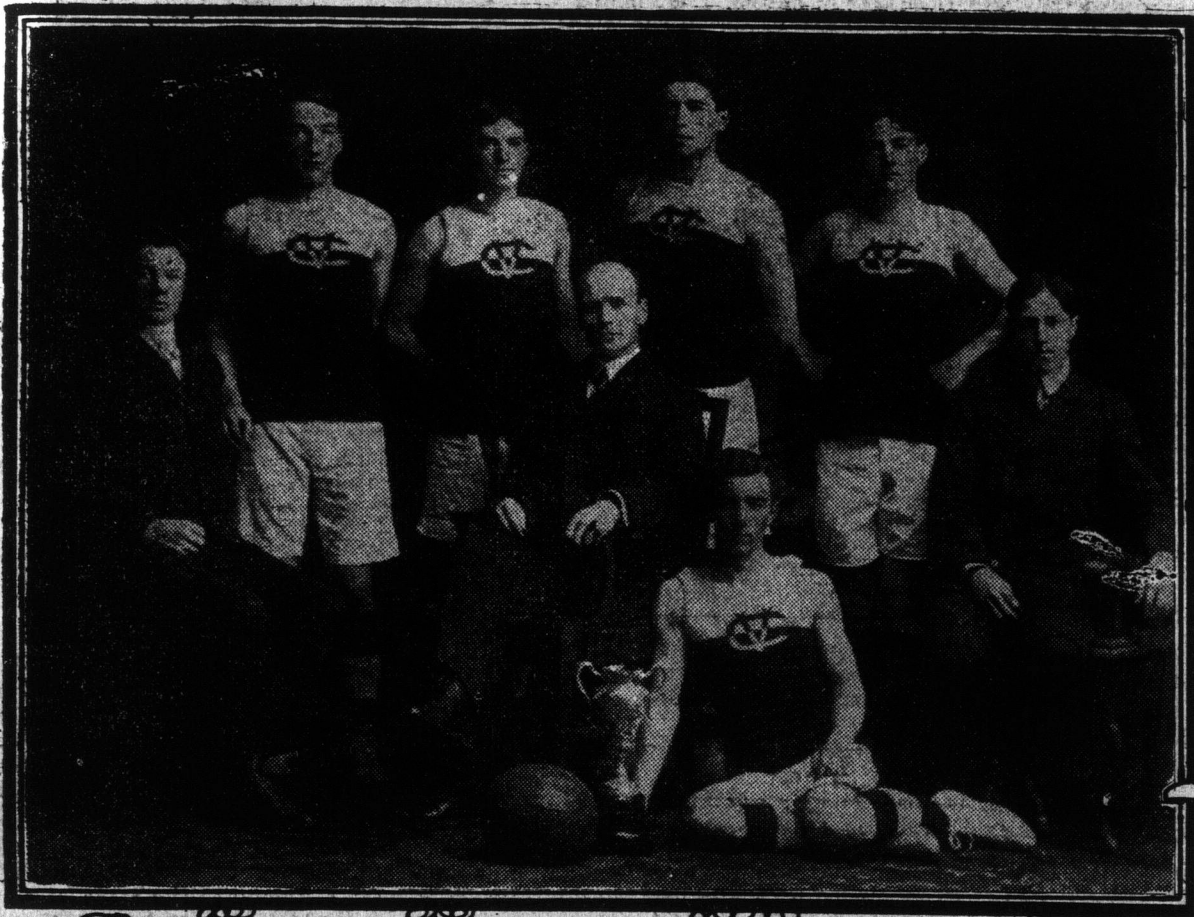


FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS BY WOMEN HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS



VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL CLUB—INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS OF VICTORIA

FIVE championships in one season is a record of which any institution might well be proud. The athletically inclined young ladies and gentlemen of the Victoria High School were successful in different sports to that extent during the season of 1907-08. Their teams captured the provincial junior girls' hockey, the junior and intermediate rugby and the intermediate and interscholastic basketball by this summary it will be seen that these student boys and girls entered into practically all the popular winter pastimes and that through the enthusiasm which they instilled into the various games, were able to carry off a greater proportion of victories than any other organization in British Columbia. It is necessary to say that they are entitled to credit for their success to all and it must surely be equally an evident that from this year the youth of Victoria is developing in a direction that, if continued, will in years to come, enable Victoria to take the highest place among rival cities in the branches of sport most freely indulged in by the youngsters of the north Pacific coast.

