LIVELY GAME OF RUGBY SATURDAY

VICTORIAS DEFEATED UNITED SERVICE MEN

Strong and Weak Points of Play—Association Football, Golf and Other Games.

Rugby football has apparently become popular in Victoria. The grand stand at the Caledonia grounds was crowded on Saturday, the occasion being the opening game of the season between Victorias and the United Service. Throughout the match the locals showed a marked superiority at every point except one, and that was in the work of the forwards. The three-quarters individually did splendid work, as did also the half backs. From the start the game was stubbornly contested, but in spite of the plucky efforts of the soldiers and sailors, there wasn't a question at any time during the struggle as to which team would finally win out. The result was 13 points (2 goals and 1 try) to 3 points (1 try) in favor of Victoria.

Although rather one-sided, the game was an interesting one to watch. In the scrimmages there could be no denying the fact that the Service 15 did the better work. They have some system in packing, and besides pushing together they heel the ball splendidly. On almost every occasion the sphere emerged from the Service side, and had the three-quarters been speedy enough to make this advantage count the result would have been different. Victoria undoubtedly had a heavy lot of forwards, but it was evident they lacked training. Among them were Charles Cullin, W. Moresby, J. Cornwall, Phil. Austin and Jagers—a batch of husky players who, with a little practice, will form one of the fastest forward divisions in the province. In the United Service team's forward line, the work of Grundy, formerly of Victoria, was conspicuous. The latter will play with the Service in their matches this season, but will support the locals in league games.

There can be no comparison between the Victoria and Service back divisions. The locals were immeasurably superior in sprinting, dodging, kicking and tackling. The Service players showed a deplorable lack of training in their three-quarter line. When the ball was passed into their hands, instead of resorting to combination, they kicked it into the hands of a Victoria back, and of course it was returned well down field. However, although the three-quarter line of the local 15 worked better than the same division of the opposing team, there is plenty of room for improvement. Ken. Scholefield, J. Rithet, W. McLeod and S. Patton will make as strong a three-quarter line as that of any of the provincial teams with more practice. In their play on Saturday a disposition more towards individual play than combination was shown. This was especially true of Rithet, who, although he did some great work, could scarcely have made many of his splendid sprints if playing against a provincial league aggregation.

Macrae at full back put up a fine game. He was always on hand when needed, and relieved in good style, making some excellent long kicks. More system in the work of the forwards in the scrum and a fast combination along the three-quarter line are the principal improvements necessary to make the Victoria 15 sufficiently strong to cope successfully with the champions.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the ball was kicked off by W. Moresby. It passed into the Service 25, and through a well-directed attack by the Victoria forwards remained in that territory. From a scrimmage Bell secured the ball, and made a long pass to Scholefield, who carried it to within a few yards of the touch-line, and, then, becoming pressed, transferred it to Moresby, who made Victoria's first try. Rithet took the kick and converted with a beautiful kick from a difficult angle.

On the kick-off the Service team evidenced a determined spirit. Encouraged by the cheers of their supporters, a large number of whom were on the grounds, they rushed matters for a time. This, however, was repulsed, and Rithet obtaining the ball, rushed it well into the Service territory. From a scrimmage Moresby got the ball and crossed the line a second time for Victoria. Rithet again took the kick, but this time the angle was too fine, and although it was a good attempt, the ball went just a little too much to the right to convert.

For a time after the recommencement of play in the second half, the trend of the game changed. The Service forwards did some hard playing, and rushed the sphere well into Victoria's 25. Through good scrimmage work the ball was taken right up by the local team's touch line, every inch of the ground being keenly fought. Misselbrook finally took it over the line, which was the Service team's first and only try. Rivers failed to convert, making a very poor kick.

After this the Service 15 continued their good play, and for a time there were some indications that the score would be evened. However, the local forwards rose to the occasion, developing better work in the scrum, and a fast and combined rush which proved most effective. After one of these plays Scholefield got possession of the ball, and made one of the best runs of the afternoon. Going across the field at an angle he passed a number of his opponents, and then turning sharply was on the point of eluding the Service full back, when he tripped and lost the opportunity. From this the ball was taken down field until it was again put into Scholefield's hands from the scrum. The latter sent it to Rithet, who made a dash much similar to Scholefield's, only he passed all his opponents and placed the ball directly behind the goal. Rithet took the kick and converted easily. With the score 13 to 3 the United Service 15 made a strong effort to score, but were unsuccessful. The standing of the opposing teams was unchanged when the whistle blew.

