THE ROSALIE SOLD

Former Owners of the Willapa Buy Her—Will Place Her on the Alaskan Route.

Danube Arrives, Bringing News of Poor Catches at the Northern Canneries.

Tees Arrives from West Coast—Topeka Down from the North—Other Shipping News.

From Monday's Daily.

It is announced on very good authority that the steamer Rosalie, now running between this city and Seattle in connection with the Great Northern Railway Company, has been sold to Captain George Roberts, C. E. Peabody and associates, the former owners of the steamer Willapa. They will immediately place her on the Alaska route, running as the Willapa did. Agent Devlin, being at present on the Sound, it could not be learned what boat the Great Northern had secured for the Victoria-Seattle route.

The steamer Danube arrived from the north early this morning with a light cargo, consisting principally of 14,201 cases of salmon and a small quantity of furs. Captain Meyers reports that the salmon fishing is unsatisfactory all along the coast. The weather having been exceptionally unfavorable, with a great deal of rain falling, is given as the reason for the poor catches made. Plenty of fish are reported, but on account of the heavy rains they are keeping low down in the water, and therefore it is hard to catch them. On account of the lengthy season an average pack is expected to be secured on the Naas and Skeena rivers, but on Rivers Inlet the pack will not come to anything lige an average. At the time of the departure of the Danube from the various canneries the pack secured was: At Naas river, July 21st—Naas Harbor, 5,500 cases; Mill Bay, 4,000 cases; total, 9,500. At the same time last year the pack was 9,000. Skeena river, July 22nd—Inverness, 7,000 cases; North Pacific, 8,500; British American Canning Company, 7,700; Cunningham's, 7,000; Aberdeen, 7,000; Carlisle, 5,000. The Carlisle put up no spring salmon. Claxton cannery, 4,600; Standard, 4,500; and Balmoral, 4,300. A total of 55,600. Last year at the same time the total was 69,700 cases. Lowe Inlet, July 23rd—Lowe Inlet, 5,200; Namu, 1,500; total, 6,700 cases. Rivers Inlet, July 24th—Rivers Inlet Canning Company, 6,000; Good Hope, 5,400; Warnock, 5,500; Wadham's, 4,000; Brunswick, 4,000; Green's cannery, 2,500; a total of 27,400, corresponding with a total of 71,000 taken up to the same time last year. Alert Bay, July 24th—1,800. On Queen Charlotte island the oil fishing is also a complete failure. The Indians there not being satisfied with the price offered per fish left to a man for the Mainland, and in consequence no oil will be secured at the Queen Charlotte island works this season. The sealing schooner Labrador was spoken by the Danube to the northward of Vancouver island. She was returning with only 28 seals, and was then engaged in taking black cod for the Victoria market, but being short of salt she was handicapped on that account. Dr. Newcombe and Mr. James Deans were on Queen Charlotte islands when the Danube passed down collecting Indian relics and data for the Natural History Society. Mr. Deans crossed over to the Mainland on the Danube, intending to proceed to Skeena river. Mr. M. Ireland and a party of prospectors came over at the same time, their ultimate destinations being Skeena, where they expect to find another Clondyke nearer home.

The steamer Tees returned from the West Coast yesterday morning. Saving a consignment of 1,000 cases of empty cans from the cannery at Nootka she brought but little freight from the coast. The empty cans are in transit to the Mainland canneries, they having been sold by the Nootka cannery, which is to be closed down owing to the scarcity of fish and fishermen on the West Coast. She also brought down a ton of ore from San Juan for treatment at the Victoria Metallurgical Works, as well as many small sacks of specimens from different points all along the coast. Prospectors are reported to be busy all along the coast, but it is at Clayoquot Sound that the miners are the busiest. Many of the properties on the Sound are doing a large amount of development work, and from the present prospects big things can be looked for from Clayoquot Sound. On her way down the Tees spoke the schooner Katie, which vessel with its crew of treasure seekers is bound to Queen Charlotte Island, where Capt. Roberts, Capt. Cox and the other sealing captains who have taken the yellow fever so badly, and Sam Fox, their mining expert, expect to find gold in quantities that will make them all rich men. The precise destination of the Katie is a secret for the present. The passengers who cam down on the Tees were, Capt. Hackett, who has been up to see the remains of his store at Ahousett; Miss Armstrong, a missionary from Uclulet; Messrs. Gryce and Dawley, justices of the peace at Clayoquot; Father Brabant, from Hesquoit; J. R. Boyd, of Alberni; J. Law, the C.P.N. Co's agent at Alberni; Mr. Loveland, a butcher at Alberni, who has just sold out and closed down his business; W. Lorimer, W. J. Dwyer and C. Crompton, from San Juan, and Mr. Olsen and sons, Seattle people, who went up to Clayoquot to see the mines on the little steamer Alpha of Seattle. Mr. Olsen is the secretary of the Seattle Waterworks Company, and while up the coast he has been acting as a special correspondent for the Post-Intelligencer of that city.

