PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ASHCROFT.

John Wilson, a large cattle rancher of this section, is lying seriously ill at the Cargile hotel, suffering from pneumonia. While driving near Cache creek he was thrown from his wagon and stunned. How long he lay before help arrived is not known, but long enough to take a severe cold, resulting in pneumonia. Dr. Sanson is in constant attendance. He considers Mr. Wilson's condition critical.

Rev. Mr. Bremner, of Kelowna, is in temporary charge of the Presbyterian church here. The congregation would be pleased to find his appointment made permanent.

MORRISSEY MINES.

A workman named Capelle was probably fatally injured here on Wednesday by falling thirty-six feet off a trestle connecting the coal bins with the coke ovens.

A rope-rider was accidentally killed in the mines on Tuesday by being crushed by coal cars on which he was riding. He tried to speak, but couldn't, as his breast was crushed in, and he expired in a few minutes.

Several underground men have been arrested and taken to Fernie in charge of three constables to stand trial for carrying matches in the mines. The offenders are mostly Slavs.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The Carnegie library was informally opened on Tuesday evening when an entertainment by prominent ladies of the town was given in aid of the Royal Columbia hospital. Afternoon tea and an exhibition of statuary were the chief items. The building is admirably adapted for library purposes, but it may be several weeks yet before the library will be transferred thither. Mayor Keary received on Tuesday from Andrew Carnegie's "disbursing department" a cheque for the final payment on the $15,000 Carnegie library. More than that, an additional sum of $1,000 has been received from the same source for completing the furnishing of the library.

The discovery that there is ample water in the ship channel of the Fraser river to accommodate any ordinary seagoing craft is the result of the Board of Trade having had a special survey made of that portion alleged to be menaced by the Annieville bar. Pilot Dan Paterson, in company with the new pilot board, made careful soundings and found a channel in which 22 to 24 feet of water at low tide at the shallowest point, and this is only for a very short distance.

After a couple of adjournments, the local grocers have formed an association for their mutual protection and benefit. T. S. Annandale was chosen president; E. G. Parnell, vice-president, and C. A. Welsh, secretary-treasurer.

YMIR.

The output of the Wilcox mine for the month of October is again in excess of any previous month. The amount saved on the plates is represented by a gold brick weighing 325 ounces, and of an approximate value of $4,000. In addition to this amount two and a half carloads of rich galena ore have been shipped to the Nelson smelter, the net proceeds on which amount to approximately $2,500. Concentrates shipped amount further to over $500 net value, making the total output of the mine over $7,000 for the month. The running expenses are in the neighborhood of $2,000 per month, so that the company is making a profit of $5,000 on the month's run. During the month in question ore from the Wilcox vein was put through the mill for the first time, and the brick produced is therefore partly from the Wilcox vein and partly from the Fourth of July vein, which latter has hitherto supplied the whole of the mill feed. The Wilcox ore carries a far larger proportion of gold to silver than does the Fourth of July, so that this month's brick is richer per ounce than any previous bricks. The transfer of the control of the Broken Hill Company, which operates the Wilcox mine, is now complete, Messrs. Philip White and John F. Burne retiring from the directorate in favor of Messrs. Jones and A. H. Tuttle, the last named being now secretary and local manager. Mr. Philip White, formerly superintendent of the mine and largest stockholder, having disposed of his interest, is leaving for a trip east next week.

GRAND FORKS.

It is understood that S. A. Goodel, manager of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company, at Boundary Falls, has resigned. Mr. Goodel will spend the next three months in Spokane, prior to accepting an important position in Colorado. He has directed the affairs of the Boundary Falls plant with marked success the past year.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Consolidated Mining Smelter, after an inspection of the smelter here and the mines at Phoenix, had this to say respecting future enlargement of the reduction plant: "The directors have decided to run the smelter at least six months with its present equipment of six furnaces in order to demonstrate our ability to successfully treat a tonnage of 2,100 tons daily; to secure sufficient labor and coke as well as the ability of the railway to handle the tonnage involved. If these conditions all work out in practice, the question of making further additions to the smelter will then be determined. Every time we have increased our tonnage we have found that some of these factors have been lacking, and it has in each instance usually taken from three to six months before things ran smoothly. This time we will make a crucial test before elaborating plans for a further expansion of our operations. But the ultimate aim of Granby is to treat all the tonnage our group of mines can produce. These mines are now equipped to handle 50,000 tons of ore daily, and, of course, we expect to treat that amount of tonnage at Grand Forks some day, whether one year or three years hence. The policy of the board is to pay a portion of the earnings in dividends instead of putting everything into equipment as has been done in the past. This is what we expect to do so soon as the present plant of six furnaces has got into operation and into smooth running order. The directors are also of the opinion that they will pay a dividend of not less than 4 per cent. per annum payable quarterly. I mean a 4 per cent. dividend on shares of the par value of $10 each, or 10 per cent. on the selling price of Granby stock, which at present is quoted at $4 per share."