Alexis Martin made a satisfactory referee.

RESULTED IN DRAW.

Before the senior game started a match was played on Saturday at the Caledonia grounds between the Victoria intermediates and the juniors, the former playing 11 men and the latter 16. The match resulted in a draw, each side securing one try, and each attempt at converting being failures.

In the first half the intermediates had the best of the play, but by half time it was apparent that they were gradually being outplayed by their numerous opponents. Before the whistle sounded, however, W. Blackburn had secured the intermediates only try, and the latter team therefore started the second half with an advantage.

As a result of the number of juniors the intermediates were forced into their own 25, and after some hard play, in which the latter team fought desperately against the inevitable, the juniors secured a try. Raymur making the touch. After this the intermediates rallied, and W. Todd made a brilliant run, which almost resulted in another score. However the juniors managed to prevent this, and the game ended in a draw.

SCHEDULE DRAFTED.

The annual general meeting of the B. C. Rugby Union in Victoria, was attended by delegates representing Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo, as follows: Victoria, K. Scholefield and D. Leeming; Vancouver, E. O'Callaghan and J. S. Tait; Nanaimo, W. C. Moresby and F. A. MacRae. The two latter were selected to be present in the interest of the Coal City on account of the inability of the Nanaimo club to send delegates. D. Leeming was chosen chairman, and F. R. Woodward acted as secretary.

Mr. Leeming opened the proceedings with a few words, explaining the business to be dealt with by the meeting. He stated that the first matter to be considered was the election of officers. It was decided that each city directly interested should be represented by an official. Victoria was given the president, Nanaimo the vice-president, and Vancouver the secretary-treasurer. The officers elected follow: H. D. Helmcken, K. C., president; J. H. Hawthornthwaite, vice-president; J. S. Tait, secretary-treasurer.

Official referees: Victoria, Alexis Martin, E. E. Billinghurst and K. Scholefield; Vancouver, McI. McIvor Campbell, H. J. Sinkler and J. Jenkinson; Nanaimo, J. Quine, Mr. Randall and another to be appointed by Nanaimo.

A number of amendments to the constitution, some of important character and others of minor importance, were considered, and in most cases adopted. Among these a clause was added providing that any team defaulting a game shall forfeit the sum of $50 to the home team. Another was the adoption of a system of points for each league match. It was decided that two points shall be allowed for each victory, and one point go to each team in case of a draw. This it is contended will do away with any possibility of a dispute at the end of the season, similar to that between the Vancouver and New Westminster lacrosse teams. It has also been provided in the amended constitution that in the event of a tie affecting the championship the deciding match will be played off on neutral grounds within two weeks of the final scheduled game.

Copies of the constitution as amended together with the rules governing English Rugby will be printed and forwarded to the clubs for distribution in order that the players may be better acquainted with the rules of the game. This was decided unanimously.

A suggestion was made to the effect that at the end of the season a match take place between the champions and a combined team of players from the two defeated teams. This met with favor, and was accordingly decided upon. It was agreed that the first game under this regulation should be played in Victoria.

The next business was the drafting of the appended schedule:

November 21st, Vancouver v. Victoria at Vancouver.

December 5th, Victoria v. Nanaimo at Victoria.

December 19th, Vancouver v. Nanaimo at Nanaimo.

January 2nd, Victoria v. Nanaimo at Victoria.

January 9th, Vancouver v. Nanaimo at Vancouver.

January 23rd, Victoria v. Nanaimo at Nanaimo.

The meeting then adjourned.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA v. GRAFTON.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria eleven played a match with the team from H. M. S. Grafton on the Canteen grounds. It was a hard fought match, resulting in a draw, one goal being scored by each side.

Some good combination work marked the game. Grestock scored for the Victoria team. The sailors' goal followed a penalty kick.

