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BEHRING SEA CLAIMS.

Capt. Alexander McLean Subjected to a Severe Cross-Examination by the British.

A United States Fish Commission Expert Gives His Value of the "Carolena."

Capt. Alex. McLean underwent a very searching cross-examination by Hon. Mr. Peters of the British counsel, at yesterday's sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission. The witness was first shown the log of the Favorite for 1886 and that of the Mary Ellen for 1887, 1888 and 1889, which he said were kept by him, with the exception of the last one, which was partly kept by the mate; the portion referring to Behring sea, however, having been entered up by himself. These logs had been in his possession until the last three weeks or so. Questioned as to his memorandum book produced on Saturday, which showed that the number of skins taken by the San Diego in 1883 and sold to T. Lubbe was 329, witness was asked by Hon. Mr. Peters

"If it was shown that in 1882 the exact number of skins was sold by the San Diego to Mr. Lubbe that would be strange would it not?

"Yes," answered the witness.

Asked how it was his memorandum book under the heading of 1887 did not correspond with that year's catch, the witness stated that part of the list in his book belong to 1886. He had a couple of months ago scratched out the word "master" placed after his name in his book in reference to the San Diego in 1883 because he was not the actual master then but only navigator. Questioned as to the actual amount of the expenditures on the supplies of the Favorite in 1884 or 1885, he explained that the amount of supplies on the Bonanza, which much exceeded his estimate of what was required for a sealing cruise, was because she acted as a supply vessel for other sealers.

"Why, then, did you head this list in your book as made in 1894 of 'supplies for a schooner with eight boats and 28 men for a cruise of nine months' and not put the vessel's name?" asked Mr. Peters.

The witness explained that the vessel's name was in another part of the book.

"Well, when did you put it there?"

"Three or four weeks ago," answered the witness, and then explained that he had originally omitted the name as the list had only been written out for his own information.

Questioned as to what he knew about the values of vessels the witness stated he had had to do with the sale of two or three and the inspection of others.

Re-examined by Hon. Mr. Dickinson the witness stated that in regard to the twice he had been under arrest the first time was in Nova Scotia, where he had been imprisoned for six hours for getting in a row; and at San Francisco he had been in custody on a charge of fighting, but had been acquitted. His memorandum book had been for his own use, and was not intended to deceive anyone.

A. B. Alexander, an expert employed by the United States fish commission, was next placed on the stand, and stated that he had from boyhood been accustomed to vessels engaged in fishing and knew their value. He had seen the Carolena lying on the bank at Ounalaska in 1888, and considered that if she had been in good condition she would have been worth about $1,800 or $2,000. He had for a couple of years been in Behring sea during the sealing season, and his observations went to show that the seal were migratory, and there was no part of the sea where they could be always found one season after another.

In cross examination he stated that he had not taken into consideration the estimated value of the Carolena as given in his examination in chief, that she had been rebuilt in 1884, and if she had been then rebuilt the work must have been done not very substantially.

Captain Charles Raynor, master mariner, was master of the San Diego in 1886 and of the Allie I. Algar in 1887 in Behring sea, and had sailed several other years as a sealer. He had had a general knowledge of the value of sealing vessels in 1886 in San Francisco or Seattle, and was on the San Diego when she was seized the same year as the Carolena. Neither he nor Captain Ogilvie nor Mate Blake of the Carolena was under arrest at Ounalaska. The inventory of provisions made by the United States officers at Ounalaska after the seizure was, the witness said, correct as far as he remembered; he saw the provisions taken from the Carolena; at Sitka he, Captain Ogilvie and Mate Blake were told to consider themselves under arrest, but were allowed their liberty on bail; before trial they were allowed to sleep on their vessels if they liked.

At this point the commission adjourned till this morning.

In the October number of Our Home it was announced that four prizes of three dollars each would be awarded for letters by boys and girls about Christmas presents. Many letters were received from boys and girls in all parts of the world, but it was reserved to a little British Columbia maiden, Miss May A. M. Graham, the seven year old daughter of Postmater William Graham, of Maywood, to carry off the honors among the girls under twelve. By the terms of the competition the letter was to contain not less than 300 nor more than 500 words, and was to be written entirely without assistance by the youthful aspirant for literary distinction.