KAMLOOPS.

The Montreal hotel, owned by J. Peterson, and leased by N. Latremouille, was entirely destroyed by fire on Monday. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss on the building is placed at $4,000, and upon the furniture at $2,000, with no insurance.

Howard Shafer, the 18-year-old son of J. Shafer, a rancher here, accidentally shot himself on Snuday afternoon. He was crossing the river in a canoe with his brother. In pulling the gun by the barrel it went off, the shot penetrating his chest. He died one hour afterwards.

REVELSTOKE.

The Herald's correspondent at Revelstoke writes: "I have interviewed several mine owners in this vicinity and they state that the continued rise in silver will mean a great accession to the shipping mines of the Lardeau. It is now practically stationary between 60 and 61 cents, and this price means that shippers of rich argentiferous ores will be easily able to overcome the difficulties of transportation. In addition to this the completion of the concentrator at Five Mile will permit the Silver Cup and Nettie L. to reduce the shipping bulk of their ore from about 30 to 1 and thus cut off the bulk of freight costs. There is also the lead bounty which has just come into force, a large slice of which will be paid to Lardeau mines. The tonnage of the Silver Cup and Nettie L. will, in a month or two, equal the whole recent output of the Lardeau and other well known mines, such as the Ethel and Lucky Boy, will ship much more largely than ever before. Every mine of any account will continue work all winter. The Black Prince has joined the list of shippers. The owners intend to continue operations all winter and next spring will see the Black Prince another regular shipper from the Lardeau. Business in the town is brisk in all lines, but the big mines are handicapped for the want of men."

GREENWOOD.

"An indication of the better times is to be found in the increased amount received by the city treasurer for taxes. During the month of October nearly $11,000 was paid by the city taxpayers, an increase of $2,000 over the same month of last year. There is still a large amount outstanding for overdue taxes, but the voluntary payment of the substantial amount received is a sign that things are coming a little easier. During the year the council found it possible to finance the affairs of the city without borrowing a dollar. In fact $2,000 has already been paid on a loan that has been carried forward since the palmy days when everything was lovely and it was fashionable to borrow money. The council expect to pay off another $3,000 before the end of their term. This showing is particularly satisfactory when it is considered that nearly a mile of sidewalk was laid including the walk to the Elkhorn brewery at the northern limit of the city, and a watermain put in from Greenwood street to the Sacred Heart hospital, about 4,000 feet in all. Greenwood is to-day in a better position financially than any other municipality in the interior, except Trail and Phoenix, which have practically no bonded indebtedness. In Greenwood the expenditure is kept within revenue, its bonded indebtedness is less and its floating loan, contracted over three years ago, is being gradually reduced. The interest and sinking fund accounts are being kept paid up to date, and out of the latter account debentures amounting to $5,000 are redeemed about six months ago.—Times.

ROSSLAND.

The Rossland Miner says: "Heavy low-grade iron ores from this camp are now being subjected to an exhaustive test by the Hendry electro-cyanide process at the test works in Spokane. The adoption of this or any other system for economical utilization of the enormous deposits of such ores on Monte Cristo and Kootenay mountains would means as much for the camp as the recent successful application of concentration does to the mines of Red mountain. The outcome is awaited with keen interest."

The Board of Trade has unanimously passed a resolution to construct the Sophie mountain wagon road at the earliest possible date. The statement is credited to W. A. Carlyle, former manager of the Le Roi, that in his opinion the richest mines of the Rossland camp would eventually be found west of the gulch dividing Red mountain and the steeps to the west. At that juncture there seemed little on which to found such a prediction, but it emanated from an eminent mining man and was not completely overlooked, as is demonstrated by the fact that the statement was reproduced at the Board of Trade by Robert Hunter in his strong advocacy of the Sophie mountain road. The remarkable showing obtained at the Jumbo mine in the past few months was quoted by Mr. Hunter as corroboration of Mr. Carlyle's opinion.

