Local News.

GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

—A ship's boat, painted a light color, was brought to Alberni on the sealing schooner C. D. Rand on Thursday.

—It was rumored to-day that a rich strike of copper ore had been made by local prospectors in the vicinity of the Sooke lakes.

—Commencing April 1st, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will reduce the rates for telegrams to Kootenay points to 50 and 3 day, and 30 and 2 night.

—Michael Morrisay, formerly of Cedar Hill, died this afternoon at 261 Johnson street. He was 61 years of age, and a native of County Cork, Ireland. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

—The Loyal True Blues have decided to postpone their social, which was to have been held on the 9th of April, until the 23rd, so as not to interfere with the assemblage in aid of the friends of those lost on the Condor.

—On Thursday evening last a meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club was held, when arrangements were made for the accommodation of the dogs expected from San Francisco by the next boat. There are about 215 dogs entered for the coming show.

—The recently organization company took over the business of Turner, Beeton & Co. on Thursday under the firm name of The Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd. The directors of the new company are J. H. Turner, K. A. L. Kirk, G. A. Kirk and H. B. Thompson.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Maslin took place yesterday afternoon from the residence, No. 12 North road, Spring Ridge, at 2.15 p.m., and from the St. Barnabas church at 2.30 p.m. Rev. E. G. Miller conducted impressive services at the church and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. G. E. Smith, W. Scott, R. Penketh, W. E. Sleighthoame, T. Bryden and H. Benson.

—The funeral of the late Fielding Spotts took place yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted at the parlors of W. J. Hanna, Douglas street, by the Rev. Mr. Viehert, and also at the South Saanich cemetery, where the deceased was interred. A large number attended. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. R. Giscomb, J. Smith, Thos. Alexander, R. Clanton, S. Booth and G. Kendell.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Harry Cowan, of the Vancouver Independent, and bride, are staying at the Driard hotel. They return to the Terminal City to-night.

—The crews of the vessels of the North Pacific fleet, now at Esquimalt, will attend services in memory of the crew of the lost Condor to-morrow morning.

—C. A. Reynolds and Miss Bell, of Seattle, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge at noon to-day, and will spend their honeymoon in this city.

—W. H. Armstrong, Alex. Morrison and Robt. Balfour arrived from Vancouver last evening to discuss the contract for the superstructure of the Fraser river bridge with Mr. Waddell, the engineering expert.

—A Toronto dispatch announces the death of Rev. J. A. Dowler, a well-known Methodist clergyman of that city. He was the father of Mr. W. J. Dowler, city clerk, and Miss Dowler, of the Public school teaching staff.

—The royal commission will resume its sittings at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Hon. Mr. Eberts will be cross-examined by Mr. Bond, and a great many witnesses are yet to be called, so that the inquiry is likely to last all week.

—Dr. Ernest Hall returned on Saturday afternoon from Redlands, California, where he has been visiting for the past six weeks. He speaks very highly of the phenomenal growth of this beautiful country which each year becomes more popular as a tourist resort.

—The police returns for the past month show that 78 charges were dealt with. They are as follows: Drunkness 26, stealing 11, vagrancy 4, infraction of city by-laws 9, possession of stolen property 1, threatening to kill 1, assault 11, impersonation 4, aggravated assault 1, keeping a bawdy-house 1, inmate of a bawdy house 1, infraction of Revenue Tax Act 6, keeping a vicious dog 1, unlawful possession of a naval uniform 1. There were also 15 detained for safe-keeping.

—The provincial government are considering fresh proposals for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway. It is understood that McLean Bros. are behind the new movement, and that they are willing to undertake the construction of this road provided a cash subsidy and land grant are given by the province. Several conferences between McLean Bros. and the government have already been held, and the negotiations will be continued during the week. The terms, as far as can be ascertained, are a cash bonus of $6,400 per mile for 100 miles of the road, and $4,500 per mile for 220 miles. The land grant asked for will total about 1,000,000 acres.