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Toronto, Dec. 14.—Canon Pettit, late rector of Cornwall, died in this city yester, aged 71 years.

THE CITY.

Word has been received of the death in Minneapolis of Rev. Dr. Campbell's daughter, to whose bedside he was hastening at the time of her demise.

A meeting of South Victoria taxpayers has been convened for Saturday evening next at the Royal Oak, for the purpose of considering the advisibility of petitioning the provincial government to reduce the rate of assessment on land.

The Vancouver Island Plowing Association have chosen Mr. William Thompson as their president for 1897, his associate officers being: W. H. Snider, vice-president; John Cavin, secretary; and P. Emery, treasurer; the last two officers re-elected.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Hulbert took place yesterday, services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Flinton at St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill, where also the interment was made. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. P. Merriman, W. Holmes, N. Shaw, W. Clark, C. Bryant and W. Wallace.

The funeral of the late pioneer of Lake district, Mr. John Heal, took place on Sunday last from the residence of his son and from the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, where Right Rev. Bishop Cridge read the impressive ritual of that church. There was a very numerous attendance of friends, and the pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. Lindsay, L. Deuval, J. Darance, J. Goyette, J. Erskine and H. Young.

Seldom does Death come with so tragic suddenness as he did to Mrs. Chapman, of Belleville, Ont., daughter of the late William Powell of this city, whose funeral takes place to-day. She had been summoned to her father's bedside when it was learned that his illness could but result fatally, and had reached Calgary on her melancholy journey westward when her own life was abruptly terminated by a railway accident, details of which have not yet been obtained. The terrible news came to the already heavily afflicted family yesterday in a telegram from Mr. Chapman.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra has been busily employed during the past ten days or more either in conveying the travelling Dominion ministers from place to place or in awaiting their arrival at Seattle. It is for that place that she leaves this morning, having conveyed Hon. Mr. Davies in safety to Vancouver and received telegraphic advices that Hon. Mr. Blair will in all probability reach the Sound city from Kootenay some time to-day. What arrangements will be made for the entertainment of the Minister of Railways and Canals during his stay here are not yet announced, but it it expected that the programme will closely parallel that carried out during the time Mr. Davies remained the guest of Victorians.

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt thanks that the ladies of the Friendly Help Association acknowledge the handsome donation of $10 and a large quantity of supplies for the Christmas season from the pupils of the High and Central schools. In a good sized room in the rear of that in which Principal Netherby of the Boys' Central bears rule was yesterday laid out a veritable grocery store. In addition, a little pair of rubber boots that should make some poorly circumstanced little urchin feel proud was among the collection that included preserves and toothsome commodities of all descriptions, packages of black and mixed teas, potatoes in paper bags, sacks and boxes and numerous other sundries. Not far distant were "wholesaler's" boxes of apples, half-barrels of sugar, sacks of flour (Hungarian at that), and other articles.

On Friday afternoon last Mr. William Palmer, a farmer of Saanich, saw four men land at his place in a boat from James Island; he watched them and soon had good reason "to suspect and believe, and did suspect and believe"—as the form of information puts it—that they had stolen a number of his chickens. He lost no time in reporting the facts to Sergeant Langley of the provincial police, who found the camp of the visitors at Telegraph Bay; discovered the remains of chickens there; and arrested the entire party as they were coming into Victoria harbor by boat. Yesterday they were severally and collectively sentenced by Magistrate Macrae to three months' imprisonment at hard labor. They give their names as Martin Douglas, M. G. Allen, Charles Benson and Fritz Nelson.

The Local Council of Women wish to express their thanks to the Mayor and council for their kindness in allowing the use of the city hall for meetings—also to the Colonist and Times for their courtesy in giving so much space to reports of the council proceedings. At yesterday's meeting attention was directed to the fact that poisons are at present put up in the same kind of bottles as medicines for healing, and it was urged that the former should be put up in bottles with a rough surface. Notice of motion was given in re. the congregating of newsboys in the streets. Mrs. Jenkins was elected as the nominee of the Woman's Council for the position of school trustee. In order to most effectively carry out the resolutions adopted at the annual meeting a committee was appointed to arrange the plan of work in reference to the same. Mrs. Day is to attend the annual meeting of the Vancouver Council of Women in the interests of reading circles, of which she has been appointed provincial vice-president.