The steamer City of Topeka of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, Capt. D. Wallace, arrived at the outer wharf shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday evening from Alaska. She had a large crowd of passengers, nearly all of whom were excursionists who have been north to view the glaciers and other Alaskan scenery. The weather, however, was far from being favorable for the excursionists, as it rained almost incessantly during both the upward and downward trips, until Vancouver Island was reached. The Topeka had very little freight, but what she had was very valuable, as amongst other things she brought a quantity of gold dust from the mines near Juneau valued at about $100,000. She stayed here for only about one hour, continuing her voyage at 6:15 to the Sound. As no one had come out by the overland route from Clondyke she brought no news from the land of gold. The Topeka will sail for the north again on Wednesday evening, and she will be loaded right down to the water line with freight and passengers bound in to the mining regions.

The steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, arrived here yesterday evening on her way to Yokohama and other ports in China and Japan. She has a full cargo of freight and many passengers. The only passengers taken from this port were several Chinese who were returning to their homes in China. The Victoria also took from here 158 cases packed with the bones of Chinese who have died in this country, they being sent, as is customary with the Chinese, back to the home country for interment. These boxes of bones, together with about 50 cases of salt fish, being sent to China by a local Chinese firm, was the only freight taken on at this port. The steamer Olympia of this line is due to arrive from the Orient on Saturday next.

ANOTHER RICH STRIKE

"Chilliwack" Wood Comes Down on the Danube With a Lot of Gold

The Strike Was Made on Lorne Creek, a Branch of the Skeena River.

From Monday's Daily.

Among the passengers who came down from the north on the steamer Danube was Mr. Wood, who has struck a good thing in the way of mining properties on the Lorne Creek. He is said to have been making money at the rate of $150 a day, rapidly piling up a fortune by working his claim, and he has brought a considerable quantity of the yellow metal down with him. He has come down to purchase some mining machinery, and, judging by the reports of those who came down the steamer with him from the north, when he gets his machinery to work on his property he will soon have as much wealth at his control as any man would wish. Clondyke is not the only place where gold is to be found in Canadian territory.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.

Arrangements for Enforcing Customs Regulation in the Yukon.

From Monday's Daily.

Collector Milne has been notified by the Commissioner of Customs McDougall that the treasury department at Washington, at the request of the Canadian government, has made Dyea a subport of entry and that the collector at Juneau would be advised that steamers can proceed there and unload, entering merchandise in bond for transportation into Canada, the goods to be accompanied to the boundary line by a customs officer at the expense of the owners. The collector was also instructed to provide customs officers at Dyea and Lake Tagish.