—The elevation of Mr. Gordon Hunter to the chief justiceship has necessitated changes in the law firm of Hunter & Oliver. Mr. Oliver retains his old offices, while T. M. Miller opens for himself in Mr. Hunter's offices. Mr. Miller began the study of law with the late Chief Justice Davie in 1890, and has been a resident of the city since then. He was with the present chief justice for the past seven years, and has been intimately connected with many of his important law suits. Mr. Miller is one of the rising young barristers of the city who is like'y to make a name for himself in the profession.

Provincial News

NELSON.

An action has been entered by Annie Winter, of Cody, B. C., and her husband, against the Kaslo & Slocan Railway Company for $10,000 for injuries claimed to have been received by Mrs. Winter under the following circumstances: That while she was in a passenger coach on the Cody branch, that the engine was detached from the train to be used for temporary employment, and that neither the conductor nor brakeman set the brakes on the car, but went away and left the car on the brink of a steep grade, and that the car ran away and was broken to pieces, the said Mrs. Winter being severely injured.

NANAIMO.

At a public meeting on Thursday evening it was decided to hold a celebration here on May 24th. Later it will be decided whether the celebration will cover May 23rd also. Only preliminary arrangements are made yet. A meeting next week will be held to further arrangements.

Matti Kurikka, of the Malcolm Island Colonization Co., has returned from a lecturing tour in the States. He will visit Victoria this week to seek from the management of the pulp company, which holds concessions there, a satisfactory answer as to whether they intend prosecuting work, and are ready to make contracts with the Kalevan Kansa Co. in the matter. Upon this answer will depend to a considerable extent the character of the settlers put on the island.

GRAND FORKS.

The city aldermen on Monday night voted themselves salaries, varying in amount according to the importance of the chairmanship held by the various incumbents. The salaries range from $350 of Ald. Harvey, chairman of the board of works, to $150 for the two aldermen without portfolio. Mayor Holland declined to accept a salary, and his action is being warmly commended.

The capacity of the ore bins at the Granby smelter is being increased an additional 3,000 tons, bringing the capacity the to 13,000 tons.

The tracklaying gang on the Republic & Grand Forks railway has reached Ferguson, a point nine miles from Republic. The road will easily be completed within two weeks, and shipments of ore to the Granby smelter will be commenced.

Jay P. Graves, general manager of the Granby Smelter Company., has gone to Spokane, after a week's stay in the Boundary, during which he inspected the Granby mines at Phoenix and the company's smelter in this city. Said he: "We are getting estimates of the cost of installing a large compressor plant to be operated either by electricity or by steam. The character of the motive power will be determined as soon as various estimates are figured out. If electricity should be utilized, we will buy power from the Cascade Power Company, whose plant at Cascade is in an advanced stage of completion. After the order is given six months will elapse before the plant is delivered. We will then be enabled to increase our output to 2,000 tons daily. The new equipment will have sufficient capacity to not only operate the drills, but the hoist, pumps, etc. Our policy is to plan a long way ahead. We now have sufficient ore blocked out to occupy our smelter continuously for a period of between fifteen and twenty years. Withal development work will be prosecuted as vigorously in the future as in the past."

VANCOUVER.

An Indian named Jack, False Creek reserve, fell from False Creek bridge on Thursday night. His dead body was found floating in the water shortly after. He was killed in falling by striking his head against the abutment of the bridge.

The Loggers' Association and lumbermen and shingle manufacturers have arranged details regarding the classification of logs under the new Scaling Act.

In his first case at Vancouver, Chief Justice Hunter sustained the city by-law, compelling Chinamen to adopt other means of sprinkling their wash clothes than by spraying from the mouth.

The construction of the Carnegie library was formally initiated on Saturday with all the honors of Ancient Freemasonry. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Grand Master Young and Rev. L. Norman Tucker, master of Cascade lodge. The Grand Lodge was opened by Grand Master F. McB. Young at the Masonic Temple, where the procession was formed. There were fully 500 Masons in line and thousands of citizens turned out to see the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone. The Uniformed Knight Templars brightened up the procession, and made a very favorable impression by their smart appearance. In the cavity of the corner stone was laid away Canadian coin, Canadian postage stamps, Rev. L. Norman Tucker's oration, the names of the first council of Vancouver and all public bodies of today in Vancouver, with a copy of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. In the evening the officers of the Grand Lodge were entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Vancouver, where fully 250 guests were seated around the table.