At a meeting of the summer carnival general executive the balance was voted away. Of the balance of $500 or thereabouts the major portion goes to the winter carnival funds, $25 goes to Andrew J. Drewry to bring his remuneration as secretary up to the sum agreed upon when he undertook the work, and $100 will be expended on permanent improvements to the trail leading from the Le Roi mine to the west end of Second avenue.

NELSON.

"Three gold bricks, the united weight of which was 395 ounces troy, have been placed on exhibition in the window of the Canada Drug & Book Company. They represented the result of the first twenty days run of the Eva mill at Camborne. While full particulars of the operations of the company since the plant was started to run are withheld by the management till after the next meeting of the shareholders, which will be held in a little over a week, yet enough is public to know that the mine is as big a success as was ever figured on. The highest amount of ore crushed a day since the mill was started was 33 tons, all taken from the big dumps of ore taken out in the course of development work. The present month will undoubtedly see an even higher percentage of profit than October, as everything will naturally be in better running order than the first month. The property is in splendid condition, the development work so far carried on being on the most scientific and economical principles."—News.

Rev. Dr. Wright, acting clerk of sessions, has received a letter from Rev. Joseph MacNeill, at present in charge of the Presbyterian church at Rossland, declining the call extended to him by the Rossland congregation at the meeting of the Kootenay Presbytery in this city.

On Friday morning the snow came down closer to the city than it has previously come this season, reaching the top of the old wood flume above the mountain siding. Last year the first snow fall in Nelson occurred on November 8th, and the average date for the first snow fall here is November 10th.

The Nelson News, in an editorial says: "The annual report and balance sheet of the Hall Mining & Smelting Company for the year ended June 30th, 1903, indicate that whilst the operations of the company during the period dealt with have not proved profitable, the directors retain faith in the ultimate success of their venture and are prepared to continue in business pending the advent of the improved conditions in the mining industry which they anticipate will recoup them for present losses. The financial statement shows a profit of £1,694 2s. 4d. on smelting operations, of which it is estimated that £380 was due to copper smelting and £1,314 to lead smelting; there was a profit of £726 5s. 6d. on the mine account and sundry receipts brought in £308,14s. 8d., making a total net earnings of £2,729 2s. 6d. As against this the general expenses of the company, debenture interest, etc., foot up to £3,586 14s. 2d., showing a net loss of £857 11s. 8d. upon the year's transactions, without making any allowance for the charge of £3,890 6s. 5d. for maintenance and depreciation, which when taken into account brings the total loss up to £4,747 18s. 1d. These figures show that the Hall Mining & Smelting Company is not getting rich at the expense of the mine owners. The manager's report states that treatment rates have been lowered and the earnings point to the conclusion that they are now at a rock bottom basis if the company is ever to get any return for its investment. A reasonable inference from the manager's report and the financial statement is that the smelting operations will not prove profitable until there has been a very considerable development of the mining industry, permitting of a marked increase in the ore supply and providing the necessary assortment for economical treatment. The manager says: 'The ores available were not only insufficient in quantity, but the assortment was undesirable, requiring a large proportion of barren flux, thus increasing expense and decreasing the tonnage of ore smelted daily, and the earning power of the furnaces, and causing greater losses of to the smelter plant, keeping it thoroughmetals.' Improvements have been made ly up to present requirements, and further improvements will be made immediately business warrants further expenditures in this direction. Whilst it is to be regretted that the financial showing is not more encouraging from the shareholders' point of view, the brighter outlook for the mining industry promises better results in the near future. It has been the experience of the smelting business the world over that large and varied tonnage is a prime requisite to profitable operation."

VANCOUVER.

Burglars broke into the building usually known as the "Badmington Annex," adjoining the hotel, on Hornby street, about 9 o'clock on Monday evening. The thieves took it very easy and ransacked the house from top to bottom, but fortunately the only articles orf value missing are a watch, some rings and other trinkets. The sum of $50 lying at the bottom of a bureau drawer was overlooked, but the light-fingered gentry carried away a couple of razors lying in the same drawer.