TO WITHDRAW FROM LEAGUE.

"The Celtic Association Football Club held a good practice at the Camble street grounds on Saturday afternoon, and the players are rounding into shape in fine style," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser.

"The club has decided to withdraw from the British Columbia league as they could not fulfil all engagements with the Mainland clubs and play the Island teams as well. At the end of the season the winners of the Mainland league will challenge the winners of the B. C. league, and thereby settle the championship of the province.

"The following clubs have been invited to join the Mainland league: The Celtics, C. P. R. team, Vancouver, East End Intermediates, Vancouver, Westminster, Chilliwack, Eburne, Ladner, Cloverdale, Mount Pleasant team, B. C. Electric club, and the Vancouver Rugby club. Any other teams which may wish to join have only to communicate with the secretary, W. Payne, of Vancouver. When all the applications are in a meeting will be held in Westminster and a season's schedule arranged. The league will in all probability put up a cup and medals for the championship."

Y. M. C. A. v. SHEARWATER.

Another drawn match was played on Saturday afternoon. The Y. M. C. A. team and that from H. M. S. Shearwater met at Beacon Hill park. Each side scored one goal. The Shearwater's goalkeeper, Bradbury, did remarkably clever work, as he succeeded in stopping shot after shot. Only once did the ball pass him, a shot delivered from Bate, of the Y. M. C. A.'s. The Y. M. C. A. team showed considerable improvement since the last game.

JUNIOR MATCH.

The Central juniors in their first match for the season with the North Ward eleven won a victory on Saturday by a score of 2 to 1. The teams were very evenly matched, and up to half time neither side had won a goal. The first goal for the Centrals was scored by Morley. The second resulted from the ball bouncing from one of the North Ward players and going through the goal. Campbell, for the North Ward, scored.

AT MACAULAY POINT.

A game was played on Saturday at Macaulay Point between the Victoria West team and H. M. S. Grafton second eleven. The match resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 3 goals to 1.

The first half of the game was stubbornly contested by the Victoria West team. However, they were not strong enough for the sailors, who scored two goals. The Victoria West eleven got down to work, and before the close of the first half James Fell had scored for the civilians. The second portion resulted in a goal for the sailors, and after this there was no further scoring.

The weakness of the Victoria West team was in the backs, who did not feed the forwards as they should have done.

HANDBALL.

FIRST TOURNAMENT.

The J. B. A. A. will commence their first handball tournament of the season today. A large number of entries have been received and the various events are expected to be keenly contested. The following are the handicaps and drawings:

R. D. Gray, scratch, bye.

V. K. Gray, received 3, bye.

J. Hunter, owe 1, vs. H. E. Hobbis, received 3.

S. McB. Smith, owe 5, vs. J. Sutherland, owe 2.

C. Pendray, received 1, vs. T. Peden, received 2.

G. W. R. Pritchard, received 4, vs. G. W. Heathcote, received 4.

G. W. Knox, received 3, vs. A. George, received 1.

R. Power, owe 1, vs. H. E. Boorman, received 3.

W. T. Andrews, scratch, vs. F. C. Davie, owe 1.

F. Dillabough, scratch, vs. B. C. Pettingill, owe 10.

R. E. Gosnell, scratch, vs. J. Jost, owe 8.

J. Leeming, owe 2, vs. C. S. Finlayson, scratch.

R. Peden, owe 1, vs. A. D. Belyea, owe 1.

F. C. Fowkes, received 3, vs. F. E. W. Smith, owe 3.

F. Dresser, scratch, bye.

Ray Power, owe 1, bye.

A meeting of the handball committee will be held on Wednesday evening next for the purpose of arranging for the formation of a city league. All clubs interested in the game are requested to send delegates.

GOLF.

MONTHLY COMPETITION.

Following are the results of the first monthly medal competition of the Victoria Golf Club:

Ladies.

	Sc.	Hdp.	Net.
*Miss Langley	107	30	77
Mrs. Combe	82	8.	82
Miss Todd	113	30	83
Miss Drake	83	8.	83
Mrs. Langley	83	8.	83
Mrs. Burton	99	8	91
Mrs. Martin	105	12	93
Mrs. Davidson	127	30	97
Mrs. Laing	117	16	101

*Miss Langley, winner.