Girls and Hockey.
One of the most interesting features of the past season in connection with the sport of the Victoria College, or High School, as it is more familiarly termed, is the fact that the young ladies have evinced so keen a spirit in their patronage of field hockey. Early in the fall the nucleus of the eleven was formed and from that time, until the close of the season, the club flourished. Each individual identified with it did everything in her power to make it the best of the chosen representatives and the outcome of their efforts is demonstrated by their success in carrying off the highest honors in the province.

Ambitious Young Men.
Not less enthusiastic were the young men of the college in a more diversified fashion. They were not content to enter only the sport and to assure the capture of the championship, it was their ambition to make as clean a

sweep of everything as was possible. Though the determination was a laudable one there were many who thought it foolish. But the high spirited leaders of the athletic element justified the position they assumed before the close of the season. Unanimous desire had the effect of accomplishing that which was sought.

Rugby Football.
Perhaps the sport in which there is the keenest rivalry among the various schools is rugby football. The first match played by the Victoria college was with the James Bay team. In this they were successful. But when it came to the second conflict of the series they lost some of their prestige, the University School boys winning out handsily by a score of 10 points to nil. However, the High School aggregation wasn't discouraged. One "turn down" had not put them altogether. On the other hand they were fresher and more determined when called on for another contest. In the meantime the James Bay fifteen had decided to discontinue what was intended to be a useless fight for the championship. So the only teams left were the High School and University fifteen. But these two were full of enthusiasm. Both were confident of their ability to defeat their rivals, and it was with this spirit that they tried to win a second time. The result was an exhibition of rugby football that has seldom been excelled, even among the seniors, for the prettiness of the tackling or the sprights and combination work of those who composed the three-quarter division. The opposing fifteen were after each other from the outset, not in a bitter rough fashion, but in a clean sportsmanlike, yet determined way, that held the attention of spectators for the several hours during which the fight continued. At the finish the High School boys left the grounds victorious, the score being 3 points to nil. The margin was so narrow that it is asserted the University representatives did not realize that the day had gone against them until seconds after the whistle had announced the termination of the time limit.

Junior League.
The junior rugby league, which was captured by the younger athletes of Victoria college, was contested by teams from North Ward, Collegiate, University, Central and High School. Only players under sixteen years of age were permitted to play according to the ruling. But these boys, youthful as they were, contributed some splendid sport during the season. As the series progressed it became evident that the two best were the High School and Central. Before it was finally decided which of these two fifteen was entitled to the premier honors three matches had to be played. In the last the High School managed to pull out with 6 points to their credit, the Central having failed to secure a touch down. The closeness of this fight afforded much

excitement to lovers of the game and also it divided the fans into two factions each one rabidly in favor of the team to which they had informally declared allegiance. A rival spirit of the keenest kind developed. This, it was remarked by one of the instructors, was the more remarkable because of the fact that practically all the boys who represented the High School had, previously, been among the center-frairs. How soon are old associations forgotten in loyalty to the new!

Another Victory.
Of the High School intermediate basketball team it is impossible to say a great deal. Their record is much the same as those of the rugby aggregations of the same institution. From the first match until the last they stuck close together, taking victory and defeat philosophically, always remembering the championship—the goal for which every player was aiming. They played eight games in all and captured five. This was a city league series, open to any athletic club that cared to participate. As a result of their success the players were given medals by the city.

Soccer Also.
Although the photograph of the association football High School eleven that won the junior district league does not accompany this article the "soccer" boys are, none the less, deserving of mention. They went through the series in a typical plucky manner. Were they defeated they came back in the next fight with renewed determination and, as a result, won out with flying colors.

