

NEWS OF MANY SPORTS

Portland's Cricketers Arrive This Evening to Open Their Playing Tour in B. C.

Golfers in Annual Meeting—The Bays' Annual Regatta and Its Features.

To-Morrow's Important Meetings on the Lacrosse Field and the Cinder Path.

The members of the Victoria Cricket Club will this afternoon welcome to British Columbia's capital the strong eleven which Captain C. W. Lawrence has got together to represent Portland in the series of matches opening with that of Victoria vs. Portland at Caledonia park to-morrow. Now that Winnipeg has dropped out, Portland takes the most prominent place in the series arranged through the efforts of the Vancouver carnival committee, and the outcome of this the great English game will be watched with keen interest. At least five of the Victoria team had the pleasure last year of enjoying the hospitality of the Portland cricketers, and are all well pleased that the opportunity is now afforded them of returning in a measure the kind attentions which were so marked and pleasant a feature of the 1895 trip to Oregon. Captain Lawrence is himself no stranger to British Columbia, having come here as long ago as 1891 with the California team, which then made a tour of the cities of this province. He has lately strengthened his eleven materially by the acquisition of the great English navy, and the combination as completed will be well worthy to represent Stars and Stripes in the international series to be disposed of during the coming week. The series, with the exception of those fixtures in which Winnipeg would have played a part, will be carried out according to the original programme and should—undoubtedly be—productive of the best cricket of the season. To-morrow's match commences at 10 o'clock and admirable arrangements have been made for the hospitable treatment of all visitors at the grounds during the day and cricketers especially should make it a point to attend—members of the club will be admitted free—thus showing their appreciation of the honor paid Victoria by the Portland team in opening their playing tour in this city.

VICTORIA C.C. V. THE NAVY. This match was played yesterday afternoon on the Canteen grounds and was an exciting finish by a victory for Victoria by 6 runs. To-morrow before calling time for drawing stumps, Victoria started rather badly, with only 14 runs up for two wickets, Morley having been caught in the first over off a hard chance taken close to the ground in the slips and Wallis being caught at short-off. Lobb and Thomas then made a long stand and brought up the score to 57 before Lobb was disposed of and Thomas was immediately afterwards bowled after making 43 in most brilliant style. Smith was the only one to make any real stand afterwards, and was the last man out. The Navy had about an hour and three-quarters in which to make 141, and with their all-round strong batting team, including seven undoubtedly sturdy batsmen seemed likely to succeed. Gooch started the bowling from the end nearest the car line and Wallis from the other. Victoria was fortunate enough to get Capt. Adair, Lieut. Crawley and Capt. Barnes for a very few runs. Four wickets were down for 34, and then Capt. Poole and Fellowes made a good stand till Poole was caught at the wicket. Score, 74 for 5 wickets. Mainprize and Spoke made things lively and the ninth wicket fell for 117 with seventeen minutes left for play in which to make 24 runs. When the score reached 94, three minutes before time, a double change of bowling was tried, with the result that Spoke was caught and bowled by Lobb only two minutes before the call of time. The following are the scores:

VICTORIA.				
S. F. Morley, c. Luard b. Backhouse.....	0			
W. Wallis, c. Hamer b. Luard.....	43			
W. A. Lobb, b. Luard.....	27			
F. W. Thomas, b. Luard.....	48			
A. G. Smith, c. Gooch b. Backhouse.....	29			
W. P. Gooch, c. Spoke b. Luard.....	17			
A. P. Luard, c. Hamer b. Luard.....	18			
A. Scroggs, b. Luard.....	0			
C. A. Giffin, c. Luard b. Backhouse.....	4			
A. F. Langley, b. Backhouse.....	1			
E. C. Arden, not out.....	0			
Extras.....	3			
Total.....	140			
THE NAVY.				
Capt. Adair, b. Gooch.....	2			
Lt. Crawley, c. Smith b. Gooch.....	14			
Capt. G. E. Barnes, R.M.A., b. Wallis.....	27			
Capt. H. Poole, R.M.A., c. Smith b. Morley.....	30			
Mr. Hamer, b. W. b. Gooch.....	20			
Mr. Fellowes, c. Gooch b. Giffin.....	26			
Mr. Mainprize, c. Morley b. Wallis.....	23			
Lt. Luard, b. Giffin.....	3			
Mr. Ward, b. Giffin.....	2			
Mr. Spoke, c. Lobb.....	15			
Mr. Backhouse, not out.....	4			
Extras.....	6			
Total.....	134			
Runs. Wickets. Overs. Maidens.				
Luard.....	49	6	22	6
Backhouse.....	28	4	13	3
Crawley.....	12	0	1	0
Adair.....	13	0	3	0
Barnes.....	21	0	11	1
Ward.....	15	0	3	0