There was a fair attendance at the Natural History Society meeting last evening, when the business was principally of routine character, of which, however, there was considerable to dispose of. Mr. O. C. Hastings gave an interesting lecture, which was essentially a microscopic exposition of local geology—pre-glacial, glacial and post glacial. The lecturer, who has made a special study of the microscopic forms in the various local strata, exhibited marine diatomes, foramifera and fresh water diatomes. These were from the valley between Cedar Hill and Mount Tolmie, Osoyoos Lake. Cobble Hill and Dungeness. The forms from the Deans farm, found in digging a ditch, were pre-glacial and similar to varieties abundant in Alaska, though rare on the coast south of that, and showing that previous to the glacial period water ran through the valley referred to. The specimens brought from Osoyoos Lake, which are recent forms, Mr. Hastings found to be identical with fossil forms taken at Cobble Hill and Dungeness.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Motion That the City Engineer's Services Be Dispensed With Voted Down.

A Discussion Over the Grant in Aid of the Orphan's Home.

Ald. Marchant last night brought before the city council his motion asking for the dismissal of the City Engineer, but it fell flat, only three aldermen including the mover voting for it. Ald. Marchant in proposing that the position of city engineer be deciared vacant on December 31, and that applications be asked from candidates desirous of obtaining the place, said he was moved by no personal feeling in the action he was taking. Many complaints had been made against the City Engineer, and it was time he should be discharged. Indeed, he could put in the witness box three aldermen of last year's council who had frankly owned they had made a mistake in not insisting on Mr. Wilmot's dismissal then.

Ald. Humphrey, in seconding the motion, said he was sorry, but he had to do it. If this action came hard on the City Engineer now, it was his own fault. The council last year had decided to ask the City Engineer to resign, and Mayor Teague had informed him of the decision; but Mr. Wilmot had refused to resign. A notice of motion had then been put up, but before it came to a vote outside influence was brought to bear, and the idea was not carried out. The Alderman went on to say that four years ago Mr. Wilmot had replaced the rotten timbers on Point Ellice bridge, but since then had allowed the bridge to go without looking after it, and then the bridge broke down last spring. Ever since the Point Ellice bridge accident the speaker had thought that if the city had appointed a new engineer last spring the accident might not have occurred, for no doubt the first thing that a new man would have done would have been to inspect the bridge.

Ald. Glover questioned the advisability of dispensing with Mr. Wilmot's services at the present time while the city had litigation pending about which he would have to give evidence as city engineer. A man who was discharged from the city's employ would not be predisposed towards the city as a witness in a law suit.

Ald. Wilson briefly said that purely on account of the legal questions pending which the city had to deal with he would oppose the resolution.

The motion was put and lost, Ald. Macmillan, Marchant and Humphrey voting for it, Ald. Williams, Wilson, Partridge, Cameron, Glover and Tiarks, against.

Another communication from Drake, Jackson & Helmcken as to the damage caused to the McTavish property by the park culvert was referred to the street committee and city engineer to report; and a letter from McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard, calling attention to damage to a lot in the Roman Catholic cemetery by the ground sliding away, was referred to the cemetery committee to act.

Acknowledgments in regard to the city's resolution in favor of the building of the Admiralty house were received from the deputy provincial secretary, the Premier and H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P.P. These were filed, as also the following from the Vancouver city clerk to the council:

I am in receipt of yours of 8th inst., enclosing a resolution from the city council of Victoria, urging upon the provincial government the immediate necessity of undertaking as a public work of the construction of a railway from the Coast to the Kootenay and Slocan country, and reqdesting that the council of this city will co-operate to secure the objects contemplated. The matter came up for consideration on the 9th inst., when I was instructed to inform you that the council cannot see its way clear to ask the government to assume the sole responsibility of constructing a railway to the Kootenay and Slocan country, but they are strongly in favor of a direct road being built at the earliest possible moment with such public aid and subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public interests.

(Sd.) Thos. F. McGuigan,
City Clerk.

The council were asked by a number of ratepayers to take steps towards putting an end to "disgraceful conduct" of certain boys who congregate at the foot of View street between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock every afternoon.

To this Ald. Williams remarked that unless something was done to stop the boys playing on the street there would be a funeral one of these days.

