

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1892.

THE SITUATION.

The shewing made by Dr. Richardson, the Hospital physician, in his report is most cheering. A very simple analysis of the 43 cases at the Quarantine station shows that there are:

16 convalescent,
10 recovering,
and 8 serious.

According to him there are really only eight cases at the station about which any anxiety may be felt.

Dr. Crompton, on Saturday, reported all the patients at Albert Head, twelve in number, on a fair way to recovery. It may, therefore, be said that there are really only eight smallpox cases in this city.

When it is considered, in addition to this most encouraging state of things in the city and Quarantine station, that the medical staff is completely organized and in a most efficient condition, the citizens have great reason to congratulate themselves on the improvement that has been made.

OUR INCONSPICUOUS NEIGHBOR.

It is amusing to see how careful the Vancouver newspapers and the Corporation of Vancouver are that smallpox shall not reach the Mainland from Victoria, through their city. The quarantine regulations of the Dominion, or the health regulations ordained by the Provincial Government are not sufficiently stringent for them. Although these latter regulations have been so effective as to keep Nanaimo perfectly free from contagion, they are not severe enough for our neighbors in the city of Vancouver, where there has been smallpox for some time. The Corporation of Vancouver are evidently oblivious of the fact that their own city has been for weeks the centre of contagion. Smallpox has spread from it in all directions. If its authorities were in earnest, if prevention of the spread of the smallpox is the true object of the measures they are taking to put a stop to intercourse with Victoria, they would have established a cordon around their own city and not have allowed any one, citizen or stranger, to leave it until the smallpox is completely stamped out in the area within the city's boundaries. If they did this we would give them credit for honesty and sincerity. But they have done nothing of the kind. Although the smallpox has been in their city so long, and although it has defied all their efforts to stamp it out, people are as free as ever to enter it if they come from some place in which the disease is supposed to exist—and its inhabitants, citizens and sojourners, are free to leave it whenever they please without a word being said about the state of their health.

If the rule which the Vancouver City Council has ordained with respect to passengers from Victoria is sound, and in accordance with common sense, it should be made to apply with equal force to their own city. If passengers, who leave Victoria vaccinated and in good health in all other respects, are not to be allowed to enter any city of the Mainland, even one in which the smallpox has been present for many weeks, then the citizens of Vancouver should be compelled by their civic authorities to stay at home, for it can be proved with mathematical exactitude that the risk of catching the smallpox is greater in Vancouver to-day than it is in Victoria. In the course of the last five days there has been but one new case of smallpox in Victoria, while during that time there have been five new cases in Vancouver. The prospect is that in a few days there will not be a single case of the dread disease in or near this city. Can as much be said for Vancouver? The way in which the Corporation and the newspapers of the Terminal City have dealt with Victoria with respect to the unfortunate outbreak, proves that they are not overburdened with intelligence or not embarrassed by neighborly feeling.

BREAKERS AHEAD.

Mr. Gladstone's majority will not be more than 42, and it may possibly be less. The members elected by the labor vote cannot be regarded as out-and-out Gladstonians, and the allegiance of the Fenellians cannot be depended upon. It must be both humiliating and embarrassing to the British Liberals to know that they must hold office by the grace of the Irish Home Rule party. That party will number eighty or thereabouts, and it will, consequently have Mr. Gladstone and his colleagues completely at their mercy. How the Liberals will like to have the Home Rulers as their masters and drivers remains to be seen. There are many who say that the smallness of Mr. Gladstone's majority, only 42 in a House of 678, will so hamper him that he will not be able to do anything in the direction of granting Home Rule to Ireland or indeed towards carrying out any important measure of reform. When it is remembered that a cave of a few over twenty members will be able to put him in a minority whenever it suits their whim or their interest, it will be realized by how slight a tenure Liberals will hold power. If Mr. Gladstone undertakes to form a Government. It must be borne in mind, too, that Mr. Gladstone's heterogeneous majority will be opposed by a large and a firmly united minority, which will, in the matter of maintaining the integrity of the Empire, resist the separatists to the utmost, and by every means at their command. As Mr. Gladstone is pledged up to the hilt to carry a Home Rule measure, and as it must be one that will meet the approbation of the Irish Home Rulers, the position of the Grand Old Man will be anything but a pleasant one.