Mrs. I. Crease returned no score.

Gentlemen.

	Sc.	Hdp.	Net.
*H. Combe	75	8.	75
C. H. Cookson	92	16	76
C. B. Stahlschmidt	90	12	78
A. T. Goward	95	12	83
C. W. Rhodes	103	20	83
A. P. Luxton	94	7	87
B. G. Goward	106	18	88
A. D. Crease	99	10	89
C. I. Prior	96	7	89
D. R. Irvine	95	6	89
H. R. Burroughes	110	20	90
C. V. Cronyn	105	14	91
H. Goldfinch	94	8.	94
D. B. Bogle	109	13	96

*H. Combe, winner.

H. Combe's score of 75 is the record for the links, the previous best, also made by him, being 76.

FENCING.

ROOMS SECURED.

Rooms have been secured by the Victoria Fencing Club in the Five Sisters' building, and it is expected that the winter's practice will commence next week. The work of fitting up the club's headquarters with all necessary paraphernalia will commence immediately. The honorary presidency of the club has been accepted by Rear-Admiral Bickford. Other honorary members are: Lieut.-Col. Holms, Lieut.-Col. Hall and H. D. Helmcken, K. C. The executive committee consists of Messrs. A. G. King, H. Mortimer-Lamb and S. Maclure. As it is the intention to limit the membership, those who wish to join should make application as soon as possible.

HOCKEY.

PRACTICE SATURDAY.

On Saturday at Oak Bay a practice match was played between teams chosen by Messrs. Berridge and Schwengers. Some profitable training was given the intermediates by a number of seniors present in preparation for the game which is scheduled to take place on Saturday next at Nanaimo, between the Victoria and Nanaimo intermediate teams.

THE KINKS AND TWISTS IN RHEUMATICS' RUGGED ROAD.—For 4 years the wife of a well known Toronto physician was on crutches from Rheumatism Scourge, and not until she began using South American Rheumatic Cure could she get a month's permanent relief from pain. Four bottles cured her. Write for confirmation if you're sceptical. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—154.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS.

The three Chinamen who were sentenced at Clinton to hang for the murder of a fellow countryman at Big Bar, are now lodged in the Kamloops jail, where they will be hanged in December next.

James Wilson died at the Provincial Home on Friday morning at the age of 75 years. The deceased, who was admitted to the home from Vancouver in March last, was a native of England and served in the British army in India. The past seventeen years of his life he spent in British Columbia.

GRAND FORKS.

At the official inquiry held here on behalf of the Dominion government by L. P. Eckstein relative to the alleged contravention of the Alien Labor Act, several witnesses have been examined. No evidence of specific breaches of the law was adduced. It was stated by some of the witnesses that men who had come into Boundary to work in the mines, claimed to have been employed at Spokane by the agencies there. Whether such agencies acted on their own accord or otherwise, could not be stated. In a great majority of cases these men either failed to secure work or worked a few days only before returning to the state of Washington. This arose from the fact that they were incompetent in most cases. All witnesses refused to blame any company or person for the incursion into the country of these men.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the annual meeting of the New Westminster Liberal Club, Mayor W. H. Keary was elected president, and Geo. Adams was appointed to the vice-president's chair. J. D. Rae was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The executive committee includes, besides the above-mentioned officers, Messrs. W. L. Johnson, A. Stiles, D. McPherson, J. B. Jardine, T. M. Tyson and J. Ross Sharpe. The club is in a flourishing condition.

At a meeting of the Westminster Horticultural Society it was decided to hold the annual chrysanthemum show under the auspices of the society in St. George's hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th inst.

Owing to the fact that there were circumstances considered suspicious in connection with the death of an Indian woman named Catherine, an inquest was held on Saturday. The death occurred on Tuesday, but was not reported until Friday. Dr. Kenny reported having made a post-mortem examination, and found that the action of the heart had become very weak, due to excessive use of intoxicants. A verdict of death from natural causes was rendered.