The attendance at the city public schools during the month of October was not as good as in the month of September, probably on account of illness among the scaool children. During the month of October there were 4,373 children attending school in the city, while the rolls show that there should have been 4,500 in attendance. The Strathcona school shows the best attendance, having 94.4 out of 851 pupils attending the school, while the lowest was the Dawson school, there only being a percentage of 83.3 out of an attendance of 920 pupils.

Another visitor of the globe-trotting variety struck town Monday in the person of Andrew Chrometz, a sturdy little Hungarian with a knapsack on his back and numerous medals on his coat. He has a book ornamented with the signatures of the officials of the various towns through which he has passed. Chrometz says that he left Hungary on September 1st, 1901, and has been travelling ever since, it being his intention to reach home in 1906.

The First Presbyterian church was on Monday night the scene of a unique and interesting ceremony, when the members of the Westminster Presbytery, numerous personal friends of Rev. J. M. MacLeod and various delegations assembled for the purpose of offering their congratulations to him on the occasion of his having completed 50 years' service as a minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada. Rev. H. J. Robertson, of Chilliwack, the moderator of the assembly, occupied the chair. After singing a psalm, scripures and prayer, the moderator, on behalf of the Presbytery of Westminster, presented a handsome illuminated address on vellum, together with a gold pendant which bore on one side the inscription "Presented to the Rev. J. M. MacLeod by the Westminster Presbytery," the reverse side bearing the words: "Ordained November 9th, 1853. Presented November 9th, 1903." Addresses were presented from the personal friends in Vancouver, who also offered through their delegate, Mr. D. M. Fraser, a handsome purse. A number of congratulatory addresse and letters were read, including one from Rev. D. McRae, clerk of the Victoria Presbytery.

The new tariff of freight rates applying between Vancouver and Calgary, as offered by the Canadian Pacific railway recently, in answer to representations made by the Vancouver Board of Trade and Wholesale Grocers' Exchange, is now in effect. The tariff went into effect on Monday, but on instructions from Montreal B. W. Greer, general freight agent of the road, announced that it would be made retroactive to November 1st. The rates now effective are not so low as those applying from Winnipeg westward to Calgary, and the board of trade announced some time ago that it would continue to request further reductions.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the committee elected to deal with the erection of a new gymnasium on Monday night. The site favored for the new gymnasium was on the corner of Pender and Seymour streets. The lots will cost $13,500, the building $30,000 and equipment $8,000.

The biggest bill of costs ever taxed in a registry office in British Columbia was the subject-matter of an appeal argued all forenoon in the Full court on Wednesday. The case was Belcher vs. McDonald, and was a Yukon dispute. Frank Belcher and Rory McDonald, as executors of the estate of Alexander Calder, sued the defendant, Alexander McDonald, the Klondike King, for a sum approximating $70,000, and got judgment. After getting judgment the first thing to be done was to have the costs taxed, and this the solicitors for plaintiffs proceeded to do. During the trial of the action, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C., acted as chief counsel for the plaintiffs, and was instructed by C. M. Woodworth, of Dawson. Mr. Woodworth came to Vancouver and assisted counsel on the trial, and did not return to Dawson until it was all over. A bill of costs aggregating nearly $10,000 was then presented to the Vancouver registry office for taxation. One item was for $10 a day expenses for Mr. Woodward from the time he left Dawson until he got back. Other items were analogous. Mr. Beck cut the bill down to about $3,000, thus making another record. The bill was the largest ever presented, but the cut made into it was also the largest ever made. Upon affidavits of himself and W. M. Griffin, his partner, Sir Chas. Tupper applied for an order from Mr. Justice Drake directing a review of the taxation, and also ordering that $10 a day and other items be allowed. Mr. Justice Drake made the order asked for. The defendant's solicitors immediately took an appeal against this order, and it was this appeal that E. P. Davis, K. C., for the defendant, appellant, argued on Wednesday against W. M. Griffin, for the plaintiffs, respondents. The appeal was allowed, and the judgment of the Vancouver registrar upheld. The bill was referred to the Yukon registry, where it will be taxed. In the meantime the action itself is on appeal to the Privy Council, and is awaiting its turn for argument.