A Chinese school is to be started in Vancouver by the Chinese Reform Association. There are 200 Chinese school children in Vancouver, and all will attend.

The wedding was solemnized on Saturday at the residence of the bride's mother, of Mr. Harry Cowan, son of Mr. W. Cowan, of Ottawa, and well-known to the newspaper fraternity of Vancouver, and Carrie, daughter of the late Charles Bartley, formerly of London, Ont., and sister of Mr. George Bartley, editor of the Independent. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. McLaren, in the presence of a large number of friends. The bride was attended by Miss Lottie Brown, and Mr. George Bartley attended to the duties of best man. Miss M. Philip was maid of honor. The happy couple left on the Princess May for Victoria on their wedding tour.

Capt. Lester, of the Vancouver fire department, and head man at No. 1 fire hall on Water street, has accepted the chiefship of the Dawson fire department, made vacant by the resignation of Hector Stewart, son of ex-Chief of Police Stewart, of this city. The salary is $3,000. He is 32 years of age and is married. Capt. and Mrs. Lester leave for Dawson next Friday.

ROSSLAND.

The home of Mrs. Davidson was the scene of a pleasant event on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock when her daughter, Miss Neva, was united in marriage to Dell Whitmore by Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A., pastor of the Methodist church.

Most of the buildings on the wood ranch owned by Lee Coombs at China Creek, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The loss will be between $800 and $800, covered by insurance in the Phoenix of London.

Ex-Mayor Laloade is completing the necessary preliminary formalities for the reinauguration of the Civilian Rifle Association, with the co-operation of the Dominion militia department. The association will have the use of the militia ranges.

CLINTON.

The death of Arthur Switzer occurred near Stanley on Sunday, March 23rd. He left Ashcroft on the 3rd of March with a load of freight for Barkerville, and it was while handling a heavy barrel near Stanley that he dropped dead, it is presumed from heart trouble. The body was brought to Clinton, his home, and was buried on Thursday. Arthur Switzer came to Clinton in 1882, and has done business here and at different points along the Cariboo road. The last few years he has regularly engaged in the freighting business. In October, 1887, he married Florence Chenhall, who died on the 20th January, 1896. No children are living. He was born in New Zealand on December 28th, 1863. A sister and brother are living in Victoria.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Steamers Glenora and Mona Were Burned at Dawson on Friday Last.

A Dawson dispatch under date of the 28th first. says: "A disastrous fire started at midnight in Steamboat Slough, opposite Dawson, used by the boats as winter quarters. Several barges and the steamers Glenora and Mona, the property of J. E. Genelle, of Vancouver, were completely consumed. The loss was about $85,000. The fire is still raging at 3 p. m. The origin of the fire is unknown. The watchman was away when the flames were first discovered.

"The crusade instituted by the Dawson health inspector against the butchers is still on. Seven tons of meats and poultry have been destroyed by his order in the past two days.

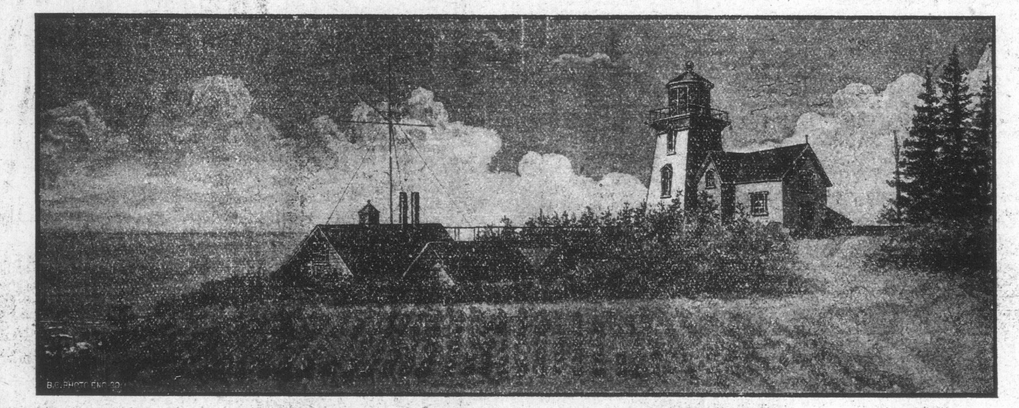
"A tunnel caved in yesterday at No. 22 below Discovery on Hunker creek. Eleven men were buried, all being subsequently rescued more or less injured, except Lon Boismer, of Maple, Mich., who is dead.

