PROVINCIAL MEETING.

Annual Matches of B.C. Rifle Association Open at the Central Park Ranges.

Entries Surpass Expectations, Being More than Double Those of Last Year.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

VANCOUVER, B.C., July 30.—The Provincial Rifle Association meeting which opened at Central Park range to-day has been a huge success in every way. The entries even surpassed expectations, being more than double those of last year, and though arrangement had been made for a maximum of seventy-two it was found possible to handle the whole ninety-six offering without curtailing the programme in any way, the shooting being concluded at half-past six. This was made possible by the promptness and excellence of the marking, which was done by a squad from the Mainland companies of the Fifth regiment, in charge of Sergeant Major Mulcahy, of Victoria. The range officer, Major General Kinchant, earned a share of the credit also, keeping the competitors well up to time, while showing a disposition to oblige in every way possible. The entries brought the totals from the several localities up to the following: Victoria—Militia, 25; Royal Marine Artillery, 6; Navy, 16. Vancouver, 23; New Westminster, 17; Nanaimo, 9.

The Nursery match which was held in the morning brought out upwards of sixty entries, and the results were as follows:

I—M. P. P. STAKES—NURSERY.

For prizes presented by members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. Restricted to competitors who have not at any previous meeting of the B. C. R. A. won a prize of $3.00 or more, exclusive of extra series prizes. 500 yards; 7 shots.

$ 5 Mr. R. R. Maitland, Vancouver 34
4 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 31
3 Mr. R. D. Fetherston, Vancouver .. 30
2½ Lieut. J. P. Hibben, 5th Regt., Victoria 30
2½ Mr. G. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo 29
2 Gr. R. Tippitt, 5th Regt., Westminster 29
2 Gr. C. W. Ayton, R.M.A., Victoria . 28
2 Bombr. A. Fletcher, R.M.A., Victoria 28
1 Mr. J. D. Scott, Vancouver 27
1 Gr. G. Steen, 5th Regt., Westminster 27
1 Gr. G. McTavish, 5th Regt., Victoria 27
1 Corp. T. N. Hibben, 5th Regt., Victoria 26
1 Gr. R. Gidley, 5th Regt., Vancouver 26
1 Mr. F. R. Stuart, Vancouver 25
1 Lieut. T. S. Annandale, Westminster 25

Thirteen twenty-fives counted out.

The whole of the afternoon was taken up with the Helmcken match and the competition for the handsome Dorothy medal was very keen.

II—HELMCKEN MATCH.

200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. For a gold medal and cup, as well as twenty-four cash prizes. The Medal, presented annually by Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P. The Cup, presented by Hon. C. F. Cornwall, when Lieutenant-Governor, to become the property of any competitor winning it twice in succession. The winner in 1895 was Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, Nanaimo.

Medal, cup and $10, Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regt. Westminster 93
$10 Mr. W. H. Forrest, Vancouver .. 92
8 Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt. West'r .. 90
7 Gr. R. Wilson, 5th Regt. West'r .. 89
6 Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 89
6 Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt. Westminster 88
5 Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo 88
5 Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt. Victoria 88
4 Gr. J. L. Beckwith, 5th Regt. Victoria 87
4 Bomb. A. Fletcher, R. M. A., Victoria 87
4 Gr. John McRobie, 5th Regt. Victoria Nanaimo 87
3 Mr. R Watson, Nanaimo 87
3 Mr. Wm. McGregor, Nanaimo 87
3 Mr. J. Anderson, Vancouver 86
3 Corpl. A. S. Hunter, 5th Regt. Victoria 85
3 Mr. H. A. Brocklesby, Vancouver .. 85
2 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 85
2 Sergt. W. J. Corbett, 5th Regt. Westminster 83
2 Gr. R. Gidley, 5th Regt. Vanc'r .. 83
2 Lieut. J. R. Tite, 5th Regt. Vanc'r. 83
2 Sergt. W. H. Bailey, 5th Regt. Victoria 83
2 Lieut. J. D. Taylor, 5th Regt. Victoria 82

One 82 was counted out.