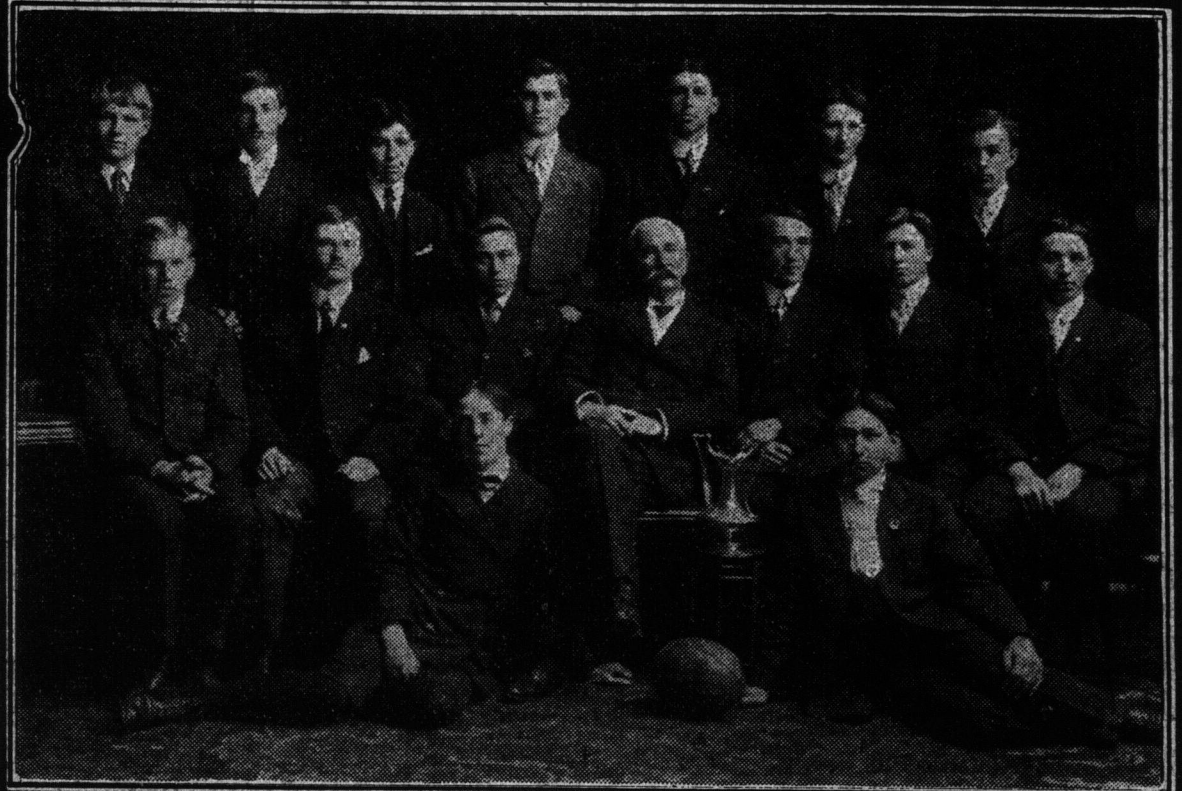
Before the dispersion of the Victoria High School students for the summer vacation those who had taken part in the sports above enumerated during the season held a pleasant reunion. Girls and boys, animated by a desire to excel in various healthy forms of exercise, sports that have been pronounced as having an important influence in the development of strong womanly and manly character, gathered together and talked over the various games which they had indulged in during the past year. In changing reminiscences, which they found almost as enjoyable as their experiences, they agreed that next year they would go into the arena

with the same enthusiasm in the endeavor not only to hold what they had won, but, if possible, to add to their laurels. Of course some, passing matriculation examinations, would be missed. Others, however, had been preparing to take their places and the consensus of opinion appeared to be that the college athletes would be in shape to meet their rivals with even greater hopes of success than in the early fall of 1907.

The personnel of the different High School championship teams as depicted in the accompanying pictures is as follows:



VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL CLUB INTER-SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONS OF VICTORIA



CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' HOCKEY TEAM



VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL RUGBY CLUB JUNIOR CHAMPIONS OF VICTORIA, B.C.

Victoria High School Basketball Club, Intermediate Champions of Victoria—(From left to right): E. Brynjolfson, A. Boggs, E. Spragg, J. McCarter, A. Spencer, F. Dinadale and R. Green. (Sitting): P. Johnson, H. Holmes, W. Sweeney, E. B. Paul, president; E. Erb, captain; A. Carss and N. Gowen, A. Erb, G. Chungranes.

Victoria High School Rugby Club, Intermediate Champions of Victoria—(From left to right): Miss Rathall, Miss Mowat, Miss Patton, Miss Hall, Miss Grant, Miss Green, Miss Schwengers (captain), Miss Nelson, Miss Heyland, Miss Welton, Miss Briggs, Miss Erskine, Miss Duncans.

Victoria High School Girls' Hockey Team, Junior Champions of British Columbia—(From left to right): Miss Rathall, Miss Mowat, Miss Patton, Miss Hall, Miss Grant, Miss Green, Miss Schwengers (captain), Miss Nelson, Miss Heyland, Miss Welton, Miss Briggs, Miss Erskine, Miss Duncans.