"The river trail is still good."

The miners on Slate creek, Chesna, the Delta, and Tanana will be glad to hear that these districts are to be connected with Valdes and the outside world by a telegraph line before the season is over.

A recent discovery of coal on Chignik Bay, about forty miles east of Unimak Pass, may be the means of affording an advantageous coaling station for government and mercantile ships in the carrying trade with the Orient. The location was made a few years ago by A. E. Dickerman of Seattle. In 1900 the government ship Egbert visited the locality and the captain reported favorably upon Chignik as a practical harbor. Since then the Chignik Coal & Fish Company has done considerable work in development. The coal is right on tide water. According to tests it appears to be by far the best coal found so far in Alaska. It is bituminous, but does not resemble the lignite found at Homer or on Unga island.

Following close on the news of the total destruction by fire of the steamers Glenora and Mona at Dawson last Friday, comes information that the fire was incendiary, and was first discovered aboard the Glenora. Watchman George McMillan was arrested during the fire, charged with arson. At his preliminary hearing he was committed for trial, having waived examination. McMillan, it is said, had accomplices, and told many stories to numerous people concerning what he intended doing. One story was that he had been ordered to burn the boats to get the insurance. Another was that he stole grub and had to conceal the crime. After the hearing and on his removal to a cell McMillan, it is stated, broke down, confessed to the crime and implicated others, for whom warrants are now out. He says he did it to conceal the theft of grub.



CARMANAH LIGHTHOUSE.

The Light and Signal Station at the Entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. W. Daykin, Light Keeper.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION.

First Meeting of the Teachers' Institute at 10 O'Clock To-Morrow.

At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, the annual meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Institute will be opened in the assembly room of the South Park school. Alexander Robinson, B. A., superintendent of education and president of the Institute, will deliver the opening address. When the roll is called, teachers will be present from all parts of the province. The general business of the Institute and the election of officers will take up the forenoon session.

In the afternoon the session will be opened at 2 p. m. with a solo by Arthur Salvini. H. Dunnel, of the Marine Training school, will deliver an address on "Hand and Eye Training." A discussion opened by W. C. Coatham, of New Westminster, will follow. Miss Cameron will read an interesting paper entitled "A Jubilee Junketing," and D. Blair, of the Normal school, will discuss geometrical drawing.

At 8 p. m. a reception will be tendered the visiting teachers by the Victoria teaching staff. An excellent programme has been prepared for the occasion. Several of the best singers in the city will take part, short speeches will be delivered and refreshments will be served. The reception will probably conclude with a dance. The reception as well as the meetings of the Institute will take place at the South Park school.

All the day sessions in the South Park school and the Thursday evening meeting are open to the public, and anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

THE GREAT SERPENT OF ALL DISEASES.—Kidney disease may well be called the "boa constrictor" disease, unsuspecting and unrelenting. It gets the victim in its coils and gradually tightens till life is crushed out, but the great South American Kidney Cure treatment has proved its power over the monster, and no matter how firmly enmeshed, it will release, heal and cure. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—158.

OTTER POINT CONCERT.

An Enjoyable Entertainment Followed By a Dance.