At a meeting of the council this afternoon, Dr. Bell-Irving presiding, the following executive committee was appointed for the management of the matches: Dr. Bell-Irving, James McGregor, M.P.P., Lieut. J. D. Taylor, Sergt. J. Duff Stuart and Lieut. Henry Chamberlin. It was decided to have the annual meeting of competitors to-morrow evening at Westminster. The Victoria men made an unfortunate mistake to-day, forgetting to put in their team entry for the team aggregate prize until two hours after the shooting commenced, when under the rules it could not be received. Vancouver, Westminster and Nanaimo all have teams entered. The remarkable features of this year's meeting are the number of crack shots entered from Vancouver and the number of colts from Victoria.

SECOND DAY.

VANCOUVER, July 31.—(Special.)—The second day's proceedings of the provincial rifle competition were quite as successful as the first, and came to a close this evening with a splendidly attended annual business meeting. This was held on the range, the vice-president, Dr. D. Bell-Irving in the chair. There was not much general business, the affairs of the association being in a highly satisfactory condition. Great regret was expressed at the retirement of Col. Wolfenden from the presidency, and the committee, consisting of Major Williams, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Thompson and Lieut. Taylor, were appointed to prepare for the presentation to him of some suitable testimonial as the association's appreciation of his long service. The same gentlemen were appointed a committee to revise the constitution and by-laws. The election of the council for 1897 took place by ballot, but the ballots were not counted to-night. The following were to-day's range winners:

3—NANAIMO MATCH.

200 yards, standing; 500 yards, prone; 7 shots at each range. For twenty-one cash prizes and a cup, presented by the mayor and council of Nanaimo, to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor. Winner in 1895, Gr. J. H. Sharpe, New Westminster, with 60 points.

Cup and $8, Gr. McRobbie, 5th Regt., Victoria 62
$7 Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt., Westminster 60
6 Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 60
5 Capt. P. N. Thompson, R.L., Vancouver 60
4 Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regt., Westminster 59
4 Mr. H. Collins, Vancouver 59
3 Gr. G. Turnbull, 5th Regt., Westminster 58
3 Corp. A. S. Hunter, 5th Regt., Victoria 58
3 Mr. R. D. Featherston, Vancouver. 57
3 Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria 57
2½ Gr. J. L. Beckwith, 5th Regt., Victoria 56
2½ Mr. W. Hugh, Nanaimo 56
2½ Mr. W. McGregor, Nanaimo 55
2½ Mr. G. Hugh, Nanaimo 55
2 Mr. J. Kennedy 55
2 Sergt. W. Bailey, Fifth Regt., Victoria 55
2 War Officer Welsh, H.M.S. Imperieuse 55
2 Mr. J. McGregor, Nanaimo 55
2 Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo 55
2 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 55

4—VICTORIA CORPORATION MATCH.

400 and 600 yards; seven shots at each range. For twenty-two cash prizes and a cup, presented by the Corporation of Victoria in 1893, to become the property of any competitor winning it twice. Winner in 1893, Lieut. J. C. Chamberlin, R.L.; in 1894, Gunner R. J. Butler, 5th Regt. C. A.; in 1895, Gunner W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt. C. A.

Cup and $8, Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt., Westminster 64
$8 Gr. George Turnbull, 5th Regt. Westminster 63
6 Bombr. Fletcher, R.M.A., Victoria 63
5 Mr. J. McGregor, Nanaimo 63
4 Gr. W. Huston, 5th Regt., Westminster 62
4 Mr. Robt. Watson, Nanaimo 62
4 Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, R. L., Westminster 61
3 Gr. R. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 60
3 Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt., Westminster 60
3 Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 60
3 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 60
2½ Mr. Geo. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo .. 59
2½ Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria 59
2½ Gr. L. Tippett, 5th Regt. Westminster 59
2½ Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo 59
2½ Gr. E. L. Beckwith, 5th Regt., Victoria 58
2½ Corporal T. N. Hibben, 5th Regt., Victoria 58
2 Gr. C. A. Goodwin, 5th Regt., Victoria 58
2 Mr. J. Kennedy, Nanaimo 58
2 Sergt. W. H. Bailey, 5th Regt., Victoria 57
2 Mr. F. Stuart, Vancouver 57
2 Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regt., Westminster 57

5—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S MATCH.

