

PORTLAND STILL LEADS

The First Match of the Home Series Lost to Glenalvin's Gladiators.

Captain Klopff Seriously Injured—Umpire March Gives "Yellow" Decisions.

The baseball season opened here yesterday with the usual ceremonies. Shortly after 3 o'clock the parade started from the Victoria hotel to the enlivening strains of the Fifth Regiment band. The Portland team came first in uniform of home club bringing up the rear. The line of march was thronged with people, who were more than favorably impressed with the stalwart, athletic appearance of the ball players. Quite a crowd joined the procession, and the numbers kept increasing by the addition of stragglers along the entire route.

Mayor Beaven, Mrs. Beaven and Miss Beaven arrived at the grounds shortly before four and were received by Mr. Hedy Chapman, president of the Victoria League Club. After the usual preliminary practice, Mayor Beaven was escorted by President Chapman to the home plate, where the two teams had lined up. His Worship after being introduced to the players by the president formally welcomed the Portland players to the city. His Worship graciously alluded to the importance of the game to the city, and the desirability of the youth engaging in healthy pastimes. He then humorously wished the visitors every success short of victory, and concluded by confessing his age, but expressing the belief that he was able to throw a ball to the first baseman. Umpire Frank March handed a Spalding to the Mayor, and His Worship demonstrated that he was up to the game by taking the characteristic position of a pitcher, and tossing the sphere to Captain Klopff, who was so puzzled by the Mayor's delivery that the best Victoria's Captain could do was to knock up a fly. Umpire Frank March then announced the respective batteries, and at 4:04 P.M. Borchers shot the first ball across the plate. Umpire March would make a splendid mariner, as his stentorian tones could be heard in a gale without the aid of a trumpet. Would that the accuracy of his decisions were in keeping with his vocal powers.

The game started off auspiciously for Victoria. It is true that Portland got in two runs in the first on a base on balls to McGuckin, the latter being retired at second on McGuckin's grounder, and McGuckin coming in after stealing second on Frisbie's hit, Frisbie being in turn driven home on Babbitt's hit, which had been put out at first on a grand stop of a liner by Whalen. The visitors' efforts for the next five innings only resulted in a series of ciphers. In the third down Borchers pitched to the grand stand by a difficult running catch from McGuckin's bat. No one ever imagined that he would secure it, and when the spectators actually realized that Victoria's center fielder had the ball in his glove the applause was deafening. In the seventh Gates in left made another catch of the phenomenal Pace hit the ball on the seam for what looked like a drive for three bags. Gates turned a double play, and after a long chase succeeded in gathering in the sphere. His performance, too, was given a hearty round of shouts from every quarter of the field. Whalen's play at first was much admired; his height gives him a great advantage, and he created much amusement by the way in which he reached for apparently wild throws, succeeding in returning batsmen when it looked a certainty that they would reach the initial bag.

Victoria scored a run in each of the first two innings. Patton got third on balls, stole a base, went to first on Pequinney's out and came in on Klopff's sacrifice. Whalen landed on the trade mark for a splendid single, but Gates was felled at first, and the opening innings of the home team ended with one run. In the second Darby rapped out a beauty for three bags, bringing in Babbitt, who had trotted to first on balls. The score stood two all until the fifth, when the Victoria boys scored three, on Borchers' bat throw to first of a short hit from Darby, a base on balls to Pequinney, a two-bagger by Klopff and a single by Whalen. Everything looked rosy for Victoria, and the spectators were figuring on the number of runs by which Victoria would win. This serenity was rudely disturbed in the seventh, and the happenings of this inning merely gave added force to the old saying that baseball is full of surprises, and it is folly to be sure of results until the last man is retired. McCarthy came to bat in this inning and rapped out a single, and then Dowell awoke all to the startling realization that Portland might win after all, when he made a long drive over the left field fence for a homer. The crowd had parted with its confident air, which was eclipsed by a feeling of anxious doubt. Fears for the chances of the home team increased when Babbitt knocked a two-bagger. Babbitt then made an error of a grounder from McGuckin. Portland had men on first and second. McGuckin hit to Klopff, who made a pretty stop. All he had to do was to touch his bag and throw to second, and the side would have been retired; instead of following this programme, Klopff threw wildly to second and two more runs for Portland completed the agony for the local fans, and despair settled on the faces of all. When all the circumstances attendant upon Klopff's play are known, Klopff's only error will be easily overlooked. In Victoria's preceding inning—the seventh—Victoria scored a run on a base on balls to Babbitt and a fine placed single by Klopff. With only one man out, and Babbitt on third, Klopff went to second, starting after Borchers had gone through all his motions for delivering the ball. It was as plain a balk as could be. Instead of delivering the ball he wheeled and threw to second, and in attempting to make a long slide, Klopff was struck on the head and lay stretched on the grass writhing. After a short interval Klopff was apparently revived, although he