A most enjoyable concert was held in Otter Point schoolhouse on Wednesday evening, 19th inst. This small settlement has gained quite a reputation for the excellence of its entertainments. There was a large audience and an excellent programme was rendered. It is satisfactory to note that the purpose for which it was held was amply fulfilled, viz., the clearing off of debt on church organ, a surplus remaining in hand. The chair was occupied by H. Campbell. The following is the programme:

Overture ..... Otter Point Orchestra
Chairman's Address ..... H. Campbell
Song—Sweet Evening Bells.4 Young Ladies
Recitation—Signs of Rain.Miss Rose Goudie
Performance with Indian Clubs.Miss Davey
Song—Stop That 'Bus ... W. H. Anderson
Recitation—If I Didn't Forget .....
..... Master H. F. Anderson
Song—A Simple Little String..Miss Clark
Reading—Champion Snorer .... F. Fletcher
Recitation—The Confession..Miss Campbell
Selection From the Otter Point Biographophone.
Song—Nancy Lee ..... H. Clark
Recitation—I've Been There .....
..... Miss Marjorie Anderson
Song—Four Leaved Shamrock.Mrs. Anderson
Recitation—Patrick Malloy .... F. Fletcher
Song—Irish Emigrant's Lament .....
..... W. H. Anderson
Recitation—Caleb's Courtship.Miss Campbell
Song—Mermaid ..... F. Fletcher
Song—Ninety-Five (In character as "Miss Priscilla Curlo") ..... T. Clark

Games and dancing were indulged in until the morning hours, various songs being rendered at interyals by Messrs. Gent, Cartwright and Campbell.

Two hundred and fifty Trappist monks are now working at twenty-five stations in South Africa.

GIANT VISITS VICTORIA.

Huge Sized Man Now Here for Show Purposes—Is a Canadian.

Edward Beaupre, reputed to be one of the largest men living, and certainly the biggest in proportion to his years on this continent, arrived in the city on Sunday night in company with his travelling representative, G. Pattenande, of Winnipeg. While in the city they will give a number of exhibitions.

Beaupre is certainly a curiosity in point of size. He stands 7 feet 10 inches high, weighs 367 pounds, measures 54 inches around the chest, wears shoes 22 inches long, and altogether is a tribute to the vigor and exhilarating climate of the Canadian Northwest, which country he claims as his birthplace. He was born at Willow Bunch, near Moosejaw, and is only 21 years of age. He comes from French-Canadian parentage, and is one of a family of five, composed of two sisters and three brothers. One of the latter, who is eleven years old, stands 5 feet 4 inches high, and promises to rival his monster brother for size, but the other members of the family are of ordinary growth. The giant has only been travelling for the last two months and a half. He spent all his life on his father's range, employed principally in herding the cattle. He carries a memento of his cowboy days in a slight disfigurement in the face in the shape of a broken cheek bone, which he received through a fall off his horse. The giant's father is only 5 feet 8 inches high, and his mother two inches shorter in stature. Both come from a little place down near Montreal. Edward has been a big attraction wherever shown, and has received columns of newspaper notoriety in every city he has appeared on the Pacific coast.

Since his arrival here he has had many very amusing experiences. In coming down on the steamer Princess Louise on Sunday he claims that the steward of the steamer refused to feed him unless specially paid. In the Brunswick hotel, where he and his manager are staying, special accommodation had to be made for the big mainstay. He sleeps on two mattresses laid out lengthwise on the floor. When the China boy brought him his lunch this morning the Celestial was horror stricken at the sight of the giant. He dropped the lunch and did not recover from his excitement for some considerable time. Beaupre is not a conversationalist; in fact he speaks very poor English. One of his greatest troubles in life is the fact that every article of clothing he wears has to be specially made for him.

THE KENNEL.

THE COMING SHOW.

