

SPORTING GOSSIP.

LACROSSE.

The third game of the League series was won from the Victorias at New Westminster last Saturday by the club of the latter city. The League championship now stands: New Westminster, 2; Victoria, 1; Vancouver, 0. The most notable thing in connection with the game of last Saturday was the wonderful proficiency at which the Westminster club has arrived, as regards team play. It was clean lacrosse throughout, so far as the latter club was concerned, while the Victoria team, superior in some respects, fell far short of the pace set for them by their opponents. It was generally admitted, and by none more candidly than the members of the Victoria club themselves, that Westminster has a great club. They are all sprinters, and, as for missing a catch—well, not in a thousand years. The Victoria team from the first showed unmistakable signs of little practice. With the exception of Blight and Jackson, not one of them played his game. On the other hand, the play of the Westminsterites was like clockwork. The Victorias were weak in several positions, and it is quite certain that if they intend to win the league championship this year, they will have to secure some new blood, and engage incessantly in practice. Beyond all doubt, Victoria possesses the best lacrosse material in the Province, and there seems no good reason why, with the liberal support the national game receives, we should not have the best club west of Toronto. One pleasing feature in connection with the game last Saturday was the complete absence of anything like rough play. Even Mr. Lewis did not indulge in his time-honored practice of squealing. The Victoria team took their defeat philosophically, and cheered heartily for the victors, and in this set an example which is worthy of imitation by the other teams in the Province.

The senior lacrosse club, of Victoria, have very generously offered to put up 13 watches or lockets to be played for by the junior clubs of the Province. Three teams from the Island and three from the Mainland are in the League—two from Victoria, one from Nanaimo, one from Vancouver and two from Westminster. The Island teams play a series of games and the Mainland teams play a series and the winners of the Mainland series play off with the winners of the Island at Victoria on the 25th of August. The first of the Mainland games will be played at Brockton Point to-day, June the 9th, between the Westminster juniors and the Vancouver juniors. As the teams will come together for the first time this season, it is hard to forecast the result, but a good

game may be expected by all who love the national game.

The first match in the Intermediate championship series was played last Saturday in the Caledonia Park between the Stars, of this city, and the Nanaimos. The former won by a score of 3 goals to 1. Quite an enthusiastic crowd witnessed game. The Nanaimo team were a well built lot of fellows—heavier than their opponents, but not being able to use their sticks as well as the Stars they lost the game.

Great interest is being manifested in the game which is to take place on the 16th between the James Bays and Stars. Both teams are practicing hard, so a close contest is expected.

The James Bay Juniors and the Rock Bay Juniors will cross sticks at Beacon Hill this afternoon, for the first time this season.

BASEBALL.

The Stanford University baseball club will probably visit Victoria during the coming week. They have been very successful in their games against the Sound cities. Seattle was beaten by a score of 15 to 6 and Port Townsend by 10 to 9. The local nine will be the pick of the James Bay and V. A. C. teams, and as they intend playing under the old name, "Amity," it is hoped that they will uphold the honor of the nine that was wont to vanquish all opponents. Lanfesty will do the twirling, and his cyclone speed should keep the visitors guessing. Gus Gowen is playing in the field and is as reliable as ever.

SPORTING TIPS.

The Philadelphia cricket clubs now record all fielding errors, and find that in consequence there has been a marked improvement in throwing and catching. The fielders also wear gloves. Conservative Britishers will no doubt hold up their hand in holy horror at these innovations. These Yankees are always meddling, and they have even dared to encroach on the zealously guarded realms of cricket with suggestions of change and introduction of snap. The American palate needs a stimulant, and consequently a little ginger is being supplied to render the cricket bill of fare appetizing.

Is there any reason why the available playing ground at the Hill should not be improved? In nearly all the large public parks of the continent athletic sports of all descriptions are encouraged by placing at the disposal of everyone attractive and well kept grounds. At Central Park, New York, hundreds of

people, young and old, can be observed any afternoon playing tennis, and different kinds of ball. Have the camps surrounding Beacon Hill levelled and sodded. Here is a subject that Al Munn, with his characteristic enterprise and enthusiasm could no doubt tackle with success.

Considerable sums of money change hands on the result of the Derby. We read that after the race Ladas was surrounded by the multitude half mad with enthusiasm, and when Lord Rosebery appeared on the course to lead Ladas back to the paddock, a strong force of police was sent to protect the Premier from the crush of the crowd. There was a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm as Lord Rosebery and Ladas entered the paddock together, for to-day, at least, the most popular man in England is the owner of Ladas, the winner of the Derby.

Lawn tennis players have been showing more than ordinary activity this week. Sundays' hard rain lent to the courts a very fresh and inviting appearance, and the open weather since has done much to stimulate the devotees of racquet and net. The ladies, especially, are displaying much interest, and the event assigned for the fair sex at the summer tournament will be eagerly contested.

If Wright or Ryan, the Canadian competitors for the coveted diamond scull win at Henly, it will be the first time that a colonial has succeeded in carrying away the trophy. Psotta, the Cornell college man, made a manly effort two years back, but hadn't a ghost of a show.

The week has been uneventful from sporting point of view, most of the athletes having hardly recuperated from the exertions during the celebration week.

Clarkson, the king of twirlers, is pitching for Cleveland, and that accounts mainly for Cleveland heading the national league.

Judging from Durnan's efforts at the Austin regatta, Hanlan's nephew is a prospective world-beater.

A Melbourne paper denounces the folly of a port providing splendid accommodation for vessels, then stopping them coming in by heavy charges.

Goods from the east to Vernon are shipped through to the coast, then re-shipped back again. The consignees save money in the freight rates by this circuitous route of shipping.

The cattle export trade is being overdone and the Old Country market is being glutted by American beef, which is shipped out of New York on every outgoing steamer. Glasgow agents are advising caution in shipping.

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