The matter was referred to the police commissioners after some further discussion.

A discussion arose over the proposal to give the Protestant Orphan's Home a grant of $250.

First of all came a protest from W. J. Ledingham objecting to city money being given to a sectarian institution.

Then the finance committee's report was read with the following conditions, signed by two members, Ald. Williams and Marchant:

"That children of all denominations be received upon equal terms at the Home, and that no attempt be made to alienate any child's religious faith, and that the corporation be permitted the right of nominating, if necessary, three orphans during the year. The committee wish to call attention to the fact that one of the chief founders of this institution, ex-Alderman J. G. Taylor, has received but scant recognition of his magnificent gift, and recommend the directors of the Home to erect a suitable and prominent inscription upon the front of the building to perpetuate his memory."

Ald. Macmillan thought there was some force in Mr. Ledingham's protest, unless either the word Protestant was taken out of the name of the Orphan's Home or unless grants were made to Roman Catholics and all alike.

Ald. Partridge, while he gave to the Orphan's Home as a private individual, quite agreed that public money should not be given to a sectarian institution.

Ald. Marchant thought that the city would have to look after the orphan in any case, and the committee had sought to put in such conditions that would meet the very objections that were raised.

Ald. Cameron looked upon the Protestant Orphans' Home as filling the place of a public institution, for the maintenance of the orphan was as much the care of the city as the Orphans' Home.

Ald. Williams, in supporting the report, said that the home was likely to lose a possible substantial donation by not putting up a proper monument to the founders.

Ald. Glover thought that the late Mr. Taylor had given his donation on the understanding that the home should be Protestant in character, and consequently the alderman saw a difficulty in the public funds being given to it.

To bring the matter to a head, Ald. Partridge moved that the item be struck out.

Ald. Marchant brought to the attention of the council that the city were helping the Salvation Army, and that being the case, there was no reason why the city should not help the Orphans' Home.

Ald. Partridge's motion to strike out the item was lost, he, Ald. Macmillan and Glover alone voting for it, and the grant was then adopted on the same division.

The suggestions by the finance committee as conditional to the grant were, however, struck out.

The purchase of an electric testing set for the electric power house was granted and the street committee's report that Wm. Adam be given the contract of supplying gravel at 12½ cents a yard was adopted.

Ald. Partridge's motion for a report of the cost of Point Ellice bridge was carried. His proposed amendment to the bicycle regulations by-law was not so fortunate. It was proposed in it to allow, during the winter months, bicyclists to ride on the sidewalks in portions of the city lying north of Queen's avenue, or south of Humboldt street, west of Wharf street or Store street, or east of Cook street. The by-law, though read a first time, was given a two months' hoist on Ald. Marchant's motion.

The Medical Health Officer in a letter to the council in answer to their request as to what preparations were made for the care of the insane, stated that "The insane poor pending removal to the asylum are placed in the police station under the care of the medical health officer, who may employ a suitable nurse to be constantly in attendance on the patient. The rooms at the police station are not at present entirely satisfactory, but with a small outlay suitable changes may be made in two of the room so as to render them fit for the safe keeping of an insane patient for the short time he may occupy them before his removal to the asylum. I have no doubt," he said, "arrangements could be made with the authorities of the Jubilee hospital for the reception of these cases, provided the city are willing to pay for them. With the alterations indicated at the police station, I think insane patients can be very safely kept there." The letter was filed and the council adjourned about half past ten.

GROSSE DISCHARGED.

In the Speedy Trials court before Mr. Justice Walkem, yesterday, Joseph Grosse was charged with stabbing with intent to do grievous bodily harm to Edmund Christol on the 14th day of July last. The principal witnesses for the crown were all away, and Provincial Constable McKenna was called to give evidence that they were not in British Columbia. He stated that he had seen Edmund Christol and Marie Mounia during last week at Port Gamble, and had requested them to attend the trial, which they had both agreed to do, but after that went in hiding, and he was unable to get them to come over. He also stated that he had seen Emil Castel yesterday at Port Townsend, and that he refused to come over also.

Francis Page, clerk of the police court, was called and proved the depositions, which were then put in evidence.

H. Sheppard, chief of police, testified to having arrested the accused at Duncan's station on the 19th July, and repeated the statement that the accused made to him while under arrest.

