

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

THE most brilliant and fashionable event of the season took place on the Friday during celebration week at the Mount Baker Hotel. People had predicted that on account of so many public balls this season few would go to the expense of furnishing themselves with fancy dresses; but the most sanguine were astonished at the crowded state of the ball-room and the richness and beauty of the costumes displayed. It was impossible to get a full and correct list of the costumes as many of those who attended were strangers to all but a few present, and the Navy and Royal Marines were well represented. A number of ladies were in evening dress with hair *en poudre*. The following is a partial list of those present and the characters represented: Lady Musgrave, A Starry Night; Miss Effie Dunsmuir, Rising Sun; Miss Maud Dunsmuir, Duchess of Devonshire; Miss Harvey, Butterfly; Mr. Brian Drake, Order of the Bath; Miss Drake, Gipsy Maiden; Miss O'Reilly, Spanish Beauty; Mr. Jack O'Reilly, Red River Indian Chief; Mr. Langton, Turk; Miss Richards, Pond Lily; Mrs. Walkem, Student; Mr. G. S. Holt, Little Boy Blue; Mr. Tom Pooley, Little Boy Blue; Miss Pooley, Magpie; Miss Annie Pooley, White Wolf; Mr. Ray Green, Minstrel Boy; Miss Worlock, Peasant Girl; Mrs. Perry, Lady of the Harem; Mrs. Bullen, a Rose; Mr. Langley, the Press; Miss Langley, Snow; Miss K. Langley, a Water Lily; Miss K. Beaven, a Pansy; Miss L. MacDonald, Lady of the Harem; Miss Wolfenden, a Student; Miss Edith Davis, Rosalind; Miss Brady, Egyptian Queen; Miss G. Powell, Turkish Beauty; Miss N. Powell, Gipsy Girl; Mr. Stevenson, an Admiral; Mr. Schultz, Spanish Cavalier; Mr. Johnson, jockey, (colors red and blue); Mr. Foulkes, Claude Duval; Mr. W. A. Ward, Robin Hood; Mrs. W. A. Ward, a Bride; Miss Ward, Lady of the Thirteenth Century; Mr. Cecil Ward, Master of the Buck Hounds; Mr. George Ward, Ship's Cook; Mr. H. F. Jones, Rouge-et-Noir; Miss Abbott (Vancouver), the Navy; Mr. Wm. Marvin, Chinese Merchant; Mrs. Wm. Marvin, Britannia; Mr. Christie, Clown; Miss Christie, Cleopatra, the Serpent Trainer; Mr. Innes, Italian Nobleman; Mrs. Innes, a Chrysanthemum; Miss — Christie, Folly; Miss Gaudin, Monte Cristo; Miss M. Gaudin, Queen of Hearts; Miss C. Jones, Shepherdess; Miss Arrowsmith, Night; Miss Heisterman, Harlequin; Mrs. Brennan, Queen of Folly; Mrs. Gus Leiser, Pansy; Mrs. M. Lenz, Lady of the Nineteenth Century; Miss Lawson, Flower Girl; Mrs. Nesbitt, Lady of the Thirteenth Century; Miss Nesbitt, Maid of Athens; Miss