reeled rather than walked towards the players' bench. Dr. Helmcken kindly went out to Klopff, and, after a short examination seriously advised him to refrain from playing further. Klopff replied that he couldn't leave the game, and pluckily decided to resume his place at the bat. The accident to Captain Klopff accounts for his otherwise inexcusable error, as Dr. Helmcken said last night that he was sure Klopff was too dazed to know what he was doing. Klopff played in hard luck yesterday. He was also forced to take a breathing spell in the fourth, when he was rather rudely jostled by Pace's attempted steal.

Portland was retired in the eighth without a tally. In Victoria's last innings Patton was determined to work his match of getting first on balls. His waiting game succeeded. Then Pequinney rapped out a single. The people rose from their seats and shouted themselves hoarse. The game wasn't up yet, and "Victoria will get there after all" was the cry. Patton was perched on third and Pequinney on first, and to the cheery music of the coacher's "No man out" everything was going along swimmingly. Borchers again went through the usual motions of his delivery, and Pequinney started. Borchers stopped in his delivery and threw to second, catching Pequinney, and to the amazement of all Umpire March declared Pequinney out, when Borchers had made an undisputed balk. A shout of protest went up from the crowd, and many expressions of indignation were exchanged among the audience. Umpire March was away off, and the Victoria audience is to be commended for showing such patience and self-restraint under such aggravating circumstances. Umpire March favored Portland in three instances, viz., in declaring Klopff and Pequinney out on manifest balks, and declaring Patton out at first after he had hit to third. Patton easily beat the ball out. March, no doubt, endeavored to be impartial, but he had better look rule 32, section 1, which states that "A balk shall be any motion made by the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it." If Pequinney had been given the base that he was entitled to, Victoria would have been scoring very as Klopff, Whalen and Gates followed with splendid hits. Portland made the winning run on a hit by pitcher, a sacrifice and a timely base hit.

The game was well contested, and both sides played with ginger and snap. It was the kind of game to rouse interest to the highest pitch, and whilst Victoria lost through hard luck and Umpire March's partial decisions, the home team put up a creditable game.

It was reported last evening that Capt. Klopff was dangerously ill. Dr. Hall was called in, and later Dr. Helmcken. Fears are entertained that he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Here is the score:

PORTLAND.										
A.	B.	R.	H.	S.	P.	O.	A.	E.		
McGuckin, I. f.	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0		
McGuire, s. s.	5	2	0	1	2	2	0	0		
Frisbie, c.	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0		
Pace, 2b.	4	0	0	0	4	2	0	0		
Babb, 3b.	3	1	1	0	1	4	0	0		
McCarthy, c. f.	3	1	1	1	1	2	0	0		
Dowell, I. b.	2	2	2	13	0	0	0	0		
Borchers, p.	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0		
Baltz, r. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Total.	33	8	7	2	27	11	3	0		

VICTORIA.

A.	B.	R.	H.	S.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Patton, r. f.	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pequinney, 2b.	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Klopff, 3b.	4	1	3	1	2	0	1	0
Whalen, I. b.	5	0	3	0	10	0	0	0
Gates, I. f.	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Darby, c. f.	3	1	0	0	2	4	0	0
Kossuch, c.	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total.	35	7	10	2	25	11	3	0

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Portland	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	8
Victoria	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	1

THE RACE FOR THE PENNANT.

Tacoma	8	7
Seattle	6	4
Portland	5	4
Victoria	4	8

SEATTLE WINS FROM TACOMA.