Runs. Wickets. Overs. Maidens.				
Gooch.....	33	3	17	2
Wallis.....	43	2	15	2
Morley.....	18	1	5	1
Lobb.....	7	1	3	1
Giffin.....	27	3	7	0

GOLF. PRESENTATION OF CHALLENGE CUPS. The annual general meeting of the members of the Victoria Golf Club was held yesterday afternoon, when the secretary announced that he had received offers on behalf of the club from some members to present Silver Cups to be played for during the coming season. A letter in this connection was read from Mr. A. P. Luard offering to present a silver cup for competition in connection with the "A" class monthly

medal handicaps; another from Mr. Robert Cassidy stated that he would be pleased to present a silver challenge cup to be competed for by the lady members of the Tacoma Golf Club at the next and following spring meetings of the Victoria club—this cup to be known as the "American Consular Challenge Cup." Mr. C. B. Stahlshmidt also offered a cup to be played for during the season by the members in connection with their class monthly medal handicaps, the conditions and terms of playing for between the donors and the committee. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to those gentlemen, accepting their kind offers.

The following members were then elected as officers for the coming season: president, Hewitt Bostock, M.P.; captain, Harvey Combe; secretary-treasurer, C. B. Stahlshmidt; committee, A. P. Luard, B. J. Prior, G. H. Kirk, W. E. Oliver, B. J. Prior, O. H. Van Millingen, and W. H. Langley. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Harvey Combe on behalf of the members presented a very handsome silver B. Stahlshmidt as an expression of appreciation of his services as secretary for the past 2 years. Mr. Stahlshmidt suitably acknowledged the gift, thanking the members, said that he felt sure the season would be equally successful with the past one, and from present indications it was likely to be more so.

LAWN TENNIS. FOULKES SUFFERS DEFEAT. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Aug. 28.—The great international tennis tournament began in earnest yesterday morning and is now in full progress. In the preliminary round of the men's singles, J. F. Foulkes, the British Columbia champion, defeated W. C. Grant, of Boston (6-1, 6-3), but in the second round was beaten by Fritz Ward, of Rochester (6-3, 6-2). The game was a sharp one, but Foulkes was handicapped by having a much inferior racket.

THE OAR. THE "BAYS" ANNUAL REGATTA. The executive of the J.B.A.A. last night decided that the club's annual regatta should be held on September 12, in the inner harbor as usual. The events will include senior and junior single sculls; double-scull dingey four-oared lapstreak; and race for the Helmsman cup, and the senior single for the Mallandaine cup. The four-oared lapstreak, which will be rowed in four or five heats, is for the Flumerfelt cup. As the Bays have many promising young rowers this year the races ought to be even more than usually exciting. The crews that take part in the Vancouver regatta leave to-morrow night for the Terminal City with their boats.

THE CANADIAN IS FAVORITE. TORONTO, Aug. 28.—A cablegram from London says that the Canadian watermen are taking more than ordinary interest in the sculling contest between Gandar and Stanbury and are inclined to favor the Canadian's style. Yesterday morning, Gandar, accompanied by Wag Harding, rowed a special trial over the half course, the former easily distancing the Englishman. Eddie Durman now challenges Hanlan to row him within three weeks for \$250 a side, and posts a \$300 forfeit. GREAT SPORT AT THE ROYAL CITY. WESTMINSTER, Aug. 28.—(Special).—Two thousand Indians took part in the sports here yesterday and furnished the greater part of the entertainment. The Indian canoe race, eleven paddles, was won by the Kuper Islanders, the Coquitlam, Valdez and Chinook tribes competing. To-day there were several rowing races with close finishes, and besides sailing and Indian paddle races, the sports were keenly enjoyed by the large crowds present.

YACHTING. HONORS TO THE VICTORS. TORONTO, Aug. 28.—Arrangements are in progress to give the crew of the Canada a rousing reception on their arrival here from Toledo. SAILED FOR VANCOUVER. Two of the yachts which will represent Victoria at the Vancouver regatta on Monday sailed for Burrard yesterday. One was the flyer Widewake, which the owner Mr. Gusfield will captain, assisted by J. Johnson, A. Hardy and F. Douglass. The Nancy followed later in the day, with Capt. C. Man and D. Finlayson. The Fron Frou and Daisy Bell will be sent over by steamer in the morning. There was once again no wind yesterday at the time set for the race in B class—and hence no race.