In pursuance with these instructions the collector will send an experienced officer, choosing one from the staff of the customs house here, to Dyea, whose duty will be to explain to all parties going to the Clondyke district that duties will be collected on foreign goods at Lake Tagish, and assist in preparing papers and in otherwise facilitating the miners in making their entries and passing the customs. This officer will be furnished an assistant. At or near Lake Tagish a customs post will be established, at which two officers, Messrs. Hinds and Hall, will be stationed, and their duty will be to collect the duties as imposed by the Canadian customs law. They will be accompanied by one or two special constables. The customs post will be outside the boundary of British Columbia, where provincial policemen have no jurisdiction, so that the proposal to send provincial officers may not be acted upon. Mounted policemen, however, will be sent to the post, and until they arrive special Dominion officers will be provided. In order that there may be no delay in enforcing the new arrangements, the department at Ottawa was asked by wire to-day to request the Washington authorities to notify the collector at Juneau, by the first steamer going north, of the establishment of bonding privileges. As this information will no doubt be sent officially to the officer at Juneau on the steamer Islander, on which the Canadian officials will go north, the establishing of the customs post will take place in a few days after her arrival at Dyea, or as soon as the officers can arrive on the ground selected for the port of entry. Mr. Roberts, of the customs here, will probably be located at Dyea, and Messrs. Hinds and Hall at Lake Tagish.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The full court to-day are hearing the appeal in re Atlas Canning Company. The appeal is from an order made by the chief justice winding up the company. The petitioner was the holder of a note not yet due when the petition was presented, and whether or not the winding up order should have been made before the note became due is the question in dispute. L. G. McPhillips, Q.C., for the appeal, and E. P. Duff contra.

The quarterly intermediate examination in law is being held to-day.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Charges Growing Out of the Ruthven Lectures Are Pronounced Absolutely False.

A Mass Meeting of Citizens Yesterday Pass Strong Resolutions on the Matter.

The following has been handed to the Times for publication:

Whereas at Victoria, British Columbia, and within the A. O. U. W. Hall, there, on the 25th day of July, 1897, a grand mass meeting of citizens assembled and was constituted a committee to enquire into certain charges levelled against the people and police of the city of Victoria, B. C., in connection with the alleged attack on St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, alleged insult, threat and violence offered to Priest Nicolaye, and alleged indifference, incompetence and neglect of the police authorities of Victoria, B. C., on the night of July 4th, 1897;

And whereas John Braden, M.P.P., was unanimously elected chairman, and Alexander C. Howe, Esq., secretary;

And whereas in an editorial published in the Victoria Daily Colonist, July 6th, 1897, occurs the following passage:

"We learn, with regret that persons returning from a so-called lecture on Sunday night disgraced themselves by stoning the Roman Catholic Cathedral. We had not supposed that there were in Victoria persons so lost to all sense of decency. It is surprising that such a thing could have taken place without the knowledge of the police."

And whereas in a letter, under the caption "That Indecent Lecturer," over the signature "M.," written by S. Perry Mills, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and published in the Victoria Daily Times, July 6th, 1897, occurs the following passage:

"The city police, as usual, though present at the lecture, were not on hand to prevent the violation of the rights of property."

And whereas in a special press dispatch published in the Weekly Mail and Empire, Toronto, Canada, July 8th, 1897, occurs the following passage,

"Ruthven, a strong anti-Catholic, lectured on Sunday and last night on the alleged immoralities of the Romish priesthood. After the Sunday meeting the rowdy element in the audience stoned St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, and hooted and insulted Father Nicolaye, the white haired priest."

And whereas in a special press dispatch published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Wash., U. S. A., July 8th, 1897, occurs the following passages:

"The fact that the tirade of the speaker had influenced a portion at least of the audience, was apparent at the close of the lecture, for no sooner had the boodlum element left A. O. U. W. Hall, than they hurried to St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, only half a block away, and proceeded to bombard it with stones hastily snatched from the roadway, breaking several of the costly stained glass windows and bringing the venerable Father Nicolaye to the scene, only to be assailed with a chorus of vile epithets and threats of personal violence."

"To-day Ruthven left for Nanaimo, where he is announced to lecture to-night and to-morrow. He may carry out his programme, but it is quite possible that the police of the coal city may perform their duty better than the Victoria officers did theirs."

And whereas after full, complete and official enquiry, it has been incontestibly established that there was no such attack on St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral, or any other house or property of the Roman Catholic Church and no such insults, threats or violence offered to Priest Nicolaye or to any other priest or person of the Roman Catholic Church.