TACOMA, May 20.—(Special).—Seattle won the most hotly contested game played here this season to-day. Contra's error contributing largely to the defeat of the home team, while Suggs' decisions were bad against both sides. By innings:

Tacoma	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Seattle	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

The Consolidated Railway Co. has withdrawn all passes over its street car system here, but has given the privilege to the city and provincial police and the fire department to ride in uniform to ride free.

Hops lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, held their final committee meeting last evening, when arrangements were completed for the social dance next Monday, for which already a large number of tickets have been sold. The door keepers, who are Miss E. Whitelaw, Miss S. Smith, Mrs. G. Haut, Miss D. Draut and Mrs. M. Newman, have decided to conduct the dancing in leap year style after supper has been served.

The celebration finance committee have increased the grant towards the sham battle on Tuesday next so as to provide for bringing down the contingent of the Fifth Regiment from the mainland. It is expected there will be 150 men from the Mainland companies. A good deal of interest is being taken in the competition for the best decorated pleasure boat at the regatta at the Gorge on Monday, and already many people are making elaborate preparations to have their skills and other small craft decked out as prettily as possible.

A Marvellous Statement by a Prominent Canadian Rheumatic Remedy Which is Curing the World.

Mr. E. W. Sherman, proprietor of the Sherman House, Morrisburg, Ont., is known by thousands of Canadians, hence following the advertisement of the remedy will be read with great interest and pleasure. "I have been cured of rheumatism of ten years' standing in three days. One bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure performed this most remarkable cure. I had suffered from this disease, as I say, for ten years, and I did not expect to be entirely cured. The effects of the first dose of South American Rheumatic Cure were truly wonderful. I have only taken one bottle of the remedy, and now haven't any sign of rheumatism in my system. It did me more good than all the doctoring I ever did in my life."

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FIRST OF THE FLEET.

A Trio of Racing Yachts Lead in the Carnival Procession to Victoria.

Dow and Hill Will Be a Feature of Saturday's Cycling Meet.

Although there can be no gainsaying the fact that Saturday's race meet at Oak Bay will be the greatest cycling event the Northwest has yet seen, the local club have been obliged to face one disappointment, the Campbell-Wells professional combinations having decided at the last moment not to come up from California, as they had at first intended. A telegram from San Francisco to the COLONIST states that they will leave there on May 26 with Edwards, McFarland and Coulter on a special car, with which they will follow the national circuit, doing their first racing at Los Angeles. In their absence there will be no death of good men from the Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Everett, Bellingham Bay and Victoria men, who are sure and for the most part now on hand, Dow of Seattle having been the last to arrive. He had the distinction of beating out Manning of Seattle in a short race. This Saturday this week and as Hill is seeking to even matters on the Victoria track the battle between these two very speedy ones will be in itself a grand one. In view of the fact that upwards of one thousand wheelmen from the other side of the line are expected to attend the big race meet, it would be well for American cyclists to remember that much inconvenience and annoyance will be avoided by simply carrying their U. S. W. card. Arrangements have been made with the customs department by which free entry will be given all wheels on presentation of this card by the owner. No deposit will be asked for any annoyance caused, and Collector Milne has appointed four special officers to assist United States wheelmen and see that their wants are immediately supplied.

YACHTING.

FIRST OF THE VISITORS HERE.

The first of the Sound yachts to take part in the regatta on Saturday arrived last night. She is the White Star, from Everett, and last year when at Victoria she placed in the B class. The White Star has undergone considerable change since her last visit; she has been lengthened several feet and now measures 39 feet over all, with a waterline of somewhat over 27 feet. She is a commodious cabin and is a splendid sea boat. Her captain is E. Jones; sailing master, A. S. Nelson, and the crew consists of W. Hicklin, A. M. Ward, C. J. Smith, S. Dowell, H. J. Bach, Dr. Brennan and Price.

The first contingent from Vancouver got in yesterday, the Avis, B. class, Capt. D. Aernman and a crew of seven, and the last little D class Flora, Capt. J. A. Thurston. The Flora won first place for small yachts.