There are breakers ahead, several lines of them, and if he does not come to grief on the rocks and shoals over which he must steer, it will be the next thing to a miracle. Trouble was expected from the opposition of the House of Lords to Mr. Gladstone's policy of disunion, but the big majority of Conservatives and Liberal-Unionists and the refractory section of his own followers, will most likely render it unnecessary for the Upper Chamber to make any very strenuous exertions to preserve the union. It is very questionable if any Home Rule measure that can be devised can, for a long time to come, be engineered through the House of Commons, even by a shiftful parliamentarian as Mr. Gladstone.

Mr. Blake will now have a splendid chance to prove his claim to be considered a party leader. The Irish Home Rulers have at present no man that can, with anything like propriety, be called a leader. At present they are mere mob, every man doing pretty much as he pleases. If Mr. Blake can make such an impression on the Irish Home Rulers that they will choose him to be their general, will submit to his discipline and obey his commands, they will place him in a position the influence of which will be hardly second to that of the Premier himself. He would then be able to dictate his own terms and would have it in his power, to a very great extent, to shape the policy of the Empire. If Mr. Blake is ambitious, there is a splendid prize almost within his reach. Will he be able to seize it? Time will tell.

RUSSIAN LAND TENURE.

William C. Edgar, a shrewd United States citizen, has been in Russia with food for the famished inhabitants of the famine-stricken district. He went there from Minneapolis, and had many opportunities of seeing the condition of the country and of enquiring into the cause of the famine. His opinion is that the present distress in Russia was not brought on by the bad weather of the summer of 1891. It has a deeper origin than that, and is the effect of a cause that has been at work for the last thirty years.

According to him the emancipation of the Russian serfs was not an unmitigated good, if, indeed, it was a good at all. It made ignorant men; caused to independent action, their own masters, and they have proved unable to manage their own affairs.

The land which the nobles held was not given to the peasants, who cultivated it in severalty. The land was granted to them as it has been given to the Indians of the Dominion and the United States, in reserves. Each tract belonged to a little community called "Mir." To this community was given the power to allot the land, or rather the use of portions of it temporarily, to its different members. No man could call any of it his own, and it depended on the will of the community what part of it he should cultivate and how long he should hold it. Not having a permanent interest in the land he took very little trouble to cultivate it or to improve it. He squeezed out of it all he could without giving a thought to the future. It is easy for anyone at all acquainted with farming to see what would be the consequence of a few years of such husbandry as this. The land got less and less fertile every year, and as a consequence the cultivators became poorer and poorer. There are in Russia birds of prey as there are in every other country; who hasten the ruin of a man who is on the downward road. The village owner banded the needy farmer more and more exorbitant interest, and the time came when many of the Russian peasants were steeped to the lips in poverty. The scanty crops which the impoverished soil produced did not supply sufficient food for himself and his family. They were all left starved and the owner seeing no prospect of getting paid, refused to advance him any more money. It is not difficult to see how a more than ordinary bad crop would affect farmers in this miserable condition. They had no resources to fall back upon, and starvation stared them in the face.

There was no squire or landlord to apply to for relief. After the emancipation of the serfs the greater number of the landowners left their estates and went to live in the cities. The unfortunate peasants had no one to appeal to but God and the Czar. Many of the landowners, when they heard what straits the cultivators of the estates they once owned were reduced to, generously went to their relief. They made great sacrifices to save them from perishing for lack of food. The Government did not fail the peasants in their distress. Charity was organized on an immense scale. But the relief given is temporary. It will not change the condition of the peasant—or alter his nature and habits. As long as the land is held in common its cultivators will be on the verge of starvation and a bad year will turn scarcity into famine. As long as the communal ownership of land lasts so long will the condition of the cultivator of the soil of Russia be one of misery.

Poland is Mourning.

New York, July 20.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: During the present week the entire population of Poland will be in mourning, and in various ways will manifest grief at the loss of its independence. Yesterday was the 100th anniversary of the memorable fight of Kosciuszko at Danilowka, which was the one great and noble event of the year that promised any real hope for the Poles, and which ended in wavering, weakness, treachery and finally utter submission. The disaster of that year have never been retrieved, and the spasmodic efforts two years later only resulted in making the subjugation of the nation more complete. And so, for a week, and many of them longer, the women of Poland from dress to person, will wear nothing but black, both in the matter of gowns, military and even jewelry. It will be a striking demonstration of the loss of their independence a hundred years ago.

OVER THREE TO ONE.

The Victoria and Sidney Railway By-Law Ratified by a Big Majority.

Friends of the Project More Than Satisfied With the Result.

