

tion to church. A minister in Newark has taken the same position. For a long time the ministers have themselves been riders; they are now taking a step in advance, and giving to the wheel the broad endorsement of the church. This, Toronto *Hardware* regards as a sign of the times, and a good one.

On the subject of thistles, I beg to direct the attention of the city fathers to a fine crop, blooming on the street, just outside the Market Hall. It is presumed these are kept for a sample to show the victims what they are fined for in allowing them to propagate.

I am informed that the Union Club, on account of hard times, has called upon delinquents to pay up, and a demand is also being made for additional fees from the members. The club, it is understood, has been losing money for some time, and this action has been found necessary in order to preserve its good credit.

J. Molyneux Smith, the well known and highly respected purveyor of milk, desires to inform the public that in future he will not dilute the lacteal fluid with Victoria city water. Mr. Smith has arranged with the owners of the Esquimalt waterworks for a supply of their best water sufficient to meet the requirements of his customers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A FASHIONABLE marriage took place in this city, Tuesday, when Rev. Cato Ensor Sharp, M.A., rector of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, was married to Miss Stella Mainwaring Johnson, second daughter of E. M. Johnson. The Lord Bishop of Columbia, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. Canon Beanlands, officiated at the ceremony, the impressive services being performed with a full choral accompaniment and followed by a celebration of the holy eucharist with communion. The bridesmaids were Miss Tillie Erb and the Misses Johnson, sisters of the bride. Rev. W. D. Barber and J. A. Aikman supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp left by the Kingston for the Sound.

Mr. E. G. Anderson will leave for a short visit to San Francisco, combining business with pleasure, on the 5th.

The wedding of a Government street clothing merchant has been announced for Monday, Sept. 10th.

A Nanaimo merchant will shortly lead to the altar a young lady of this city.

Mr. C. F. Jones has returned from a three weeks visit to Tacoma.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

LACROSSE.

THERE will be an interesting lacrosse match on Monday afternoon, between the Stars and James Bays of this city in the intermediate championship. For the Island these two clubs are a tie, and Monday will decide which team shall play the Moonlighters of Westminster. The Stars will place the same team on the field as won from the James Bays, with the exception of Greenfield, whose place may be filled by W. Lorimer, of the Bays.

The match between the James Bays and the Nanaimo team, last Saturday, attracted quite a crowd to the Caledonia grounds. When it is considered that the Nanaimos were only organized this season, it must be confessed that they did remarkably well. Of course the Bays outplayed them at every point. The playing of Schnoter, Stephens and the Smith brothers was worthy of special note.

The Victoria seniors will play the Westminsters at the latter place next Saturday.

THE OAR.

The James Bay Athletic Association held its annual summer regatta last Saturday on the harbor course. To say that the entertainment provided was on a par with previous events of the same character is to credit the association with distinguished success. There was the usual large gathering of motley craft—naptha launch, dingy, ship boat and Peterboro. The captivating summer girl in all the attractive charm of cool flannel garb knelt in smoothly gliding canoe, gracefully poising and dipping the paddle, or languidly leaning back on cushions with dreamy eyes, and watching her stalwart ply the oar. The lively strains of Sussa's marches, with waltzes and medleys, floated from the J. B. McDonald, where Mr. Finn's popular band were circled on the deck. Within the club house, refreshments were invitingly offered by the hospitable hosts, Mr. Dallain and Mr. W. R. Higgins being on hand with tempting liquors and frosted viands. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven and Capt. Gaudin acted as judges, Lieut. Barnes was referee, F. S. Hussey and J. Stuart Yates were starters, and Sergt.-Major Mulcahy officiated as time-keeper.

The first event was one of the preliminary heats between club fours for the Flumerfelt cup, course one mile straight away from Coffin Island to club house. The crews were:

J. Geiger, stroke; W. Scott, J. C. Scott, W. H. Wilkerson.

L. B. Young, stroke; H. Dodds, A. H. Finlaison, A. R. Wolfenden.

Both crews caught the water evenly the start, Young's crew rowing about two strokes faster to the minute. The contest was very exciting, and the pace was maintained to the very end. Geiger's crew though steering erratically crossed the line first.

The Peterboro canoe race narrowed to H. C. Macauley and G. F. Askew. S. Gore of the canoe club paddling gamely, but not being in it for a moment. The race to the turning flag was very close between Askew and Macauley. Askew steering, however, destroyed his chance and Macauley came in winner with many lengths to spare.

The second heat of the club fours brought out the following fours:

D. O'Sullivan, stroke; W. P. Perkins, J. H. Austin, E. O. Finlaison.

F. S. Widdowson, stroke; J. W. Watson, W. J. Mackay, John Aden.

Widdowson's crew got away first, pulling a very quick snappy stroke, O'Sullivan's style being more leisurely and with larger sweep. Widdowson's four kept the lead and won easily.

The junior singles brought out H. B. Haines and T. Geiger. The course, was a long one, being from club house round buoy in outer harbor and return, a distance of one and a half miles. Both spurted at the start, Haines having slight advantage, but Geiger pulling very vigorous determined stroke. At Sehl's point Geiger was about two lengths behind. There was no change until the turn, when Geiger pulled up on nearly even terms. Haines seemed to be laboring, and a great final was looked for. Geiger, after passing the point, spurted and was crawling up, when he suddenly fell back in his boat. He was picked up by the referee's boat in a weak dazed state and when able to speak complained of pain in the side.

The Tandem Peterboro canoe race was won by G. F. Askew and J. Watson, A. S. Gore and E. Munro making a great but vain effort to get the lead.

The Peterboro canoe upset race created lots of fun. H. F. M. Jones, J. Watson, F. Wollaston and R. Robertson being the starters. Watson righted his canoe immediately, and came in an easy winner whilst the others were making frantic efforts to find paddles and climb into water-logged craft.

The final heat of the club fours between the Geiger and Widdowson crews was the event of the day. The Widdowson crew's rapid stroke again told. W. Scott was stroking, and Geiger rowing number three. The fours kept well together, and neither crew had a sure thing. A boat got on the course at the finish, and spoiled all chance of the Geiger crew getting in first.

O'Sullivan won the senior singles, the