing was good, showing careful training for the struggle.

The homeward trip was not remarkable for any untoward incident. The Bays accepted their defeat in a proper spirit, owing that they had met a better team, yet offering the statement that if there were several passengers missing on the return voyage, some of them coming to the wharf just in time to see the Nanaimo out in the stream, bound home. Among those who were left was Peter Jackson; he met friends, and the steamer brought not him, but only his storepail.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Bays Vs. Victoria West.

While the seniors were battling at New Westminster a very exciting game was played on the Caledonia ground between the J.B.A.A. and Victoria West teams, this being the second game for the cup presented by Mr. A. E. McPhillips, M.P.

Mr. K. Scholefield was referee and the teams lined up as follows:

James Bays.	Victoria West.
G. Simpson	Goal
O. Lower	Point
D. Mellie	Cover
W. Northcott	1st defence
F. Cox	2nd defence
V. Medina	3rd defence
E. McMillan	Centre
C. Kennedy	3rd home
G. McDonnell	2nd home
H. Welsh	1st home
G. Finlayson	Outside home
H. Jesse	Inside home

The game resulted in a victory for the Bays by 6 goals to 1, but the play was not so one-sided as the score would indicate. The Victoria West boys played well and should have secured more goals, but the element of luck was against them.

The summary is as follows:

Game. Won by. Scored by. Time.

1. Victoria West	Crocker	6m.
2. Bays	Jesse	21m.
3. Bays	Jesse	22m.
4. Bays	Finlaison	5m.
5. Bays	McDonnell	22m.
6. Bays	Kennedy	22m.
7. Bays	Kennedy	1m.

Mr. Scholefield made an excellent referee, and W. Wilson and H. Willard were the umpires. Bob Lorimer captained the winning team, and W. Farrell performed a similar duty for the Bays. The game was a very exciting one, and the time-keepers.

CRICKET.

THE NAVY WON.

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Albions.	Runs.
Fowkes, b. Finlaison	0
H. Martin, b. Rowe	0
Swinnerton, b. Finlaison	0
J. Martin, b. Rowe	13
Hadley, b. Finlaison	1
Goepel, b. Rowe	16
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fairly well, excepting a couple of bad deliveries, which were not noticed by the victors, noticeable to the spectators. Otherwise the game was clean, without any wrangling or "kicking."

Score by innings:

Victoria	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R.E.
Nanaimo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries—Holness, Barnwell; Smith, Smith; umpire, Shaw; time of game, 1 hour 40 minutes.

THE RIFLE.

FOURTH LEAGUE SHOOT.

The result of the shooting in the Fourth League match on Saturday at Clover Point is given below. The weather was favorable but the ammunition seemed to be defective and militated against good scoring:

Sergt. Bailey	82
Gr. Webb	80
Gr. A. Brayshaw	80
Gr. Wilders	80
Gr. Burgess	80
Qm-Sgt. Winsby	80
Bomb. Winaby	80
Gr. Cavin	80
Capt. Blanchard	80
Gr. Fullagar	79
Gr. Butler	75
Sergt. Lettice	74
Corp. Winsby	74
Corp. Short	70
Gr. Gattley	70
Gr. Logan	65
Gr. Keating	62
Capt. Comman	57
Gr. Short	56
Gr. Buckett	56
Gr. Williams	55
Gr. Shepherd	52
Gr. Stewart	50
Gr. Promfrey	17

Very serious charges are being made against campers on the ground that they carelessly cause great damage by fire. Mr. Grice, of Government House, informs the Times that yesterday 275 cords of wood were burned in Lake district, on Mr. Erskine's place, and the only reason assigned is the carelessness of those who lighted and did not properly extinguish a fire in that vicinity. Blaine had also occurred near Albert Head, and on the Happy Valley road, and on Carey road on Friday evening 100 cords of wood, owned by Chinese, were destroyed.

William Gray, the leading stoker in the naval dockyard had a bit of a surprise on Saturday evening. Mr. Gray does not like cats to make a nuisance of the roof of his house, and he thought he had discovered a very large one of fending in this regard, so he got a ladder and made to drive pussy away. Pussy was not being driven, and Mr. Gray found it prudent to be a retreat. He was followed by the object of his attentions, and he proceeded to obtain his shot gun, armed with which he returned to the fray and blew pussy's head off. He then discovered that he had mistaken a young panther, three feet long, for an ordinary cat, and is now looking for other members of the family to which his prize belonged.

When the "Rathum case" was exciting some attention in the city, the Times referred to the alleged attempt to poison Miss Florence Campbell by sending poisoned cherries to her through the mail, under the caption of "Bunzlows Botkiners," accepting the theory that Miss Campbell sent the poisoned canister to the fray and blew pussy's head off. He then discovered that he had mistaken a young panther, three feet long, for an ordinary cat, and is now looking for other members of the family to which his prize belonged.

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Early this morning Detective Store located in a house on Store street the Chinese woman who eloped a few days ago with another Celestial. Her husband, who works in a millinery of the city, bemoaned her loss, not so much on account of his shattered domestic life, as because of her taking about \$400 of his money. The cook with whom she eloped is believed to be in Vancouver, and the woman returned last night to gather her belongings together in the next boat for there. The police officer brought the offending husband and his erring wife together and a satisfactory arrangement being made between them in regard to finances she was allowed to go. The husband intends returning to China at once.

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ing was held when the successful bidder was 191, A and B of which are held by Mrs. Charles Hayward, entailing her \$2,000. "C" and "D" were withdrawn.

The friendly suit of Bryden vs. the Union Colliery Company, which was appealed to the Privy Council, has been decided in favor of