500 yards; 10 shots. For twenty-one cash prizes and a cup, presented by Mrs. Nelson, wife of the former Lieutenant-Governor, to become the property of any competitor winning it twice in succession. Winner in 1895, Gr. J. H. Sharpe, with 47 points.

Cup and $8, Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria 47
$7 Gr. W. Sloan, 5th Regt., Westminster 47
6 Bombr. A. Fletcher, R.M.A., Victoria 47
5 Gr. J. L. Beckwith, 5th Regt., Victoria 47
4 Mr. F. R. Sargison, Victoria 46
4 Gr. H. A. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 46
3 Mr. W. H. Forrest, Vancouver. ... 45
3 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 45
3 Gr. G. Turnbull, 5th Regt., Westminster 45
3 Sergt. W. H. Bailey, 5th Regt., Victoria 45
2½ Gr. R. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 45
2½ Mr. R. R. Maitland, Vancouver .. 45
2½ Sergt. F. Kennedy, 5th Regt., Vancouver 45
2½ Capt. P. L. Thompson, R.L., Vancouver 45
2 War. Offr. Welch, H.M.S. Imperieuse 45
2 Major B. Williams, 5th Regt, Victoria 44
2 Sgt. A. Gibson, R.M.A., Victoria .. 44
2 Gr. John Godson, 5th Regt., Victoria 44
2 Capt. E. H. Fletcher, 5th Regt., Victoria 44
2 Mr. G. N. Tippett, Westminster .. 43
2 C.P.O. J. Dutton, H.M.S. Imperieuse 43

From 43 counted out.

THIRD DAY.

WESTMINSTER, Aug. 1.—(Special)—To-day's shooting was a little interfered with by rain during the forenoon, but notwithstanding that drawback the scores were very good and the programme was carried out without a hitch. In consequence of the unexpectedly large attendance of junior shots from the several cities, and of representatives of the Navy, it was decided to add $100 to the prize list for their benefit, and a special series of prizes were, therefore, provided to be determined by scores at the 500 yards stage of the Walker match. These were taken as follows:

EXTRA NURSERY SERIES.

Restricted to Royal Navy.

Petty Officer Sibley, Imperieuse 29
Warrant Officer Walsh, Imperieuse 28
Petty Officer Black, Imperieuse 27
Danks, Imperieuse 27
Stanley, Imperieuse 26
Corporal Jackson, Comus 25
Petty Officer J. Stamp, Imperieuse 24
T. Bond, Imperieuse 21
W. Lidstone, Imperieuse 20
Stoker C. E. Batts, Imperieuse 20
J. Dutton, Imperieuse 17
Roberts, Imperieuse 9
Secret, Imperieuse 6

OTHER THAN NAVY.

Gr. Ayton, R.M.A., Victoria 29
Gr. H. A. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 29
Gr. Geo. Steen, 5th Regt., Westminster. 27
Mr. G. H. Buxton, Vancouver 27
Gr. G. McTavish, Victoria 27
Mr. J. D. Scott, Vancouver 27
Lieut. J. R. Tite, Vancouver 26
W. F. Stewart 26
Lieut. Hibben, 5th Regt., Victoria 25
— Scarlett, Victoria 25
Bomb. W. J. Merrifield, 5th Reg't, Victoria 25
Gunner H. Lawrie 25
Corp. A. C. Bundy, R. M. A., Victoria .. 24
Gunner E. Brown, 5th Reg't, Victoria .. 22
Mr. F. R. Stewart, Vancouver. 21
— W. B. Harris, Vancouver. 20
Gunner L. B. Trimen, 5th Reg't, Victoria 19
Gunner C. Kendall, 5th Reg't, Vancouver 19
Lieut. Annandale, 5th Reg't, Westminster 17

The regular matches of the day were disposed of with the following results:

THE WALKER MATCH.