Some day or night last week, burglars entered the residence of Aulay Morrison, M. P., on Columbia street, East, and thoroughly ransacked the house. It is not known just exactly what goods were taken although some silverware is missing. Mr. Morrison is due home now at any time, when an inventory can be taken. During the absence of Mr. Morrison and family, there is no person at the house, and it was only on Friday that the gardener noticed that the house had been entered by the marauders.

YMIR.

For the past three months work has been in progress at the Tamarac mine, a small force of men being engaged on development in the deepest portion of the mine. The report is current here that a fine body of good grade ore has been opened up and that the property is likely to resume its old standing as one of the most important propositions in the camp. That interest of the shareholders has been awakened and that some important steps are likely to be taken shortly is evidenced by the fact that S. S. Fowler, the well known mining engineer, has been engaged for several days past in making a thorough examination of the property.

A fortunate accident has been the means of disclosing a fine body of ore in the Atlin shaft, the presence of which was quite unsuspected. Until recently the shaft has been under lease and the lessee has shipped a quantity of good ore, taking it from near what was presumed to be the hanging wall. At the termination of his lease, the shaft partly filled up with water which was removed a day or two ago to permit of an examination. When the water had all been taken out it was found that a large slab of rock three feet wide had fallen out of the supposed hanging wall and that the slab itself—the region from which it had fallen—consisted of almost solid high grade ore.

At the Wilcox mine also, present development is showing up larger bodies of the high grade ore recently shipped. This ore which runs over $60 per ton and is therefore too rich to pass through the mill, is now being found in such quantities that the average monthly product of the mine is likely to be more than doubled in value.

NELSON.

"A special meeting of the members of the Mountain Lumbermen's Manufacturing Association was held Monday afternoon at the board of trade rooms," says the News. "Representatives of the press were not admitted, but from statements of members after the meeting it appears that the first part of the day was occupied with private business, including setting the standards of measurements for dressed lumber, discussing freight rates, and technical matters generally. After this there were a number of speeches on the position of Canadian lumbermen at present owing to the absence of a duty on American lumber. It was finally decided to memorialize the government in regard to the situation and ask for a duty to protect the Canadian manufacturer."

A post office has been opened at Poplar. The mails will be taken up there by the same route and at the same time as at present. The establishment of this office will prove of great convenience not only to the residents of Poplar itself, but to the large number of men who are working at prospects in that neighborhood.

R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., and F. P. Gutelius, engineer, maintenance of way, arrived in the city on Wednesday evening, accompanying E. E. Busteed, the new superintendent of the Nelson division. Mr. Marpole said that besides instalking Mr. Busteed in office at Nelson, he would spend a few days here looking into several matters requiring his attention. Among these is the question as to whether the Lardeau service will be kept open all winter. He was pleased with the steady increase in the freight traffic in this division, and the volume of passenger traffic had also shown a good deal of improvement this summer and fall. Regarding the Nelson machine shops, Mr. Marpole said that everything was new progressing satisfactorily. On the main line everything was in good shape for the winter, as could be said of the lines in the mountains generally. The past summer had seen a lot of improvements made in the road bed in this province.

Rev. Dr. Wright has tendered his resignation of St. Paul's church Nelson. He states that his frequent attacks of sciatica together with his 65 years of age made it difficult for him to do efficient pastoral work in a place like Nelson with its steep streets; that fearing this from the first, he had told both Presbytery and congregation when inducted that his stay would be short, but that he would try and be of some service to the congregation through the period of depression that had then set in, and that in consequence, he had never brought his family to Nelson. Now the depression is lifting; the exodus has ceased, families begin to come into the city, 21 new members united with the congregation three weeks ago, and the church is well filled. He said that in view of the scarcity of pulpit supply in the Presbytery, he and his family would stay most of the winter in Columbia, where he could help out the scarcity supply in cases of emergency. The Presbytery have agreed to take the steps usual in similar cases, and cite the congregation to appear for its interests at a meeting of Presbytery to be held shortly, the exact date depending on the action of Mr. McNeill with regard to the Rossland call.

VANCOUVER.