The chief matter up for discussion at the meeting of the fire and police committee on Tuesday afternoon was the crow nuisance. Thomas Cunningham, inspector of fruit pests, addressed the committee, stating that the proposed attack on the crows was in the nature of an experiment, and if successful, the government intended to grant a bounty throughout the province. He pointed out the great injury crows did to fruit, especially to cherries and highly-colored fruit. The council might, he thought, suspend the by-law for a time, especially as the crows would invade the city in large numbers when the campaign against them was commenced in the outside districts. The city solicitor informed the committee that it had no power to grant permits to individuals to shoot crows. The only way to tackle the question would be to set apart certain days when any one could shoot. The aldermen considered such a course inadvisable, as more people than crows would probably be shot. The city solicitor suggested that the provincial government might help the matter by imposing a gun license of $2.50. If that were done the by-law might be amended and licensed sportsmen allowed to shoot. Objection was raised that such a law would work a hardship on hunters, whereupon a bright idea struck the city solicitor. Why not treat the crows as common vagrants and let the police deal with them? This appeal to the committee, and the chief of police having assured the members that he had some good shots on the force, the matter was left in his hands, he to arrange with the park commissioners when his men were to go out.

"Last Saturday Mr. Marrion, the city health inspector, paid his usual visit to the Chinese dead house. He was told that a Chinaman was in the house, but that he had been attended by a doctor in spectacles. The following Monday Mr. Marrion called again and found the man was not dead. He again called on Tuesday and insisted upon seeing the dying man, whom he found in a most pitiable plight, lying in a dark and dismal dungeon below ground. A small window admitted enough light to enable the inspector to view his surroundings. In the centre of the floor lay what appeared to be a bundle of rags, and huddled up in these the Chinaman was found almost dead, but just able to move one eye, and when the inspector snapped his fingers in the face of the dying Chinaman or shouted at him there was scarcely a perceptible motion. Mr. Marrion at once communicated with Dr. McGuigan, the chairman of the board of health, and promptly removed the man to the city hospital. He was found to be in a state of nearly total paralysis. It transpires that the patient had been lying since Friday last in this filthy hole without food and in such an atmosphere as would have chilled to the marrow any perfectly healthy man."—News-Advertiser.

A NOTED HORSEMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Mr. Antoine Wendling, owner of Deveras 21¼, and proprietor of the Clifton House, Brockville, says no liniment compares with Nerviline for general use around the stable. For strains, sprains, swellings, internal pains and especially for affections of the whirl bone Nerviline is unequalled. Mr. Wendling believes Nerviline is indispensable as a horse liniment; it has strength, penetrating power and works thoroughly. Every horse and stock owner should use Nerviline. Sold in large 25c. bottles.

SPORTING

FENCING.

MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Victoria Fencing Club held an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday night at their rooms in the Five Sisters' block. Capt. Davidson occupied the chair and called the meeting to order promptly at 8 o'clock. Considerable business was transacted, among which was the adoption of rules and regulations, by-laws and constitution. There were a number of applications for membership which were dealt with in the usual way.

It was decided that, commencing next Friday, the 13th inst., instruction would be given twice weekly, every Tuesday and Friday afternoon or evening, according to the convenience of the pupils. With headquarters fitted up with all necessary equipment, a large membership and a carefully drafted constitution, the future of the Victoria Fencing Club is exceedingly bright.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

SENIORS PLAY ON 21st.

On Saturday, November 21st, the first of the senior league games will take place between Victoria and Vancouver at the Terminal City. The locals are practicing faithfully in preparation for the forthcoming match. Regular runs are held, and as a general rule are well attended. The forwards are being trained in scrimmage work in the gymnasium, evenings having been set apart especially for this purpose.

From all accounts the Vancouver players are training no less assiduously. Their fifteen will be the same as last year, with the exception of about three changes. The team will be a strong one.

The provincial league promises to be closely contested. Both Victoria and Vancouver have been organizing for some time and it appears that Nanaimo is now being roused into making some preparations. The Herald of that city says:

"The question is being asked: 'What are the Nanaimo Rugby players doing in the way of practice?' Both Victoria and Vancouver are entering into the contest with great vim, and if Nanaimo don't get a move on she will be left behind in the race."

CRICKET.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

The Vancouver Cricket Club has had an unusually successful season. Out of seventeen games played fifteen were victories and only two defeats. The complete record, as published by the Vancouver News-Advertiser, follows:

May 23rd—Vs. R. M. S. Empress of India and Aorangi; won by 9 wickets and 3 runs.