To-day active preparations for the kennel show to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week were commenced, when workmen started arranging the Philharmonic hall for the reception of the dogs to be shown. There are more entries this year than ever before, and Victorians will have the opportunity of seeing some of the most valuable dogs on the Coast. Some doubt exists as to whether there is sufficient room in the hall for the accommodation of all the dogs entered, but those in charge give the assurance that comfortable space will be given every dog. The total number of entries to date comes to 350, and the total number of dogs is 230. Forty-five are expected from San Francisco, seventy from Seattle, Wash., twenty-eight from Portland, and quite a number from Vancouver and Victoria. Already a string of thirty-one dogs has arrived from San Francisco, comprising principally those of the cocker spaniel class. Among the notable canines which will be here this week are champion "Benlo Forever," which, since taking its place on the benches, has had almost unqualified success, having won in all about 400 prizes; also champion "Trustie," valued at $8,000. Both are bull dogs. There is also a cocker spaniel whose appellation is "Hampton Goldie," valued at $10,000. The following is a list of the number of dogs entered in different classes: Mastiffs, 2; St. Bernards, 1; Great Danes, 2; greyhounds, 2; Chesapeakes, 2; pointers, 7; English setters, 43; Irish setters, 9; Gordon setters, 8; Irish water spaniels, 5; field spaniels, 2; clumber spaniels, 2; cocker spaniels, 36; collies, 8; bull dogs, 3; bull terriers, 5; fox terriers, smooth, 28; fox terriers, wire, 8; Irish terriers, 12; Scotch terriers, 5; Bedlington terriers, 1; black and tan terriers, 2; beagles, 2; sheep dogs, 1; retrievers, 2; malamoots, 4; miscellaneous, 6; field trial class setters, 4. E. Davies, as previously announced, will act as judge. He is expected to arrive in the city on Wednesday.

PING PONG.

W. T. WILLIAMS CHAMPION.

The finals of the J. B. A. A. club handicap ping pong tournament was won by W. T. Williams on Saturday afternoon last by defeating J. Hart, N. Gowen and L. B. Trimen. There was a good attendance at the gymnasium, where the games were contested. Perhaps the most even and most interesting game to spectators was that between Williams and Hart. Williams was scratch, and Hart owed 15. The first set was won by Hart by a score of 6-4, while in the second set Williams turned the tables on his opponent and won by a score of 6-2. In the final set both players were determined to win, and some fine playing was witnessed. It was finally won by Williams, the score being 6-3. The contest between N. Gowen, owe 15, and Williams, scratch, which took place next, was also most interesting. Williams won in two straight sets, the score being 6-3, 6-3. The match between Trimen and Williams was also of a decidedly exciting nature, the former player making a splendid and plucky fight for first place. Williams won the first two sets, as well as the last, but he had to work hard for his honors. In the last set he was only victorious by one game. The score was 6-4, 6-3 and 6-5.

COMING TOURNAMENT.

The tournament for the championship of the city of Victoria commences on Thursday and players should enter at once. Handsome prizes have been provided and may be seen at any time in the show windows of Wgitt & Co. The expenses incurred by the club in representing Victoria at the Nelson regatta this year will be covered by the funds derived from the tournament, and on this account those who are responsible for the arrangements are anxious that the event should prove an unqualified success.

BASKETBALL.

The basketball game played on Saturday evening last between the intermediate teams Victoria West and J. B. A. A. was on the whole a disappointing match from a spectators' standpoint, the Victoria West team winning by a large margin, the score being 19 points to 3. The first half was very even, both aggregations making 6 points, and it was not until the latter portion of the game that they warmed up to their work and made the play at all interesting. The Bays obtained a lead in the second half from a free shot being converted by Mr. Gowen, but this was not long the case, as Stevens and Cessford piled up more points for Victoria West by splendid shooting. Charlie Fairall gave satisfaction as referee, while Messrs. G. Burns and Hutchoson acted as umpires.

THE NANAIMOS BEATEN.

The Mosquito basketball team, of Nanaimo, was defeated on Saturday evening at the drill shed, Vancouver, by the Militia team by 10 points to 5, after a stubborn fight, in which both teams distinguished themselves. Both teams showed excellent passing ability, and the clever combination of the Coal City boys was much commented on, while the playing of the soldiers was also very good.

DRAUGHTS.

To the Editor:—I hereby challenge any checker player in British Columbia to a match of 24 games for the championship of the province and a stake of $200 a side.

Conditions: Any party accepting the challenge must prove a continuous residence in British Columbia of six months prior to date of acceptance, place and date of match to be arranged to suit mutual convenience. Travelling expenses equally divided.