"Johnson Street Ward," "James Bay Ward," and "Yates Street Ward" were terms unheard yesterday when the duly qualified ratifiers by their votes expressed their willingness to endorse the bonds of the Victoria and Sidney Railway Company and thereby secure the early construction of the projected road. The voting divisions were for the first time referred to as the "North Ward," "Centre Ward," and "South Ward,"—terms which sound strange at first, but which Victorians will no doubt soon grow accustomed to.

The victory for the railway's friends was a complete one, the majority by which the by-law was ratified, 461 out of a total of 908, or more than one-half of the total vote. The result was a triumph for the friends of the project, being even better than the most sanguine promoters had counted upon.

The result of the poll was officially made known at 4:30 by the returning officer, Mr. W. K. Bull, who gave the division of the vote by wards as follows:

North Ward 314
Centre Ward 44
South Ward 250
Total 608

The by-law having been declared "duly carried," Mr. Julius Brotherton proposed and Warden John seconded a vote of thanks to the returning officer, which was granted with a cheer, and following came "votes" for the people of Victoria, Sidney, and the railway, each of which was heartily honored.

Then someone, or rather half-a-dozen someone, called on Mr. Brotherton for a speech, and, though disclaiming any desire for one, he was obliged to accept the honor. He prevailed upon to come to the front, and "I am glad of having the opportunity to thank the people of Victoria," he said, "for their action in this matter, and for the fact that he has cast his ballot for this by-law has shown himself a public-spirited man. The Victoria and Sidney railway is not a visionary scheme; it is not a 'paper railway,' never to be an existence other than on maps and charts."

"In one year from now—yes, in six months—those who have voted for this by-law will be able to see the tangible results of their wise action. In a few weeks we will have men at work, and before so very many months the trains of the V. & S. will go steaming by, carrying benefits to look ends of the line."

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

The Albion Cricket Club Elect Officers—Banking Staff Boat Race Next Tuesday.

"C" Battery Plays Cricket—Annual Meeting to be Postponed—An Interesting Letter.

The officers, at 11 o'clock, and sergeants of "C" Battery played the corporate, bombardier and gunners on Monday last, after a well-contested game, the latter won by 22 runs. Scores: 44 and 46 against 41 and 68. Bombardier Shaw made 14 in the first innings, and the Victoria in the second innings (Carnegie made 13 and Gunner Taylor 34 (not out). For the losers Captain Benson scored 10 and 14.

At Monday evening's meeting of the Albion Cricket Club Mr. E. J. Martin vice-captain. Up to the present the important post was filled by some person selected on the grounds at the time of a match, and this gave universal dissatisfaction. So general was the feeling against the old arrangement that some of the members backed up a vigorous cry by refusing to be led by the captain for some time. The matter was discussed at the meeting, as indicated in yesterday morning's COLONIST, one member of the club holding that it was illegal, inasmuch as his object was not set forth on the grounds of the meeting, and the matter was, however, got over, and it is to be hoped that there will be no further difficulty now, that a captain and vice-captain have been appointed.

There will be a great deal of science, vaudeville, or light-weight vaudeville, on Tuesday evening the city banking staff having completed arrangements for their race, the crews to be as follows:

Messrs. Holmes (3), Stewart (2), Perkins (2), Haynes (2), and the crew of the "Muscle" will be represented in the boat manned by Messrs. Craswell (1), Bullen (2), Lytton (3), Pegg (stroke), and Ward (cox).

The race will be over the usual course, and judging from recent practices promises to be very closely contested.

It is expected that the annual meeting of the B.C.A.A., set for August 3 and 4, will be postponed for a week or so.

In the Field, of Saturday, June 25, there appears the following communication, signed W.M.P., on Lake Fishing in British Columbia: "An account of a fishing trip to an island, not many miles distant from Victoria, may interest some readers. I left on the morning of April 26, by the small steamer, and after passing most perfect scenery, with lovely bays and islands, and stopping at numerous picturesque landing places, reached my destination at 2 p.m. The steamer was a fine racing sloop, in a wagon with a spring seat, to my friend's place. The next morning we started at 10 o'clock to find the lake. The scenery was the most beautiful I have ever seen, and the water was so clear that I could see the bottom of the lake. The fish were very small, but the scenery was so beautiful that I did not care. The next day I went up, and fishing from the boat caught fourteen and a half brace, including salmon, perch, about 2 lbs. to 2 1/2 lbs. There were more fun than the trout. It rained heavily during the afternoon. On the 29th I made up a fishing party from the gunboat which I had in a. A party of five, including a detachment. The place selected

being very shallow, my boat, having the longest lead, carried us all ashore with the exception of the gunboat, which was preferred wading on its own account.