June 12th—Vs. Garrison, R. A. and R. E.; won by 28 runs.

June 13th—Vs. Victoria; won in 1 innings by 125 runs.

June 13th—Vs. Victoria, 2nd eleven; won by 100 runs.

June 27th—Vs. H. M. Navy; lost by 5 runs.

July 1st—Vs. Victoria; won in 1 innings by 39 runs.

July 2nd—Vs. H. M. Navy; won by 4 wickets.

July 4th—Vs. Tacoma; won in 1 innings by 5 wickets and 64 runs.

July 15th—Vs. R. M. S. Empress of India and Miowera; won in 1 innings by 6 wickets and 4 runs.

July 18th—Vs. Garrison, R. A. and R. E.; won by 173 runs.

July 25th—Vs. North Vancouver; won by 42 runs.

August 1st—Vs. Nanaimo; won in 1 innings by 81 runs.

August 8th—Vs. R. M. S. Aorangi; won by 2 wickets and 37 runs.

August 14th—Vs. R. M. S. Aorangi; won by 46 runs.

Sept. 7th—Vs. Victoria, 2nd eleven; lost by 1 innings and 31 runs.

Sept. 26th—Vs. Tacoma; won in 1 innings by 26 runs.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MATCH POSTPONED.

The match scheduled to take place between the Victoria West and Capital intermediate teams on Saturday was not played for various reasons. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the referee was considering the advisability of putting off the game, when the secretary of the Victoria District Association informed him that the Victoria West club had not yet abided by the constitution, and that if the contest did go on it could not be as a league match. This decided matters, and the game was declared off. It is not expected that the intermediate league will be continued until the Victoria West club acts according to the rules of the association.

At the last meeting of the Victoria District Association there was some discussion as to the whereabouts of the league cup, won in the season 1901-02 by the Victoria West team. The trophy, it was pointed out, was put up for competition upon condition that it should be won three times by one club before becoming the property of that association. So far the cup has been put up only once, and ever since that it has been in possession of the V. W. A. A. According to the constitution, after holding the trophy a year, the Victoria West club should have returned it to the executive. This was not done, and the cup has been held by Victoria West for a couple of years. It has not even yet passed into the hands of the league, although it has been demanded. Football enthusiasts, especially the intermediates, claim that the V. W. A. A. knew that their having once won the cup did not entitle them to keep it. It is hoped by all lovers of sport that the cup will be handed over without delay so as to allow the intermediate league series to be played.

BASKETBALL.

SCHEDULE ADOPTED.

On Monday night a meeting of the Victoria city basketball executive was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms when the business of completing organization for the season was dealt with. The most important matter was the drafting of a junior league schedule; and after J. S. Croot had taken the chair this was brought up and discussed. As there were no further entries, the work of arranging dates for the series of matches was proceeded with. The clubs signifying their intention to compete were the Y. M. C. A., F. Y. M. A., V. W. A. A. and Cloverdale. After some consideration the following schedule was adopted:

Nov. 30th—Y. M. C. A. vs. F. Y. M. A.
Dec. 7th—Cloverdale vs. V. W. A. A.
Dec. 14th—V. W. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.
Dec. 21st—Cloverdale vs. F. Y. M. A.
Jan. 11th—Y. M. C. A. vs. Cloverdale.
Jan. 18th—F. Y. M. A. vs. V. W. A. A.
Jan. 25th—F. Y. M. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.
Feb 1st—V. W. A. A. vs. Cloverdale.
Feb. 8th—Y. M. C. A. vs. V. W. A. A.
Feb. 15th—F. Y. M. A. vs. Cloverdale.
Feb. 22nd—Cloverdale vs. Y. M. C. A.
Feb. 29th—V. W. A. A. vs. F. Y. M. A.

Other matters of minor importance were dealt with, among which was the conferring upon A. Stevens, of the Victoria West Athletic Association, his intermediate standing which he lost last season through playing several senior matches. The committee appointed to secure a hall for playing the league games this season made a brief verbal report. It has not yet been decided whether the Y. M. C. A. hall will be secured for this purpose.

The meeting shortly after adjourned.

VICTORIA WEST WON.