A forfeit of $25 has been placed in the hands of the Sandon Paystreak. Address acceptance to the Paystreak or to the challenger,

WILLIAM HOOD,
Sandon, B. C.

HANDBALL.

The first prize in the J. B. A. A. handball tournament was won by B. C. Pettingell on Saturday afternoon by defeating Walter Jesse. The latter put up a formidable game at the start, but Pettingell was particularly strong in his service, and finally succeeded in vanquishing his opponent with the following score: 21-15-21 owe 2. The first prize is an opal scarf pin.

THE HUNT.

There was quite a large attendance on Saturday's run of the Victoria Hunt Club. The start was made from Work Point barracks, but the paper chase was brought to an abrupt termination by an unfortunate accident to one of the lady riders at Admiral's road. She was thrown in jumping and struck her head on the road. Another run will be held on Saturday next. This will be the last of the season. The cub races will take place at Colwood next Saturday.

OSBORNE BAY INDIANS.

To the Editor:—I have elicited from an Indian who lives close to Osborne Bay the following statements, for the accuracy of which (on the authority of his father, dead some time ago) he vouches:—

The Osborne Bay Indians suffered, some long time ago, certainly more than 70 or 80 years, and perhaps several hundred, from a very deep snow, which caused the destruction of a great many by starvation. While weakened after this famine they were attacked by "Boston" Indians from Clellum, or Clallum, and nearly annihilated. The remainder left their country, called Tsunkhum (the Tsun-gaums of my first letter on this subject) and went across to Seechelt, and are now known as Seechelts. This is exactly what I suspected.

The small creek known as Bonsall's creek, which empties into the north end of Osborne Bay, is properly known as Puntlaj, and also the adjacent country. The Indians from there, who were probably a branch of the Osborne Bay tribe, were attacked by Indians "from the North," and also turned out of their country, and emigrated to what is now known as Comox, where the river is still called Puntledge (which was their name at Osborne Bay).

The Comox Indians came from opposite Cape Mudge, on Vancouver Island, which is the true Comox. I think these traditions are worthy of record and further enquiry. I should like to know what can be gathered from the Seechelts and Sly-amen Indians on the subject.

WALTER HARVEY.
Crofton, Osborne Bay, March 26, 1902.

ITCHING, BURNING, CREEPING, CRAWLING Skin Diseases relieved in a few minutes by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly, and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Bezema, Ulcers, Blotches, and all Eruptions of the Skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all Baby Humors, Irritation of the Scalp or Rashes during teething time. 35 cents a box. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—150.

BIRTHS.

BARNES—At Fernie, on March 18th, the wife of H. W. Barnes, of a son.
DAPOINTE—At Nelson, on March 24th, the wife of A. Lapointe, of a son.
DESBEAU—At Nelson, on March 22nd, the wife of John Desbeau, of a son.
PROCTER—At Kamloops, on March 26th, the wife of F. J. Procter, of a son.
CUNNINGHAM—At New Westminster, on March 22nd, the wife of William J. Cunningham, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

THOMAS-ALLISON—At Penticton, on March 20th, W. Thomas and Miss C. Allison.

DIED.

MOHUN—At Tunbridge Wells, England, on the 13th inst., Catherine Rebecca, second daughter of the late John Mohun, of Blackheath, England, and sister of Edward Mohun, of this city.

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Daily Times for Nine Months for $3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them for from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

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This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times's own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, snapshots, views, etc., will be maintained.

The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times staff representative there will be continued. This service is unsurpassed by that of any other paper in Canada.

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The features outlined in regard to the daily will be maintained in the twice-a-week Times.

The publishers have in addition arranged with the department of agriculture at Ottawa for an original article weekly about a column in length, prepared under the authority of the minister. The matter will consist of agricultural news, interesting to all readers, supplemented by brief accounts of the latest experiments and researches at the Government Experimental Farms, and recipes, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboniculturists, horse-breeders, stock-raisers, bee-keepers, dairymen, poultrymen and others.

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