"The captain and his party came off well with twenty-five brace of good fish, the fishers on the bank bringing up the total to slightly more. On Monday, May 2, I fished a lake famed for very large uncatchable fish, and tried everything, even to bottom fishing with the fish of a Canadian robin (said to be infallible) in vain. On May 3, I went again to my favorite lake, and secured twenty-nine brace, including salmon-perch. On May 4, a farmer kindly broke me a long trail to another smaller lake, nestled in the hills. The trout were smaller and very spotted, the largest hardly reaching 1 lb. We caught twelve brace, fishing from a raft and the bank; they were far more lively than those in the larger lake. Returning, on May 5, to my old lake, I caught thirteen brace, all from the bank, in a cold high wind and rain the whole time. The fish here ran much larger, one being over 2 1/2 lbs. The next day was cold and wet. I fished part of the time from bank and part from boat, and twenty-five brace rewarded me for a tiring day. Altogether, this was a nice piece of fishing as one could well wish for. Total, 120 brace."

VICTORIA WEST ATHLETES.

At last evening's meeting of the Victoria West Amateur Athletic Association held practical advice was given the members of the club by Messrs. George and Walter of the V.A.C., both of whom were present and made short addresses.

Upon the election of officers being reached, Messrs. Netherby and Melrose H. Austin were elected nominees for the President, the latter gentleman receiving a majority of the ballots cast.

The complete list of officers elect's appended by the association:

Melrose H. Austin, president;
J. L. Lamoore, vice-president;
A. S. Netherby, secretary;
W. K. Bull, treasurer;
H. S. Kernal, treasurer;
S. Lewis, captain;
Directors: Messrs. Melrose, McLennan, Dodd, Oldershaw and Borne.

During the evening the generous offer of Mr. Gordon, to give the club a free lease of ground for building for five years, was received with much consideration. It will probably be accepted.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

What is to be done with the big steamer Victoria, and who is to do it, is the complicated question that is just now being discussed by marine men and the public, who are able, however, to throw any light on the situation. The Victoria is too large a steamer to come out here as a tramp, and too well appointed to be utilized as a tug. It is a fine ship, and one of the best of its kind in the world.

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AN EASTERN LEAGUE WONDER.

Little Dary McKough, the Rochester Team's Talented Catcher.

"Little Dary," as he is popularly called in Rochester, N. Y., is the mainstay back of the plate for the Flower City this year. The little catcher is 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighs 165 pounds. His first appearance as a professional ball player was with the "Tigers" in 1888, and his brother forming their main battery. In 1888, McKough played with the Memphis Reds, but later in the season went to Rochester, and caught Pitcher Callahan. They were then called the "pony battery." During the next two years his services



DAVID MCKOUGH.

were secured by Rochester, and he earned for himself the reputation of being able to get his mask off and catch a foul fly more quickly than any man behind the bat in the country.

In 1890 Dary was booked with the Athletics, of Philadelphia, but was released to Buffalo in the latter part of the season. As a catcher he is a swift, sure and careful thrower, and when a ball strikes his hands it is certain to stay there. As a hitter he ranks well up with the average run of players, and manages to get in a great many two baggers during the season. Just at the time when they are badly needed, McKough claims Utica, N. Y., as his birthplace.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

It is estimated that there will be less than half as many farces comedies on the stage next season as there were last winter. This is due in part to the fact that this is a "presidential" year, but a growing distaste for the poorer quality of this class of entertainment may be set down as the prime cause.

"Friends," the comedy by Edwin Milton Royce, which has just closed a successful run of four weeks at the Standard theater, New York, is perhaps the best work by an American author produced in America for many years.

E. H. Sothern is to have a new play in an English author next season.

"The Robber of the Rhine," the opera by Maurice Strakosky, the celebrated actor, with music by Charles Faure, which was recently presented as the opening attraction at the New Fifth Avenue theater, New York, does not come up to expectations. The music, however, of which least was expected, is said to be excellent, though perhaps slightly reminiscent.

James O'Neill will shelve "Monte Cristo," with which he has made a handsome fortune, and will tour in a highly sensational romantic drama, called "Fonzelle."

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" has been written by the son-in-law, G. P. Lathrop, into an opera, for which Walter Damrosch has composed the music.

De Wolf Hopper has a mail for keeping the names of his new opera secret until a few days prior to the production, and although he has no success "Wang," which he is said to have sold, he says he will not divulge its title until he returns from Europe.

The present season breaks the record on the number of companies successfully and profitably giving summer opera.