An interesting junior match took place on Wednesday between the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. teams. The game was very closely contested, and after a hard game the former aggregation was victorious by a score of 8 points to 5. Checking on both sides was unusually hard, the forwards being given five chances to score. All opportunities were taken advantage of, in most cases with satisfactory results. There were a good number of spectators and much enthusiasm when either team did good work.

LACROSSE.

ENGLISH TEAM'S VISIT.

The Varsity, published at Oxford, has an exceedingly interesting description of the recent trip of the English lacrosse team to America. It is written by an Oxford man, who, after speaking of the team's visit to the United States, refers to some of their experiences on Canadian soil as follows:

"At Midland occurred an incident, amusing to us, though perhaps not to the offender. An opponent, evidently relying on our reputation for gentleness—in Canada blood is a not infrequent accessory to lacrosse; our play is not so deadly—attempted a most ingenious but foul run behind the referee's back. Three lusty hits upon the head in true Canadian style—we were no mean adepts at learning such matters—felled him like a log, and he troubled us no more. Not that it was mere cruelty on our part; our 'gentlemanly' play impressed them much, though many a one of us could not have survived an English referee; but, as the song has it, 'We had to be cruel to be kind!' The Barrie team, a Canadian paper has it, turned out to show us how to play the game. They scored three goals in rapid succession, then the Englishmen got very busy, and when the smoke cleared away, etc. In short, we won by 11 goals to 4.

"To watch a championship match in Canada must, I should think, be more exciting than a bull fight. No love is lost; 'kill your man, or, if not, win the game,' seems to be their motto; though it must be confessed that nowhere can cleverer fouling be seen. Nine men at the fence at a time is no mean record; but such was the case when Montreal met Toronto.

"To refuse a cigar with one in one's mouth, one's coat bulging with them, was bad form; to refuse a drink would offend our hosts. Was modesty before ever so rarely taxed? Montreal was our last resting place on Canadian soil; tired we were, but jovial enough when occasion required. Our two games at Montreal did not prove so disastrous as we had expected. Against the Shamrocks, the champion team of Canada, we suffered defeat only by eight goals to six; while in our last match we surprised everyone, ourselves included, by drawing with Montreal (4-4)."

ATHLETICS.

THE J. B. A. A. SITE.

President H. D. Helmcken, of the J. B. A. A., has posted the following letter on the bulletin board of the club house:

Victoria, October 20th.

To the President and Members of the J. B. A. A.:

Gentlemen:—This morning I had the pleasure of a conversation with Captain Troup and Ald. Vincent relative: (1) To our position with regard to our site; and (2) With regard to our desire to move.

1. With reference to this branch I told Capt. Troup that we had received permission from the Dominion government before we proceeded with the erection of the building, that permission was also obtained from the local government and the corporation, and further, that we contested Mr. Gray's action brought to prevent us proceeding with our building, and we were successful.

2. With reference to this branch I stated that, while we had discussed the matter, we had come to no conclusion in the matter, and that we would like, if found practicable, to have a site on the city side, that we had plans of a new club house, that Mr. Hayward had removal in contemplation, but nothing came of it. That if we were provided with a suitable site, and the question of cost of removal were satisfactorily adjusted, there would be no difficulty in coming to an amicable arrangement, as we would like to extend the sphere of usefulness of the association so as to enhance all sports and make a feature of our association as a social club. The matter had not been taken up formally by Captain Troup or his company, and there is no suggestion of the club being obliged to move. If the club does not wish to move, Captain Troup has not the least intention of inconvenencing us. It is a question of ways and means, and when the captain is ready to do business, I told him he would find us a very reasonable body of business men to deal with. I think it only but right to make this report, so as to set at rest any doubts entertained by any of us relative to the idea that the club would be forced to move whether the club likes it, or not, and further, to mark the date of the first occasion when the question of removal has been suggested to me by the C. P. R. Co.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. D. HELMCKEN.

THE KENNEL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club, was held Tuesday night at the Pioneer hall, when business of importance was dealt with. There was a large attendance, about thirty members of the club being present. The chair was occupied by the president, J. W. Creighton, who called the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock.

Communications were first taken up. The Vancouver Kennel Club wrote asking for a meeting of delegates from the different clubs belonging to the Pacific Coast Kennel League for the purpose of arranging dates for spring shows. Secretary McConnell reported that he had replied, pointing out that the meeting suggested was not necessary. The letter was received and filed.