The Myth, Ariadne and Hornet have started for Wicomico, and they and the other Sound yachts will keep dropping in to-day and to-morrow.

The Victoria Yacht Club last night elected Messrs. W. S. Gore and George E. Powell to membership. The latter is a candidate for the D class yachts. The Victoria Yacht Club last night elected Messrs. W. S. Gore and George E. Powell to membership. The latter is a candidate for the D class yachts. The Victoria Yacht Club last night elected Messrs. W. S. Gore and George E. Powell to membership. The latter is a candidate for the D class yachts.

HERE AND THERE.

The last issue of the Canadian Wheelman publishes the portraits of a number of the officers of the V.W.C., with flattering references to their efforts in promoting the great sport of the day.

Among the horses entered for Saturday's quarter mile dash and repeat are W. Snider's "Jim S," T. Gannon's "Bay Jim," B. King's "Don R.," and M. Hill's "Black Bess." A number of others are promised to-day.

The Portland team are putting up at the Queen's.

MINES ON THE MAINLAND.

J. B. Gordon returned yesterday from a month's trip through the Kootenay, Kootenai and Okanagan districts. He states: "The season is about a month backward in West Kootenay, the snow having as yet scarcely commenced to move. In the Slokan there is a very large amount of snow on the mountains, and the residents are unusually high water in the rivers, if not a repetition of the floods of 1894. The new towns in the Slokan district are growing rapidly, and the increase in population in Rossland and Trail during the past six months is very marked. In the former town many of the poorer class of merchants who flocked there during the boom have moved on to smaller camps, their places being taken by men of more substance."

Large quantities of ore may be seen at the various mines ready for shipment as soon as the railway to the Trail smelter is completed. The smelter is running to its full capacity night and day, and is a grand sight after dark. The merchants throughout the district are in good spirits and sanguine of good trade during the coming season. The latter for the most part content with reasonable profit, and express a desire to buy in our home markets when freight rates will not prevent. In the Okanagan the farmers anticipate a good crop. They have prepared for a larger output of wheat than in former years, and are anxiously awaiting the construction of the railway from Penticton to Trail to open up a market for their products.

The concert in preparation for next Saturday evening at A.O.U.W. hall will be a very enjoyable affair, one of the interesting features being a military drill by the James Bay Boys' Brigade. After the concert those taking part, and their friends, will have a social hop.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Hon. E. G. Prior by Request Addresses the Council at a Meeting Yesterday Forenoon.

He Tells What Has Been Done in Regard to Various Important Matters.

A more than usually important meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday forenoon, at which by request Hon. E. G. Prior, Controller of Inland Revenue, was present and spoke on the various matters which during the last session of parliament he and Mr. Earle as representatives of the city had brought before the attention of the Dominion government.

Mr. D. R. Ker, president of the board, in calling upon Hon. Mr. Prior, stated that it had been customary for the representatives of the city in the Dominion parliament to have a talk with the board after the close of the sessions.

Hon. E. G. Prior in his opening remarks said he was placed in a somewhat delicate position in having to address a body which debarred the discussion of politics, for in touching upon the various matters which had come before him at Ottawa it was impossible for him to speak upon them without including the members of the cabinet divide the amounts that had been provided in them. He could say, however, that he was sure that they would give entire satisfaction to the province; and provision had been made for the British Pacific and the extension of the E. & N. railway that would be satisfactory to all concerned. The estimates, however, could not be brought down for the reason that the opposition had given notice that they would not allow the supplies to pass, and under such circumstances, if the government had brought down the estimates the opposition would have declared it was only done for political effect in view of the pending elections.

The reason why the powder magazine is not removed from Beacon Hill is because the new magazine which the Dominion government had built at Macaulay point is now owned by the Imperial authorities, having been turned over to them with the other buildings. Some additions require to be made to it before it is fit to be used, and the Imperial authorities refuse to do this. The difficulty with the Dominion government is that it cannot spend money on Imperial buildings. However, he was in hopes that the matter would soon—very soon—be settled satisfactorily and the powder removed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Hon. Mr. Prior at the conclusion of his address.