Therefore be it resolved:

(1.) That this meeting declare that the above mentioned charges derogatory to the conduct and character of a large section of the Protestant population of the city of Victoria are without foundation in fact.

(2.) That the above mentioned charges of injury to St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral are without foundation in fact.

(3.) That the above charges of insult, threat and violence to Priest Nicolaye are without foundation in fact.

(4.) That the charges against the loyalty and efficiency of the police of Victoria, B. C., are without foundation in fact.

(5.) That the astonishment and regret of this meeting at the failure of the Roman Catholic authorities to deny and contradict these false and unfounded charges be herein expressed.

(6.) That Father Ruthven has the deepest sympathy and fullest support and the hearty co-operation of this meeting in his fearless and manful fight for liberty of conscience and free speech.

And be it further resolved:

That copies of these resolutions be given to Father Ruthven and to the chief of the Victoria police, and sent to the Victoria Daily Colonist and the Times, the Province and to the newspapers of Canada and the United States with a request for their publication.

(Signed.)

JOHN BRADEN, M.P.P.,
Chairman.

A. C. HOWE,
Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., and within the A. O. U. W. Hall, the 25th day of July, 1897.

—Several people who have come down from the Clondyke mining district report that a man answering to the description of Mr. Frank Cryderman, formerly of the firm of druggists in this city known as Dean & Cryderman, is working one of the richest claims in that rich mining country. He fully answers the description of the one time druggist, and is known amongst the miners only by the name of "Doc." At last reports he had taken out about $20,000.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily.

—The Vernon Hospital gave notice of incorporation in yesterday's official gazette.

—Authority has been given for the formation of a Langley-Surrey Farmers' Institute.

—The funeral of the late Janet Greason took place this afternoon from Hanna's parlors. Adjutant Clark, of the Salvation Army, conducted the funeral services.

—Mr. J. McGraw, the engineer of the steamer Maude, besides knowing how to handle the engines of a steamer knows how to raise peaches, and to this fact the samples of peaches grown by him in his orchard over James Bay, now on exhibition in the window of Wilsons' clothing store, bear evidence.

—The gulf cable has not yet been repaired, and there is no telling how long Victoria will be without telegraphic service. Supt. Wilson and Mr. T. D. Conway, who are at work on the cable, were in Nanaimo yesterday. They reported that six miles of the cable, three miles at either end, had been tested and found all right. The "leak" must therefore be somewhere near the centre.

—John Aitken, accused of attempting to kill his father-in-law, George Brown, at Beecher Bay, was again brought up for trial in the provincial police court this afternoon before Magistrate Macrae. Constable Bevan of the provincial police was the first witness examined. He gave evidence telling of the appearance of Aitken's cabin and its contents as he found it on a visit paid by him to the house three days after the arrest of Aitken. Constable McKenna, who made the arrest, followed and testified as to the arrest and what he found at the cabin when he made the arrest. The case was still going on at the time of going to press.

—The Lieutenant-Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the chief commissioner of lands and works has ordered that in pursuance of the provisions of sub-section (f) of section 1 of the "Cassiar Central Aid Act, 1897," the company will be required to designate each of the four mile square blocks of land which they desire to select by erecting in the centre thereof a large cairn of rocks surrounding a correspondingly large post, or, if the rocks cannot be obtained by throwing up a large mound of earth with a post in the middle, and upon such post shall be inscribed a notice indicating that it represents the centre point of a block of land (No. —) four miles square, claimed by the company.

—The general public will be interested to learn that the Methodists of the city have made arrangements for their third annual camp meeting. The date fixed for the commencement is the 28th inst., and the spot selected is not Sidney, as formerly, but a beautiful place near Esquimalt known as the Upper Kanaka Ranch. It is situated down against the waterfront on the south side of Esquimalt road, just opposite the Admiral's road. According to the bills not only are all the Methodist ministers of the city to take part, but the services of Evangelist McKean, of Seattle, have been secured. As a ten-cent fare for the round trip from the postoffice to Admiral's road and back has been arranged with the tramway company the attendance will no doubt be very large.

From Saturday's Daily.