Detectives Jackson and Mulhern have received $250 each for their capture of Leonard and his wife. The balance of the money found on the fugitives was forwarded to the North American Trust Company of New York.

The Chinamen arrested in the raid upon the Armstrong building, near the Oriental theatre, last week, came up for trial before Acting Magistrate F. R. McD. Russell on Wednesday. D. G. Macdonell appeared for the defence and Mr. Hamersley for the prosecution. The witnesses examined were the policemen who raided the place and the Chinamen who were apprehended therein. The evidence of the former indicated that there was something doing. There were tables and chips and cards and Chinese money, and chop sticks and silver, or something supposed to be silver, on the tables. There was a rush, a flurry, a general scoop and a dispersement. Everything on the tables in the shape of silver, if there had been any there, disappeared in a trice, and the officers burst in upon the frightened party to find a litte of general gambling paraphernalia scattered over the place. For their part the Chinamen swore that they were not gambling. In fact they said they did not know what gambling meant. The house was rented by a Chinese contractor, and those arrested were regular tenants who were amusing themselves in their own way. "You can easily see, Your Worship," said Mr. Macdonell, "that my clients are telling the truth."

"You say so," said Mr. Hamersley.

"Well," said Mr. Macdonell, "there are thirteen of them who are prepared to swear to it."

Mr. Hamersley contended that a Chinaman had no regard for his oath. The magistrate held that if the fact of catching a party of Chinamen gathered in a room, with gambling apparatus and appearance of using it, did not constitute a case, there was little possibility that any case could be made out at any time.

Mr. Macdonell claimed that the presence of paraphernalia did not prove gambling. The prosecution must prove that they were using it. He suggested that the law should be amended to fit the case of the Chinese.

The magistrate decided that a case had been made out and imposed a fine of $20 on each of the accused.

Mr. Macdonell said the case would be appealed to a higher court.

Staff-Captain Goodwin, of London, Ont., who will take charge of the Salvation Army work in Vancouver, will arrive here this week.

The city council met Friday night in committee of the whole, to consider proposed amendments to the charter. With a view of encouraging the extension of the street railway to the cemetery and to Hastings park, it was decided to introduce a clause empowering the city to purchase such extensions as part of the city system, which, according to the present act, the city may purchase in the year 1918. According to the present wording of the act, the purchasing power attaches to lines within the city limits only. In case the city should conceive it wise to undertake the construction of these extensions on its own account, it was further decided to ask for power to build, the idea being that if the extensions were so constructed, they might be leased to the Electric Railway Company and operated by it until such time as the city might see fit to take advantage of existing agreements and buy out the system. It was also agreed to take a plebescite on the "one man one vote" principle, to be carried by a three-fifths vote and to have the charter amended to empower the council to adopt this change. This means, if the change is adopted that an elector may vote for mayor and aldermen in one ward only. Under the present system an elector may vote for aldermen in every ward in which he holds property. In this connection the point of aldermanic tenure was discussed, the idea being promulgated that a better service could be obtained if aldermen are elected for two years, half of them going for re-election at one time, instead of the whole number as at present. Authority for this change will be asked for. Nothing was said about the $25 per month salary. It was suggested that the property qualification should be abolished, but this proposition failed to get support and was quickly abandoned. A clause will be asked empowering the council to license tobacco dealers. Request was stated for power to acquire and operate a telephone system; also to supply electric light to consumers.

The past month was a pretty heavy one in police court circles, 221 cases having come up before the magistrate. Gambling and drunkenness were responsible for nearly half the charges.

The fire loss during the past month was a trifle over $60,000, the fire at the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company's mill being chiefly responsible for this amount.

During the month of October there were registered 61 marriages, 33 births, and 37 deaths (29 whites, 8 Orientals).

There were 32 interments at the Mountain View cemetery during the past month.

Sunday marked an important epoch in the history of the recently organized congregation of St. John's Presbyterian church, as the Sabbath school hall, completed a short time ago, was formally dedicated. Special services with appropriate music were held, the pastor, Rev. Robert Laird, M.A., officiating in both the morning and evening, while in the afternoon there was a special children's service. The building is situated on Comox street near the corner of Broughton. For the present the hall will be used for all church purposes. It has accommodation for a congregation of over 500, and without sacrificing its primary utility as a place for Sabbath school work, it has been made as far as possible suitable and convenient for the general requirements of a place of worship.