NEW MINING COMPANIES. The rapidly growing interest in British Columbia as a profitable field for mining investments is shown by the increased number of companies being formed to do business in this province. The certificates of no fewer than eleven new companies appear in this week's official Gazette. One of these is the Big Valley Creek Gold Mines, Limited (foreign), with headquarters at London, England, with a capital stock of £25,000. Another is the B. C. Consolidated Gold Mining Co., limited liability, with headquarters at the object being to purchase and work the British Columbia mineral claim in Trail Creek district and to do general mining. The Consolidated Sable Creek Mining Co., limited liability, with headquarters at Vancouver, and a capital of \$1,500,000, has been formed for several mining purposes, and another new Roseland company is the Delacola Gold Mining Co., limited liability, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The Price-Eaton Co. (foreign), of San Francisco, with a capital of \$500,000, has been formed here, and so has the Golden River Queenelle, limited (foreign), of London, with the same capital of £350,000. The Lardene Mining and Development Co., limited liability, of the Pictou Development Co., British Columbia company with a capital of \$500,000, and a new foreign consolidated Mining Co. (foreign), with capital of \$1,000,000. Other new organizations are the Standard Gold Mining Co., limited liability, of Vancouver, with a capital of \$1,000,000, the Yale Gold-Copper Mining Co., limited liability, with headquarters at Roseland and a capital of \$1,000,000, and the Pictou Development Syndicate, limited liability, of Nelson, with capital stock of \$15,000.

SHIPPING AND SHIPS.

The Flagship Returns But Not to Enter Dock—Danger of the Inside Passage.

Reported Mutiny on the "F. M. Smith" Denied by Her Commander.

H.M.S. Imperieuse, which arrived home Wednesday night, was yesterday receiving coal at the naval wharf, much to the surprise of those who had expected to see her enter dock for repair immediately upon her return from the North. As it is necessary for her to lighten in order to go into the dock conveniently, the coaling may be taken as most satisfactory evidence that the flagship is not intended to receive repairs at present, and such being the case that no serious harm resulted from her experience of Saturday last in Nanosue bay. The tide, too, is unpropitious at present, and so visitors need not hope to see the big cruiser on the blocks for some weeks at least. According to the Imperieuse's officers she was under half steam, proceeding at about 8-knot speed, when she grazed the rock being a charted danger to navigation, but shown by the charts about eighty yards off its actual position. The incident, while fortunately not resulting in costly repairs, has created a great deal of uneasiness among the navigators of large craft, and illustrates the need of a check being made for the verification of the charts of these waters.

NO SECOND MUTINY. A letter received from Capt. McGrath, master of the sealing schooner Florence M. Smith, and mailed from Atun while the schooner was lying there a few weeks ago, gives positive assurance that there was no second mutiny aboard while the vessel was proceeding from Japan to Behring Sea. This news it will be remembered, came from the North in a letter from one of the other captains to his owners, and naturally caused a little uneasiness among those interested in the Smiths. It is now evident that the writer of the first message had either been confused in the date of the trouble among Capt. McGrath's crew or had got her mixed with some other vessel of the fleet.

MARINE NOTES. Aboard the steamer Matilla which sailed from San Francisco yesterday morning are the following passengers for Victoria: M. Loughead and wife, F. M. McCulley and wife, Rev. Frederick Hawth, J. E. Elliott, W. F. Feale, Miss H. Newman, Mrs. Ollie P. Wright and wife, M. Frank, D. H. Wright, T. Bennington, Geo. Ashton, Miss Morris, Miss Carleton, H. Myers, Mrs. Cheney and Mrs. Robinson.

The British bark Bolivia left at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, where she received a small party covering the part damaged some time ago through the bark touching a rock in Plummer pass. She proceeds to Vancouver in tow of the Lorne to-day, to load lumber for Port Pirie, Australia.

Yesterday the big O. R. & N. line Altmore, inward bound from China and Japan, via Portland, passed up to Comox where she received a small party for the outward voyage. She will be here on Saturday morning and after landing and receiving some freight and a few passengers will proceed to the Orient.

The Townsend tug Wanderer came in from the Sound yesterday for the ship Atacama, which she takes to Port Gamble.

Among minor arrivals in port yesterday were the Katie, with hay from Prevost island, and the Mischel, with coal from Comox.

The Maude went to Telegraph Bay yesterday with powder.

The steamer Yosemite is being got ready for service.

THE CITY.

The next examinations of the B. C. Medical Council are to be held in Vancouver on Tuesday next.

JOHN ROBERT FERGUSON, James Wylie Orr, C. M. Ferguson and H. A. Orr, all of Trail, have organized under the Ferguson & Orr Co., limited liability, to do the business of general merchandise at Trail, the capital stock being \$10,000.

The Companies of the Forest will hold a garden party at the Cliff house on Wednesday next. A nice programme has been arranged by the committee and a theatrical performance will be given by good talent in the evening, a dance taking place after supper.