—John Aiken, charged with attempting to kill George Brown at Beecher Bay in March last, was yesterday afternoon committeed to stand his trial at the next court of assize on that charge.

—Changes have been made in the management of the B. C. Market Company, Mr. D. W. Gillies having retired and Mr. Shaw having succeeded him. Mr. Gillies will go to the Mainland, where he will engage in business.

—Thos. Carruth, one of the Victoria Transfer Company's hack drivers, was kicked by a horse last evening and it was feared for a time that he could not survive from the shock. He had just taken in his horses to feed, and was standing behind one of them, when the animal kicked, both feet striking Carruth in the stomach. The injured man was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, and it was reported this morning that he was very much better.

—There is to be at least some relief from the inconveniences caused by the break in the gulf cable. The telegraph company have made arrangements with the admiralty whereby one of the fast torpedo boats will make two trips a day from Esquimalt to Port Angeles, commencing on Monday and continuing until the cable is repaired. Telegrams to go by the torpedo boat must be filed by 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The boat will return from Port Angeles at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

—At the last meeting of Rathbone Sisters, Behnsen Temple, No. 3, the following officers were installed by P. C. Sister D. Moss, assisted by G. M. Sister Johns: M.E.C., Sister L. Hall; E. Sr., Sister M. Wallace; E. Jr., Sister E. Wall; M., Sister W. Cox; M. of R. and C., Sister D. Moss; M. of T., Sister E. Conlin; P., Sister V. Cox; O. G., Sister J. Behnsen. After installation raspberries and cream were served and all members and brother knights passed a very enjoyable evening.

—Acting on the suggestion of Mr. A. J. Dallain, secretary of the J.B.A.A., Sergt. Hawton and Constable Mount yesterday made a raid on an old sloop, which for some time past has been used by a lot of young boys, residents of James Bay. The crew of the sloop, who range in age from ten to sixteen years, had, previous to the raid, the reputation of being a rather mischievous lot, but it was hardly suspected that they were entitled to the title of "harbor pirates," which has been bestowed upon them. The raid disclosed the fact that the boys were responsible for a number of petty thefts that had been committed along the water front and at the Drill Hall. On board the sloop were found a number of tin cups, taken from the Drill Hall; rowlocks, which have been missed from J.B.A.A. boat house and small tackle, taken from the Yacht Club house. The boys say they found the sloop. The police have their names, but have not yet taken any action against the "young pirates."

—The three men chosen by No. Company of the Fifth Regiment to represent them at the provincial rifle meet to be held on the last three days of the month at Nanaimo, they having made the highest aggregate scores at the last league matches are, Sergt. F. M. Russell, Corp. H. P. Dickenson and Gr. Naftel.

From Monday's Daily.

—Clarence Sylvester was thrown from his rig on Oak Bay avenue on Saturday evening and received some ugly bruises and cuts about the head and face.

—Dr. Richardson is going to the Clondyke, and consequently the directors of the Jubilee Hospital will be called upon to appoint his successor at their next meeting.

—Mr. O'Neil, formerly in the employ of David Spencer, died recently in Kootenay. He was taken ill in his cabin, and being unable to procure help, it is believed starved to death.

—Messrs. R. T. Williams, Max Leiser and G. H. Brown appointed at a meeting of Victoria owners of Port Angeles property, to look into the proposition to erect a steel plant at that town, will report to a second meeting on Thursday evening.

—Surveyor-General Tom Kains left yesterday morning with a party for the head of Harrison Lake to erect mineral monuments. E. A. Cleveland and party gone to Fort Steele on a similar mission, and Henry Fry and party have gone to Salt Spring Island to make a subdivision of that island.

—According to advices brought by the steamer City of Topeka, the royal Italian mountain climbing party at last reports from Yakutat had completed all preparations for the arduous attempt to climb the rugged sides of Mount St. Elias and had made good progress toward reaching its lofty summit.

—The Canadian Pacific railway company have made a further reduction in coast to Kootenay rates. Commencing Wednesday, July 28th, the rates will be as follows: To Nelson, Kaslo, Sandon, etc., class 1, $1.89; class 2, $1.58; class 3, $1.26; class 4, 94 cents; class 5, 35 cents.