N. J. Stewart, secretary of the California Collie Club, wrote as follows:

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 3rd, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Bradley-Dyne:—As I do not know the name of the secretary of the Victoria Kennel Club, I take the liberty of writing you regarding one of the Pacific Kennel League rules, and shall be much obliged if you will bring the matter to the attention of your club.

You know that there is a P. K. L. rule which prevents a special prize being offered in such a way as to make one breed compete against another. While the rule may be all right in theory it is just the reverse in practice.

The Collie Club have requested the league to hold a special meeting to consider the advisability of dropping or deleting the words "except that no prize be offered where one breed competes with another." (This is in the preamble to the rules governing shows).

As you know, in Canada, in the East and in every country in Europe such specials are allowed.

Surely if a judge is capable of judging all breeds, he is also capable of judging between breeds as between dogs of the same breed. We think that the rule has acted injuriously on both dogs and shows, and are anxious to have it repealed.

We think that specials, such as a cup for the best dog in each county, would create a healthy and friendly rivalry, and do much to keep alive and increase the interest in dogs.

Your club will shortly receive a notice from the secretary of the league calling a special meeting of the league at Portland to consider this matter. Will you be so good as to bring this before the Victoria Kennel Club?

I trust that your club may think favorably of the Collie Club's proposal, and may instruct its delegate at Portland to vote in favor of deleting the words "except that no prize shall be offered where one breed shall compete with another,"

Yours obediently,
NORMAN J. STEWART,
Acting Secretary California Collie Club.

This resulted in considerable discussion. The meeting was divided in opinion, some thinking that it would be to advantage to have the rule rescinded, and others holding that the present arrangement is the better. Action in regard to the matter was left in abeyance until the notification of the secretary of the Pacific Kennel League is received.

Another letter was read from Mr. Stewart notifying the club that the California Collie Club will hold a show at the Mechanics' Pavilion on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of December, and asking the cooperation of the Victoria association. James Cole, of Kansas City, will act as judge. The communication was dealt with in the usual way.

The election of officers was next taken up and resulted as follows: President, J. W. Creighton; vice-president, J. J. Bostock; secretary, T. P. McConnell; treasurer, T. Pilmley; superintendent, Frank Turner.

Bench show committee, Messrs. J. Angus, C. W. Minor, C. C. Goodwin, Dr. Garesche and J. R. Saunders.

Board of directors, Messrs. W. Atkins, R. R. Watson, T. Astle, Geo. Florence and Dunn.

Entertainment committee, Miss Davie, Mr. and Mrs. Bostock, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, H. Q. Leitchfield, J. R. Saunders and Dr. Garesche.

On motion it was decided that the club should hold a three days' show next spring instead of four days, and that it would be conducted as usual under the rules of the Pacific Coast Kennel League. The 7th, 8th and 9th of April were the dates selected for holding the show.

The parlor shows will be continued this winter. This decision was reached, after some consideration, unanimously. Arrangements were left in the hands of the entertainment committee.

Honorary memberships were tendered Wm. Hodgson, as an appreciation of his services as judge at the open air show, and to the club's veterinary surgeons, Drs. Hamilton, Tolmie and Richards.

Secretary McConnell next submitted a report showing the receipts and expenditures at the recent open air dog show. The statement follows:

Receipts.

Victoria City Kennel Club	$ 10 00
Entry money	58 00
Gate receipts	36 25
Total	$104 25

Expenditures.

Pacific Kennel League	$10 00
Victoria City Kennel League	10 00
Printing premium lists	19 80
Show cards	2 50
Admission tickets	2 50
Car signs	5 00
Grounds	10 00
Judging	10 00
Pacing dog (Carlo)	9 00
Sundries	10 95
Total	$88 75

The regular business having been completed, Geo. Jay presented the president, J. W. Creighton, with a well filled purse on behalf of the members of the club. In a few well chosen remarks he congratulated the recipient on the able manner he has presided over the deliberations of the club for three consecutive years, and also on the success of the shows held during his tenure of office. The purse was a token of the esteem in which the president was held by all members of the club.

President Creighton thanked the club for the honor done him. They had taken him completely by surprise, but he was glad to know that he had pleased the club, and hoped his actions in the future would meet with their approval.

The meeting shortly after adjourned.

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