A PARAGRAPH appearing in the Nanaimo Free Press to the effect that the steamer Tees is soon to be transferred to the Westminster route, is contradicted by the C.P.N. officials. The Tees will continue on the West Coast run in place of the Maude, for which purpose she was purchased.

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The date of the annual citizens' ball in aid of the Jubilee hospital, is this year October 21. Already the work of preparation has been taken in hand by the enterprising workers of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home acknowledges with thanks the substantial sum of \$245.40, received from Messrs. Jeeves and Sons as the result of the lacrosse match on Saturday last between the employees working on the new government buildings and those on the new post office structure. It may be added that Finn's band furnished free music during the afternoon.

MR. HERBERT STEVENSON and Miss A. Reid were united in marriage by Rev. C. Seanley at Christ church cathedral on Wednesday evening last. After the wedding the couple drove to their future residence, where they were serenaded by the fife and drum band of No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment. The ceremony was followed by the presentation of a handsome silver tea service, the gift of one of numerous costly gifts of which the newly married ones were recipients.

MISS STEVENSON, whose home is on Oak Bay avenue, had a miraculous escape from death on Wednesday evening. She had been driving down the avenue in company with Mr. Oliver and was left in the rig outside a residence where her companion had occasion to call, when the accident occurred. The lady, unharmed, escaped from the rig, which was struck by a large car travelling down grade at a good speed. The collision broke the vehicle into splinters and sent the lady flying into the air. Through the promptness of driver Kingsley in reversing the power of the car, the lady was only touched by the car's trucks, being picked up unconscious beneath the front of the machine, and recovered yesterday was almost entirely recovered from the shock.

ALTHOUGH several months will elapse before the civic elections, preparations therefor have already begun in earnest. The temperance workers of the city have started the ball rolling by asking the court to determine the manner in which the names of candidates are to be placed on the ballot. They hope to exercise more influence on the saloon question through the election of staunch temperance workers on the aldermanic board, and a canvass of citizens to enter the field as candidates is now being made. The names of some of the present aldermen have already been favorably considered.

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THE "TIMES" CALLED DOWN.

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MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 28.—(Special).—It is rumored here that Hon. Mr. Sifton will be sworn in at once as minister of the interior, and in that event H. M. Howell, Q.C., will be the new attorney-general for Manitoba. A resident of Brandon, who is in the city, was asked if the Conservatives would contest a riding in the bye-election. "Most decidedly," was the reply, "they are as full of fight as ever and will lose no time in bringing out a candidate." "Who is likely to be chosen?" "Hon. Mr. Daly. He will make a strong run."

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Grounds on Which It Is Asked That the Petition Be Set Aside.

Yesterday Mr. Robert Cassidy, as agent for Hon. Mr. Prior, filed the preliminary objections to the petition of W. E. Ditchburn, James W. Pilling and John Robert Giscome against the return of Hon. Mr. Prior as member of parliament for Victoria. The court is asked to set aside the petition on the grounds, among others, that the service of the petition on Mr. Prior was too late, being on August 22, while the petition had been presented to court on August 1. It is urged, too, that the order of Mr. Justice Walker extending the time for service was without jurisdiction and invalid for want of affidavits that there were any special circumstances of difficulty in effecting service. Other grounds were that no copy of the receipt of the registration for security deposit was served on Mr. Prior; that proper notice of the presentation of the petition was not served nor was there anything to show that the petition was presented to the court; that the petition was not presented to the court; that the petition was not presented to the court.

"The statement in the introductory part of the petition that the names of the petitioners are inscribed is not a statement that the names so inscribed were subscribed or signed by Ditchburn, Pilling and Giscome, and it cannot be presumed that they had anything to do personally with the petition further than to present it as a petition or document of court."

Other objections were that the petitioners were themselves guilty of corrupt practices during the election; that the petition was too indefinite, and that the petition was not published as required by law. Also that the petition does not as required by the act complain of undue election or return of any specific member and it is not warranted to present a petition asking the court to determine that both of two candidates were not duly elected, and in the alternative asking that one of two candidates, without mentioning which, be declared not elected.

On behalf of Mr. Earle, the preliminary objections to the petition against him have been filed by Mr. A. E. McPhillips as his agent. Among the grounds for asking that the petition be dismissed is the one stating that the petition was insufficiently served on Mr. Earle, as it was handed to him enclosed in an envelope, so that he was not aware of the nature and effect of the paper handed to him. It is also alleged that the petition is not dated; that the deposit is not in gold or silver; and there are other general objections.

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The weather has been calm and foggy off Cape Flattery for a week past, and the waters are reported alive with small fish and large whales.

The prize list is out for the annual exhibition of the Chilliwack Agricultural Society, to be held on September 30, October 1 and 2. The list of premiums is up to the