The vest and shirt that Christol had worn at the time of the stabbing were then produced and identified, also the knife with which the stabbing had been done.

Dr. Francis W. Hall gave evidence as to the wounds inflicted and the manner in which they could be inflicted with such a knife as the one produced.

This closed the case for the crown.

The accused was then called and admitted stabbing Christol, but said that he did so in self-defence. He was the only witness in his own behalf.

After counsel for the accused and the crown had addressed the Court, His Lordship said that the only doubt in his mind was whether the accused was justified under the circumstances in resorting to the measures which he took. The Court also stated that he was of opinion that the witnesses for the crown had been influenced by the accused and that was the reason they would not come over from the United States to attend the trial. In view of the conflict of the testimony, His Lordship discharged the accused. Mr. J. S. Yates appeared for the crown, and Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., for the defence.

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Quite a metropolitan appearance has been given to the city police force, by the crowning of each of its members with a modern departmental helmet which cannot but be recognized as "police" by visitors to the city. The men in blue have also been furnished with the very latest pattern police lanterns.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING.

Pupils of the South Park and Spring Ridge Schools Freed for the Holidays.

Arrangements for the Final Exercises of the Term in Other City Schools.

The parting cheers for the school and school associations, and the Hip, Hip, Hurrah and a tiger for the Christmas holidays, were joined in with a will yesterday by every boy, from chart class up, in the South Park and Spring Ridge schools. Nor are the fortunate pupils of these schools long to be envied as the first from scholastic trammels freed, for during the present week the final exercises of the term will be disposed of in each of the other public schools of Victoria, the programme being in brief as follows:

TO-DAY—TUESDAY.

North Ward—9:30 to 10:30 a.m., oral examinations in the several classrooms; 11 a. m., announcement of promotions and presentation of prizes, with programme of school songs, recitations and other exercises in the assembly room of the school.

Victoria West—Oral examination at the school in the morning, and public closing exercises at Semple's hall in the afternoon.

Wednesday—Girls' Central.
Thursday—Boy's Central.
Friday—Collegiate Institute.

The closing scenes of the Girls' Central, of which Miss Williams is principal, promise to be of an especially interesting character. The public exercises will be conducted in the Pemberton gymnasium, where also the boys will congregate the following day. Both Miss Williams and Principal Netherby hope to see present the ministers of the city, besides the parents of the pupils.

A feature of the Wednesday exercises will be the presentation by Mrs. (Hon.) James Baker and Mrs. T. N. Hibben of prizes to the child presenting the best made pinafore of her own handiwork.

There was a large gathering of parents and friends at the South Park school yesterday, to witness the closing exercises of Miss Cameron's classes. At 9:30 the school gathered in the assembly room and chanted the Lord's Prayer, after which the classes marched to their respective rooms, where the regular studies for the day were gone through with until recess time. At 11 o'clock the school again assembled, to hear the reading of the promotion lists and to give two school songs—"Men of Harlech" and "The Watch on the Rhine." Prizes, presented by the teachers, were also awarded, and addresses were made by Trustee R. B. McMicking, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. A. B. Winchester and Rev. D. H. Reid.

South Park School.

SECOND DIV.—MISS E. G. LAWSON, TEACHER.

Promoted to First Division—Colina Black, Constance Fawcett, Charles Futcher, Elizabeth Heany, John Ross, Herbert Jessie, Marie George and Violet Emery.

Prize List—Colina Black, general proficiency; Bessie Heany, reading and industry; Violet Emery, homework and proficiency; Constance Fawcett, Canadian history; Arthur Futcher, industry and neatness; George Morse, mental arithmetic; and Guy Goddard, map drawing and neatness.

THIRD DIV.—MISS S. A. ROBINSON, TEACHER.

Promoted to Second Division — Sadie Seach, Frank Pierce, Rose Robinson, Violet Sweet, Samuel McConnell, Wilfred Goddard, Alfred Redfern, Samuel Lorimer, Mary Haughton, William Mulcahy, John Johnson, Elizabeth Jones, Andrew Mulcahy, Charles Jameson, Mary Irwin, Ethel Winkel, Ada Spencer and Lilian Shears.

Prize List—Sadie Seach, head of class; Frank Pierce, second, general proficiency; Violet Sweet, spelling; Wilfred Goddard, English history; Elizabeth Jones, diligence; and Muriel Langley, diligence.