A new phase has occurred in the case of Ah Que, the Chinese woman, who applied to the police for protection on Thursday night. On Saturday the police arrested Kown Lee, who is charged with having brought the woman into this country for immoral purposes and living off the proceeds of prostitution.

"The experiment of laying cement sidewalks by day labor has proved eminently satisfactory in Vancouver," says the News-Advertiser. "Until the work, now nearing completion, was begun last summer, this branch of municipal improvement was done by the contract system, and the results of departure from the old plan have been awaited with a good deal of interest. It was gleaned from the engineer that the day labor method has not only proved slightly advantageous financially, but that the quality of the work done is very much superior. These cement sidewalks are built on the local improvement plan, one-third of the cost being borne by the city and two-thirds by the owners of property abutting thereon. A great many sections of cement sidewalk have been laid during the past season in various parts of the city, particularly in the centre and in the west end."

ROSSLAND.

George S. Waterlow left on Monday for the Boundary with Anthony J. McMillan, and will leave Phoenix in the course of a few days for England. Mr. Waterlow is a director of the Le Roi and deputy chairman of the Snowshoe Gold & Copper Mines. With Mr. McMillan, who is managing director of the Le Roi, Mr. Waterlow spent some days looking into the company's affairs here and at Northport. The fact that lower grade ore can now be treated profitably and other reasons led Mr. Waterlow to the conclusion that the outlook for the Rossland camp is brighter than for some time past.

"Slightly over one hundred ounces of gold valued at $17 per ounce was the outcome of Sunday's clean-up at the I X L mine, where P. H. Craven has been operating the dumps for the past six weeks. The clean-up on Sunday was the outcome of thirteen days' steady milling, and the proceeds will net the lessee a handsome profit. The conditions at the I X L in respect to the present operations have attracted much interest among Rosslanders, but the nature of the conditions existing at the property is not generally understood. The ore now being put through the mill is not bonanza rock at all. The average of the product is about $4, and the lessee is making money simply by cutting down operating expenses to the last notch and personally doing the expert mill work required to make all such ventures successful. It will be apparent to all, of course, that such material could not be mined and milled at a profit, although once mined and the charges on this score posted to the company's profit and loss account, it is possible to handle it profitably. Mr. Craven has worked out the problem of economy and efficiency and is reaping excellent profits. Under similar conditions other men could have done equally well had they perceived the opportunity and grasped it. The amalgam taken off the plates during the two weeks previous to the clean-up was retorted on Sunday at the O. K. mill, which is also under lease to Mr. Craven. Following the separation of the bullion and mercury, the former was taken to the blacksmith and melted into a brick. The interesting performance was witnessed by a few spectators, and the handsome brick of bullion was weighed and examined with keen interest. It will be shipped to a refinery at the Coast. After being run into brick form the bullion was immediately taken up town and placed in a vault at one of the banks. The two previous clean-ups realized $1,300 and $1,500 respectively."—Miner.

St. George's Anglican church was the scene of a charming wedding on Wednesday morning, the nuptials being those of Miss Mabel Inez, only daughter of J. L. Whitney, the well known mining man and broker, and Jairah B. Moseley, a rising young Spokane business man. Rev. John A. Celand, rector of St. George's, officiated. Subsequent to the wedding the members of both families partook of breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. Moseley proceeded to Spokane.

The past week was replete with features of interest in connection with the Rossland camp. Following the announcement that two mines, one of which was the White Bear, contemplated installing concentrators, comes the intimation that a third, the Spitzee, will probably have a mill to handle its ore next spring. The suspension at the Josie mine, owing to difficulties about the delivery of ore at the Greenwood smelter, was of short duration, the mine resuming after four days' idleness with a full crew of over eighty men. The results secured at Le Roi No. 2 concentrator, using the Elmore oil process, have been eminently satisfactory, the saving of all values having been over 90 per cent. Ore shipments were as follows: Le Roi, 5,070; Centre Star, 1,440; War Eagle, 1,110; Le Roi No. 2, 220; Jumbo, 300; I. X. L. (milled), 140; Kootenay, 180. Total for week, 8,460. Total, year to date, 330,574.