Clay Clement, the well known actor of heroic parts, has blossomed into a full fledged legitimate star, managed by an incorporated company.

A. M. Palmer recently told a friend that he wants nothing more to do with southern plays. He declares that there is no money in them.

Miss Seligman, late leading lady of the defunct Pitou stock company, has been engaged by Frank Sanger, manager of the Broadway theater, New York, to star in an emotional drama to be known as "My Off-Redeemed Wife." It is taken from the novel of that name.

Henry E. Dixey will make his reappearance in comic opera, in Boston, June 13.

Pauline Hall's new opera, "Puritana," was produced in Boston June 6, and on the same date "The Nutmeg Match," the play in which pretty Anna Lewis is to star next season, received its first representation in St. Paul.

Mrs. James Brown Potter, assisted by Kyrie Bellew, is endeavoring to elevate the London stage by a production of "Hero and Leander," which has not, so far, been phenomenally successful.

The New York Casino's cafe chantant on the roof has been successfully inaugurated.

Wright, the Swift Harvard Miller. In W. H. Wright Harvard has a quarter miller who is a credit to the crimson color he wears. In the recent intercollegiate championship games held at Manhattan field, New York city, the Harvard runner captured the 440 yards championship for 1892.

The course in 50-35 seconds, and defeating a field of swift men, among whom were J. R. Roddy and J. B. Brokaw, of Princeton; S. M. Merrill, of Harvard, and G. F. Sandford, of Yale. The collegiate record for the distance is 49 1/2 seconds, held by G. B. Shattuck, of Amherst college.

Wright has negotiated a quarter of a mile in even faster time than that which marked his recent championship performance. He has repeatedly finished in fifty seconds his annual mile race, and has never at any very distant day will break the intercollegiate record.

THE PRINCETON BASEBALL TEAM.

Orange and Black as Seen by Experts Walter C. Dohm.

Princeton baseball "rock" has taken a great tumble since the "Tigers" met the Harvard May 7, and were worried by a score of 11 to 5. Those who saw the Jersey men play against the New York league club were of the opinion that Harvard and Yale had only a fighting chance for the intercollegiate baseball championship. Princeton's showing was far superior to that made by Yale a week later, and the team play was better than any shown by Harvard up to the same date.

But, judged from the game put up against Harvard, the Princeton's have no chance of winning. Princeton undoubtedly



CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG.

ly has the material for a good nine. The men have it in them to play good ball, but for some reason they don't.

Princeton's battery is probably better than that of either Yale or Harvard. Brown catches as well and throws better than either Mason or Upton, of Harvard, or Jackson, of Yale. Captain Lawrence Young, in the pitcher's box, is as brilliant as Highlands, of Harvard, and much more steady. In batting he excels both Highlands and Bowers, of Yale. Guid and Otto have been taking turns at playing first base, and Guid, who is rapidly improving, will probably play in the championship game. King at second base does as well as he did last fall at quarter back on the football eleven, and covers an immense amount of ground. Randall at third is very quick. Like King, he is everywhere at once and his throwing is accurate. Brooks at short stop is a new man, who is, however, holding his end up well with the "inferior players." In batting he is rather below the average.

In the outfield Princeton has a rattling trio. Spooner is a sprinter who makes a specialty of gathering in long hits. McKennie is a sure catch and one of the best batters in the nine. Wright also hits the ball hard, and is one of the best throwers in the association. Princeton's greatest strength will lie in her team work and in her base running. WALTER C. DOHM.

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WITHOUT A MINISTER.

Loving Celestials the Principals in the First Civil Contract in Victoria.

Sheriff McMillan Called Upon to Act as the Officiating Genius.

A marriage without a minister, while nothing at all unusual on the other side of the boundary line, is a decided novelty in British Columbia. In fact, long as Mr. J. E. McMillan has served the public as sheriff and registrar of marriage licenses, he has never been called upon to tie the mystic knot until yesterday.

It is needless to remark that when the occasion did arise, the sheriff was equal to it, and the splicing was done with neatness, accuracy and dispatch.

The principal members of the wedding party were two Chinese ladies, resplendent in much brass jewelry, purple and fine linen, and raven hair oiled and "bleaked" to the last degree of sleekness. One of these was the bride, and the other her friend, and neither manifested much interest in the proceedings.

The groom, described in the indictment as a bachelor, 31 years of age, and a line-burner by occupation, rejoiced in the presence of Chew Ah Yuen, while the bride, until the ceremony of yesterday made her, was with