FOURTH DIV.—MISS L. M. SPEERS, TEACHER.

Promoted to Third Division—Jas. Sullivan, Emma Black, William Newcombe, Ellen Jackson, Jessie Fairfull, Ethel Butler, Agnes Lorimer, Annie Jackson, William Kinsey, Edward Cridge, Jessie McLean, Rose Prescott, Gladys Woodward, Achille Medana, Edith Flett, Sarah Irwin, Edmund Woodward, Sarah Wolfe and James Hogg.

Prize List—James Sullivan, head of class; Emma Black, second in class; William Newcombe, arithmetic; and Ethel Butler, neat books.

FIFTH DIV.—MISS F. C. FRASER, TEACHER.

Promoted to Fourth Division—Clark Gill, Mabel Cameron, Helen Fraser, Jas. Salt, Frank Fox, Albert Lawrence, Elaine McMicking, Arthur Newcombe, Edna Rickaby, Alfred Spragge, Jack Simpson, John Woodward and Alfred Walters.

Prize List—Clarke Gill, general proficiency; Thomas Gawley, improvement in writing; and Mamie Campbell, neatest exercise books.

SIXTH DIV.—MISS C. T. LORIMER, TEACHER.

Promoted to Fifth Division — Charles Pearce, Wilhelmina Baxter, Rhoda Salt, Harry Croft, Charles Banner, Eugene Lopatecki, Arthur Cusack, Harold Whyte, Hendrika Roscamp, Ella Jane Lambeth, Walter Cameron, Barbara Brown, Victor Gillespie, Edward Jamieson, Joseph Lawry, Mabel Miller, Minnie Sellick, Maurice Barham and William Bartlett.

Prize List—Charles Pearce, Wilhelmina Baxter and Rhoda Salt, general proficiency.

SEVENTH DIV.—MISS P. FRANK, TEACHER.

Promoted to Sixth Division — Millie Black, William Danby, Winnifred Redfern, Evelyn Marden, George Atkinson, James Stewart, Flora Huggett, Mary Kinsey, Ralph Bamford, Frederick Hansen, Lucille Pearce, James Cowgill, Joseph Gawley, George Duncan, Conchita Schnoter, Louise Boyd, Oswald Dorman, Calvin Goodwin, Edward Noble and Alma Minckler.

Prize List—Millie Black, proficiency; James Stewart and George Atkinson, improvement in work; Flora Huggett, writing; Evelyn Marden, reading; William Danby, arithmetic; and Winnifred Redfern, geography.

EIGHTH DIV.—MISS M. C. MACLEAN, TEACHER.

Promoted to Seventh Division—Flora Black, Wm. Cameron, Catherine More, Robert Whyte, Lucretia Banner, Clarenda Berryman, Frederick Duncan, Ivan Sparrow, Jennie Bishop, Lawrence McCarter, Kathleen Roberts, Stewart Campbell, Mary Corson, James Playford, Robert Wood, Julius Rosscamp, Alexander Scott, Genevieve Urquhart, John Barber, William Davis and Charles Hansen.

Prize List — Flora Black, proficiency; Wm. Cameron, arithmetic and spelling; Catherine More, 3rd prize for proficiency; Robert White, spelling and writing; Loretta Banner, writing; Clarenda Berryman, mental arithmetic; Fred Duncan, reading and spelling; Ivan Sparrow, Stewart Campbell and May Lang, spelling.

NINTH DIV.—MISS F. A. BROWN, TEACHER.

Promoted to Eighth Division — Ruth Winchester, Olive Bucknam, Jack McDowell, Marguerite Rickaby, Kenneth Lopatecki, Thornton Fullerton, Reginald Nairne, Robert Hansen, Jane Duff, Earnell Lambeth, Marguerite Curtis, Francis Dunn, Maude Matthews, Stephen Boyd, Augustus Stocks and Clara Grace Jones.

Prize List—Ruth Winchester, head of class; Olive Bucknam, arithmetic; Jack McDowell, deportment; Nettie Rickaby, spelling; Kenneth Lopatecki, reading; Thornton Fullerton, arithmetic; and Jane Duff, writing.

Spring Ridge.

FIRST DIVISION—E. F. DORAN, TEACHER.