—Deer shooting commences on Sunday next. It is more than likely that the blue grouse, which are very plenty, will suffer more than the deer. Blue grouse shooting is not allowed by law until October 1st, by which time the birds will have left for the mountains and will be inaccessible.

—Joseph Knox, notwithstanding the warmth yesterday, wanted things warmer, and he started a bush fire near Macaulay Point. The provincial police, however, when the matter was reported to them, surprised Knox by asking him to appear in the provincial police court this afternoon to the charge of unlawfully setting fire to the said bush. The case was remanded until Monday next at 2:30 p.m.

—It was found impossible to get a torpedo boat ready to-day to carry telegrams to Port Angeles, but good news came from the men at work on the cable. It was to the effect that they hoped to have it working before the close of the day. The break is supposed to be two and a half miles from Valdez island. Later—At 4:15 it was announced that communication was again established with the Mainland.

—The London Sunday People of July 11 says: "Cornish miners will learn, with grave disquietude, that British Columbia has begun the exportation of copper to the mother country. It is said to be of very good quality, while the quantity known to exist is practically limitless. Indeed, the only question seems to be whether it can be landed in England at such a cost price as to admit of its being sold at a profit. At present, the outlay for the transport charges is almost prohibitory, but when the Canadian Pacific railway opens British Columbia to external trade by the branches now in course of construction, that drain cannot fail to be largely diminished."

—Murton Lewis McKenzie, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. J. McKenzie, saddler, of Pandora avenue, was drowned at Goldstream on Saturday afternoon. He was playing beside the stream, some distance from where his parents and friends were picnicking, and fell into a deep pool. His sister, who was with him, ran for assistance, but before the older members of the party could arrive the little fellow was drowned. It is believed he was stunned in falling from the rocks. The inquest was held this afternoon, and the coroner's jury, after hearing the evidence of the father of the boy, brought in a verdict of accidental death by drowning. Later the funeral took place from the family residence, Milne street, Rev. Mr. Menzies officiated. The pallbearers were: Masters R. Bryden, B. Teague, Alex. McKenzie, T. Jones, W. McKenzie and F. Sermouth.

—The news from the Consolidated Alberni gold mines at Alberni is very encouraging. The work on the north drift is being vigorously prosecuted, and already shows the gold bearing quartz coming in. When this drift is continued about 30 feet further, it will be under outcrop No. 9, samples of which mill tested last week at the Victoria Metallurgical Works gave excellent returns. At this point there will be about 100 feet of stoping ground. The ledge known as Simpson's has been traced over 500 feet down on the Chicago. At this place (an ideal one for the purpose) the tunnel has been run for over 12 feet, showing a strong ledge with a 20-inch paystreak, containing coarse gold, plainly visible to the naked eye. Assays of samples from this ledge are being made to-day. Expert Kirkwood, of Scotland, has recently visited the property, and freely expressed his opinion thereon. He says: "It is a mine, and will make the owners lots of money, and that the idea of a break in the ledge is absurd."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

LACROSSE.

WON BY WESTMINSTER.

The lacrosse match on Saturday, Victoria vs. New Westminster, was won by the visitors by a score of three to two, an extra half hour having to be played to decide the match. There was considerable rough play. The summary follows:

Game.	Scored For.	Time.
1. Victoria, by Schnoter	34	min.
2. Westminster, by Ryal	3	"
3. Westminster, by Latham	3	"
4. Victoria, by Schnoter	19	"
5. Westminster, by Lewis	49	"

Referee—A. McLaughlin, of Winnipeg.
Umpires—W. Smith, of Victoria, and J. Jardine, of Westminster.

THE LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won.	Lost	Drawn.
Vancouver	3	1	
Westminster	3	1	1
Victoria	1	4	1

SATURDAY'S MATCH.