Heathfield, Equestrienne; Miss V. Heathfield, Order of the Bath; Miss K. Charles, Britanna; Miss A. Harvey, Shepherdess; Mr. Von Milligan, Ethiopian; Mr. Aspland, Turk; the Misses Loewen, Two Little Girls in Blue; Miss G. Loewen, Flower Girl; Mr. Dallain, Jockey; Mr. Cassidy, Hamlet; Mr. Billinghurst, Buccaneer; Mr. Jack Musgrave, South American Indian; Mr. Robert Musgrave, South American Indian; Miss Musgrave, Fair Maid of Perth; Mr. Foster, Courtier; Miss Foster, Yachting Costume; Miss Foster, Pompadour; Mr. Phillip Johnston, America; Miss K. Johnston, Marguerite; Miss White, Peasant Girl; Miss G. White, Carnation; Miss Erb, White Lilac; Miss I Erb, Peppy; Mrs. Charles Fagan, (New Westminster), Baby; Mr. Herbert Kent, Pirate; Mrs. Herbert Kent, Butterfly; Mr. Frank O'Reilly, Pirate; Mr. Fisher, Gentleman of the Fifteenth Century; Mr. H. Macaulay, Sir Walter Raleigh; Miss Haynes, Tambourine Girl; Mr. Monro, Clown; Miss Sylvester, Tambourine Girl; Mrs. Richardson, Summer; Miss Heathorn, Peasant Girl; Mr. D. Broadway (Cowichan), Baker; Mr. Bullen, a London Scotch Highlander; Mr. F. G. White, Gentleman of the Eighteenth Century; Dr. Brown, Royal Arthur, uniform; Flag-Lieut. Fawcett, Royal Arthur, uniform; Lieut. Pollard, Royal Marines, uniform; Lieut. Barnes, R.M.A., Arab; Lieut. Templar, R.M.A., uniform; and Lieut. Gordon, Royal Engineers, uniform. Among the other costumes noticed, but which it was found impossible to find the names of those who wore them, were a hospital nurse, a friar, etc.

Mrs. Nelson, wife of the late Hon. Hugh Nelson, will leave for Ottawa in the course of a day or so.

Lord Dunmore is prevented from going east by the floods.

Sir N. Perry has left for London.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

LACROSSE.

The lacrosse season opened auspiciously for the Victoria club last Saturday, when they won their first match of the series from the Vancouver club. Without attempting to depreciate their victory in any way, it must, in justice to the Vancouver club, be said that the latter played better lacrosse than our boys. The visitors' play was clean, clever lacrosse at times, there was always an endeavor at team play, and in only those instances where no other opening offered did the man who got the ball try the "individual" process of gaining a point. On the other hand, the chief brilliancy on the home

team was shown by personal playing there was a general want of cohesion, such a term may be used, that in several cases came near costing Victoria the loss of the match. Play throughout was fast and hard, with no roughness that could be avoided, and nothing worth speaking about in any event. This was a good point, for among the thousands who lined the fences and thronged the grand stand (the largest crowd that ever witnessed lacrosse match in Victoria) were scores of people who had never seen a lacrosse match before, and who went away enthusiastic admirers of Canada's national game. Among that mass of people were numbers of confirmed cricketers and baseballers, who, in their innocence of a manly sport, thought there was no game on earth so exhilarating as cricket or baseball, but who permanently changed their opinions last Saturday. It is to be hoped that the boys will continue to put up such games, and so cement the good opinion which strangers form from first impressions, as well as foster the proper spirit in the hearts of the youngsters who are to come later on into the field and uphold this game which in itself is representative of the courage, the manliness, the endurance of young Canada, and the cheerful, light-hearted and honorable spirit which hurts, reverses and obstacles a man and overcome.

Three games to one was a good victory for the home boys, all of whom worked hard to attain the common object. Two of those goals were cleverly taken by Frank Cullin, the thrashing machine, and the man who has so ably carried THE HOME JOURNAL's colors to success on many a hard fought field. Ross Eckardt scored the first goal, which gave the boys a glimpse of the defeat they were about to give their opponents. Tommy Cusack, Billy Jackson, J. Sprinkling and Paterson surprised their friends with some good play, and W. E. Ditchburn, Pete Bligh, Billy and Charley Cullin, Bill Clarke and Harry Morton admirably sustained their respective reputations. The team was seriously weakened by the dismissal of Ditchburn in the second game for fouling but the general impression was that he was the victim of a well laid scheme to have him ruled off, which was only too successful. Among the Vancouver boys were several old favorites and friends such as "Chub" Quigley, "Bony" Suckling and others, who made it more than lively for the local team, and who are all good and tried men. Their game man, Quann, was a marvel of quick judgment and clever throwing, and the game that the Victorians got from him was only won after hard and clever fighting around the flags.

Present indications are that the V