Promoted to Central School—Frederick Maurice McGregor, May Alice Sullivan, Stancey Christiansen, Catherine Carron, Jane Henrietta Little, Lulu Margaret Hoosen, John Henry Clifton Burgess, Sabina Ashe, Mildred Goodman, Margaret Theresa Jones, John Edwin Musson, James William Malcolm and Grace Herma Redgrave.

SECOND DIV. MISS I. M. F. BARRON, TEACHER.

Promoted to First Division—Frances Jessie Allardice, Jane Dalgleish Brydon, Edith Margaret Copeland, Gordon Holdcroft, Phoebe Harrison McKenzie, Isabel Lilias Musson, Margaret Hodgson, William Caffray, Alfred Robert McGregor, Elsie Eliza Morry, Rankha Anderson, Annie Elizabeth Dempsey, Mary Annie Faulkner, Neil Grant, Mary Victoria Moore, Theodore Gaerdes, Henry Greenway, Solomon Lambert Phillips, Robert Henry Thomas, Helen Lusk and Robert Neal.

Prize List—Frances Allardice, proficiency; Theodore Gaerdes, writing; and Phoebe McKenzie, diligence.

THIRD DIV.—MRS. TAYLOR, TEACHER.

Promoted to second division—Verna Lucy McLaren, Roy Butler, Lizzie Kerr Cameron, Edith Clara Pusey, Florence Louisa Fullerton, Beatrice Sarah Rosson and Florence Louisa Carter (equal), John Stanley Flett and Anna Elizabeth Hendry (equal), Bertha Jane Horn, Bertie Barnet Aaronson, Annie Lewis, Foriu Campbell, Louis L. Ludwig, Harry Rufus Cooper and Bessie Ann Hilton.

Recommended—Harold Cooper.

FOURTH DIV.—MISS E. M. ARTHUR, TEACHER.

Promoted from first primer to second primer—Henry Clemes, Grace Margaret Lyall, Myrtle May Coats, Florence Leona Pusey, William Horn, Maggie Mary Jane Warren, Hubert Dendriff and Gertrude Mather.

Recommended—Amelia Winefred Little, Gladys May Scott and Edmond Wall.

Prize list—Henry Clemes, general proficiency; Grace Margaret Lyall, second general proficiency.

Promoted from chart to first primer—Donnie Herbert, Roland Jones, Douglas Campbell, Walter Campbell, Violet Graham, Christine Renouf, Lega Anderson, Ashton Graham, Oscar Smith, Charles Michell, Edith Mather, Ethel Allardice, Charles Brown, Walter Wilson, Leonard Earle, Nellie Holdcroft, Thomas Tallis, Stanley Crowther, Evelyn Obenauer and Harry Aaronson.

Prize list—Donnie Herbert, first general proficiency.

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FOOTBALL OR WATER POLO.

Some 20 or 30 spectators, wrapped in clammy waterproofs or seeking shelter under broad umbrellas, watched with interest undampened Saturday afternoon as funny a football match as has been played on Beacon Hill this year. It was a rugby game between the Victoria R. F. C. second XV. and the Y.M.C.A.'s, and it was a stubborn struggle from beginning to end. The Y.M.C.A. boys finally won. There was plenty of rain, and during the scrimmages mud bespattered legs, soiled jerseys appearing in grotesque variety added to the beauty of the scene. A. D. Crease made the only try for the Association, although Deckers kicked well for the Seconds. Pooley made a good run, but was stopped near the line by Wrigleswortb, who, as full-back for the Y.M.C.A., proved a tower of strength. Messrs. L. and A. D. Crease and T. Patton went on the Y.M.C.A. side simply to fill up, but rendered good service, while Gamble at three-quarters for Victoria, Pemberton at full-back, and Atkins among the forwards did well for Victoria.

At the Barracks grounds an Association match was played between the R.M.A.'s and Victoria College, which partook largely of the character of water polo, the ground being submerged to a depth of a foot or more. The soldiers had the day all to themselves, winning by a score of 8 to nil. Gunners Hall and Cumming each scored four goals for the victors, while Goward and Wilson rendered particularly affective service for the defeated team.

The hoodoo that has long pursued the proposed Rugby game between the Navy and the Victoria club, once again was in evidence. There was no game.

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