General regret was expressed that Mr. Deane had used his position as representative of the board at the immigration conference as that of a political partizan. A misunderstanding as to Mr. Milne, collector of customs, arising out of a misinterpretation of the board's letter to Ottawa, has been very satisfactorily explained, and the following letter was read from Ottawa:

OTAWA, April 27, 1896.
MY DEAR SIR,—The Minister of the Interior has handed me your letter to him of the 14th inst., in which you refer to what was stated in your letter of the 20th March last, addressed to Col. Prior, in relation to the collector of customs at Victoria. The minister is very glad to have the impression removed that there was difficulty in obtaining information from Mr. Milne. Mr. Daly was unable to understand how such could be the case, as he is personally acquainted with Mr. Milne, and has a high opinion of his courtesy and civility to the public with whom he comes in contact in discharge of his official duties. He therefore asks me to say that he is very glad indeed to have the matter cleared up.

Yours, very truly,

A. M. BURGESS, D.M.I.

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B.C.

A report from the committee on public works in reference to a complaint in regard to freight rates on the E. & N. railway, showed that the charges that the rates are excessive is not borne out by the facts, as in nearly every case comparison shows that the C.P.R. and Northern Pacific charge more.

The committee recommended that the resolution passed by the British Columbia Dairyman's Association regarding C.P.R. rates be referred to the Dominion members for the district. These reports were adopted.

OTAWA, April 20, 1896.

Hon. E. G. Prior, Controller of Inland Revenue.

MY DEAR PRIOR:—I have to acknowledge yours of the 17th enclosing a resolution passed by the Council of the B.C. Board of Trade, in relation to the Immigration Association being recognized in some substantial way. I will call the attention of the Minister of the Interior to this matter in order to ascertain what can be done, but I am very much afraid that he will have no funds at his disposal. As you are aware, the board has a very small fund, and has not hitherto had a tenant, has been filled by the appointment of Dr. J. D. Helmcken. Official notice of his selection will, it is expected, be given in today's Gazette.

Sincerely yours,

MACKENZIE BOWELL.

In passing, Hon. Mr. Prior said he was somewhat surprised that Mr. Deane, who claimed to be representing the B.C. Board of Trade at the immigration conference, should have at the same time talked politics and condemned the present representatives of the city at Ottawa. He should, holding the position he did, have mentioned politics neither on one side nor the other.

Turning to other subjects, Hon. Mr. Prior said he had received an urgent request to ask the government to take steps towards improving the navigation in Woodward's slough on the lower Fraser, which was sitting up badly. A letter sent with the petition stated that the estimated cost of the improvement would be \$1,600, and he had succeeded in getting the Governor-General's warrant for \$2,500 to do the work. Now it appears that the estimate obtained by the canners was, in Mr. Gamble's opinion, not sufficient, but no doubt further funds would be forthcoming.

Passing on to the provisions made for the government for aids to navigation, he said that, on the representations of Capt. Rindlin particularly, he and the other members for British Columbia had arranged for the establishment of a fog alarm at the entrance to Victoria harbor. There were also to be a beacon with electric light on Fiddle reef, a light house at the entrance to the Narrows

close to Vancouver, a lighthouse on the Sisters islands, a bell at Portlock point, and a pile light at Chemainus. In reference to Brockle ledge, the delay in removing the San Pedro wreck was due to it being found that there was no provision in the law to deal with it, as it was outside a harbor and was not a menace to navigation any more than a rock without the wreck on it. Consequently legislation had to be passed to rectify the law in this respect. Now the owners had promised to begin the work of removing the wreck at once, and they are now at work.

The importance of increasing the mail service in Kootenay had been brought to the attention of the government by Mr. Mars, the member for the district, and the necessary provision had been made.

The wonderful mineral development of the province had attracted great attention to British Columbia, and in the East he found the province more talked of than ever before, and looked upon as a country of great promise with its wealth of natural resources. The feeling was that the C. P. R. should get through the Crow's Nest Pass and open up the coal deposits, which would be so great an aid to the smelting industry.

Here some of the members brought up a discussion as to the advisability of putting an export duty on ore, so as to ensure its being smelted in the province instead of going to outside smelters. The president said incidentally that he had heard of no less than seven new smelters being talked of for the Trail and Rossland districts alone.

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