VICTORIANS SUCCESS.

H. P. Dickinson Will Have Charge of Twenty-Three Agencies of Giant Powder Company.

The following from the Rossland Miner contains references to the marked progress made by Victorians, H. P. Dickinson and W. R. Wilson, holding responsible positions in the Giant Powder Company:

"The Giant Powder Company Consolidated have recently inaugurated changes in respect to their business arrangements in the Kootenay-Boundary Company that are of interest to Rosslanders, inasmuch as the Golden City is made the headquarters for the company in eastern British Columbia. Incidental to the rearrangement referred to is the departure of W. Ray Wilson for Victoria, where he will hold a responsible post in the company's employ on the Island and in the Vancouver district. Another change is the arrival in Rossland of H. P. Dickinson, formerly of Greenwood. Mr. Dickinson will have charge of the twenty-three agencies in the Kootenay and Boundary, and Rossland will be headquarters for the districts covered by these agencies. The company will have general offices here, and their premises will be opened for business at an early date. The offices recently vacated by the Canadian Pacific's agency will probably be secured for this purpose.

"In the advent of Mr. Dickinson, Rossland is gainer by the addition of an exceptionally bright and successful young business man to its business community. Ten years ago he joined the Giant Company's service at Victoria, spending a year in the practical end of the business and then devoting his energies to the executive feature of the industry. His promotion has been steady and substantial. To-day he directs the policy of the company throughout the districts where it finds its best markets in the province, and he is regarded as the most successful man in the powder business of British Columbia. Three years ago Mr. Dickinson went into the Boundary country, where his company's product was a minor factor in the powder trade. As a result of his efforts the Boundary country is consuming giant powder almost exclusively, and approximately the same conditions exist in the Rossland camp.

"To indicate the magnitude of the powder business in British Columbia it is interesting to note that a decade ago the province consumed half a million pounds of high explosives annually, while to-day the consumption is close to three million pounds per year. In the interim competition has increased substantially, and there has been a steady improvement in the quality of the article manufactured, the betterment being particularly in the direction of devising absorbents for the nitro-glycerine gases following explosions. Improvements in transportation methods have also helped to reduce costs to the consumer.

"In view of the further steps by the Giant Company in the direction of perfecting its business system in the interior of the province it is safe to predict that the volume of the concern's trade will steadily increase."

THAT "AMBERGRIS."

Coveted Substance Proved by Analysis to Be Only Animal Fat.

Under the heading "Not Ambergris, But Animal Fat," the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"'Animal fat of little or no commercial value' is the verdict of two government chemists detailed to make an analysis of eighty pounds of curious looking substance which was found aboard a nameless gasoline launch owned by Charles Todd, and which local druggists and chemists pronounced to be ambergris. Had it been ambergris, as Todd and the chemists believed, it would have been worth from $40,000 to $50,000. Customs officers seized the launch late in August for illegally landing in this port—that is, having failed to report entry at the custom house. Under the law any vessel so entering is not only subject to confiscation, but her cargo is also liable to seizure. Hence the customs inspectors not only seized the launch, but the mysterious looking cargo as well. Then they set about an investigation to determine the character of the cargo, its value, etc."

After referring to the manner in which the "ambergris" had been discovered in Victoria and smuggled across the Straits—facts already published in the Times—and to the arrival of Capt. Grant and other Victorians in Seattle to claim the supposed treasure, the Post-Intelligencer says:

"Todd explained that he had come into this port under the impression that he was not required to enter, as his craft was merely a launch less than twenty-five feet long. The case was submitted to the department, and upon his giving the necessary bond the launch was restored to him. Meanwhile samples of the 'ambergris' were forwarded for scientific analysis by the government's chemists, one to San Francisco and the other to Boston. Both chemists, as stated, pronounced the substance seized simply animal fat, carrying little or no commercial value.

"The Victorians, probably, will make no further effort to secure the 'ambergris.'"

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