To the Editor: The Capital lacrosse club and team desire to take decided exceptions to the Colonist's report in Sunday's issue of last Saturday's match against New Westminster, said report being unfair and not at all in accordance with the true facts in many particulars. The Colonist reporter, he of the "bicycle face," must have fallen asleep during one of the unavoidable delays, and thus lost track of what he really intended writing about the game. Referring to the small attendance the Colonist states that the local team have reason to be glad on account of its lamentable weakness and the fact that a number of ever-enthusiastic supporters of the blue and white continually blackguarded the visiting players, the referee and one of the umpires.

Now, anyone knows that the Capital lacrosse club have nothing whatever to do with the conduct of any of the audience, and could not possibly have prevented any remarks that were made. As regards the "lamentable weakness" of the team, nothing could be farther from the truth. Our team was not by any means weak, as the score, 3 to 2, fully shows that we must have been moderately strong to tie New Westminster's crack team at the end of the regular two hours' play, and all but tied for the extra half hour's play, New Westminster winning in the 28th minute. Furthermore, New Westminster brought as strong a combination of players as it was possible for them to put on the field, and the fact that Victoria tied the score at the end of two hours' play, proves conclusively to all fair-minded people that there was scarcely any choice between the two teams and that Victoria did not show "lamentable weakness."

Referring to the statement that "from the size of the grand stand (Saturday) it would seem that lacrosse here is very near death," it is surprising that the Colonist would make such a remark about Canada's national game. The rather poor attendance is easily accounted for. The I.O.O.F. excursion to Seattle, church excursions to Sydney, inability to get the flagship band at the last moment, and the Fifth Regiment band not being in attendance; and lastly the fact that some people will not support or encourage a losing team as they do a winning one, thinking their team must always win, else it is no good.

Our boys should be encouraged rather than found fault with when they are all doing their best. It is no easy matter to play a game of lacrosse, as it requires the hardest kind of training to prepare for the game, and great endurance to play two hours and a half. Furthermore, lacrosse is not a money-making proposition like other sports, and should not be treated as such.

Referring to the statement that Victoria missed Belfry, the star point man, and that they showed lack of training and enthusiasm, there is not doubt that Belfry was missed, but as regards lack of training and enthusiasm, the team were in good condition, which is amply proven from the fact that they played with great vim from start to finish.

Throughout the game Victoria's passing and catching were very good, close checking being in the main responsible for the few errors in that respect.

As regards the referee, Mr. W. O'Laughlin, the Capital club feel that while he may have been lax at times, he was certainly on the whole impartial, and did his best under the circumstances. It is no easy matter to referee a hotly contested game, and about impossible to see all fouls committed. Thanking you for space, we are

THE CAPITAL LACROSSE CLUB.

The James Bay and Star lacrosse teams will play at Seattle on Saturday next, going over on the Fifth Regiment band excursion.

THE RIFLE.

Bom. Fred Richardson, Gr. S. W. Bodley and Gr. H. A. Munn have been selected by No. 2 company, 5th Regt., to represent them at the Nanaimo meeting to be opened on Wednesday.

PILOT BAY SMELTER.

Omaha and Grant Company Said to Have Purchased It.

Spokane, Wash., July 20.—The Pilot Bay smelter was purchased yesterday by the Omaha & Grant Smelter Company of Denver, Col., and Omaha, Neb. Its capacity will be increased by two stacks and the company will operate it as a custom smelter for treating Slocan and Rossland ores.

The plant of the Pilot Bay smelter consists of two 80-ton stacks and a concentrator, with a capacity of from 300 to 500 tons per day. The concentrating machinery was brought from Butte where it had served in the old Butte smelter. At one time 120 men were employed in the plant, but at the time it closed down only sixty-five men were working. The original company erected a brick building 60 by 120 feet, in which it was intended to place refining machinery, but the machinery was never installed.

There are several fine residences on the smelter company's ground, which in all includes 140 acres on Pilot Bay, about midway between the upper and lower ends of Kootenay lake and opposite the outlet. Considerable money was lost by the company that attempted to operate the smelter, owing to the low grade of the ore of the Blue Bell mine, which is about all it ever treated. On the 19th of June, 1896, the smelter shut down and since then not a wheel has turned.—Rossland Miner.