For cups worth $275 presented by Hiram Walker & Sons, Limited, of Walkerville, Ont., and $150 in cash added by the British Columbia Rifle Association, 200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range; any British service rifle.

Team Prizes—Open to teams of six previously named members representing any company, association or club, or Her Majesty's regular forces. The trophy (value $250) presented in 1896, to be the property of the organization winning it oftenest in five years; or in the event of a tie at the end of five years, the organizations tieing to fire a deciding match at the next ensuing prize meeting of this association.

Trophy and $18, New Westminster Rifle Association 516
$15 Vancouver Rifle Association 500
12 Victoria G. A. Rifle Association .. 488
5 New Westminster Rifle Association (2nd team) 482
Nanaimo Rifle Association 474
Vancouver Rifle Association (2nd team) 470
H.M.S. Imperieuse 419

With the individual prizes, there goes to the highest scorer in any of the competing teams, a gift worth $25 presented annually by the donors of the team challenge trophy. This was won by Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, who headed the New Westminster Rifle Association team. The winners of the cash prizes for individual competition in connection with the Walker match were as follows:

$12 Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt. Westminster 97
10 Capt. P. N. Thompson, R. L., Vancouver 95
8 Mr. H. A. Brocklesby, Vancouver .. 94
7 Mr. Wm. Cuckow, Vancouver 92
6 Mr. R. D. Fetherston, Vancouver .. 91
5 Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt. Westminster 90
5 Mr. F. R. Sargison, Victoria 90
4 Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, R. L., Westminster 89
4 Sergt. Gibson, R.M.A., Victoria 88
3 Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo. 86
3 Mr. Geo. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo .. 86
3 Lieut. J. D. Taylor, 5th Regt. Victoria 86
3 Sergt. W. J. Corbett, 5th Regt., Westminster 86
2½ Gr. W. P. Winsby, 5th Regt., Victoria 85
2½ Gr. J. H. Sharpe, 5th Regt., Westminster 85
2½ Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 85
2½ W. Officer Welsh, R.N. 85
2½ Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria 84
2½ Gr. R. J. Butler, 5th Regt., Victoria 84
2 Corp. A. S. Hunter, 5th Regt., Victoria 84
2 G. E. Hygh 83
2 Gr. W. Huston, 5th Regt., Westminster 83
2 Mr. J. Anderson, Victoria 82
2 Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regt., Westminster 81
2 Bombr. A. Fletcher, R.M.A., Victoria 81

One 81 counted out.

VANCOUVER CORPORATION MATCH.

600 yards; 10 shots. The Cup, presented by the Corporation of Vancouver in 1896, to become the property of any competitor winning it twice.

Cup and $8, Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo. 47
$ 8 Collins 44
6 Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt. Victoria 43
5 Lieut. J. D. Tayler, 5th Regiment, Victoria 43
4 Mr. R. R. Maitland, Vancouver .. 43
4 Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, R. L., Westminster 43
3 Mr. Wm. Cuckow, Vancouver 43
3 Corp. A. S. Hunter, 5th Regiment, Victoria 42
3 Gr. H. A. Wilson, 5th Regiment, Westminster 42
3 Mr. W. H. Forrest, Vancouver 41
2½ Capt. Thompson, R.L., Vancouver. 41
2½ Mr. Robt. Watson, Nanaimo 41
2½ Mr. Geo. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo .. 41
2½ Gr. J. W. Burr, 5th Regt., Westminster 40
2½ G. E. Hygh 40
2½ Gr. G. Turnbull, 5th Regt., Westminster 39
2 Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 39
2 — Stewart, Vancouver 39
2 Mr. F. R. Sargison, Victoria 39
2 Gr. W. P. Winsby, 5th Reg't, Victoria 38
2 Mr. H. A. Brocklesby, Vancouver .. 38
2 Sergt. Fred Kennedy, 5th Reg't, Vancouver 38

Three thirty-eights counted out.

GRAND AGGREGATE.

For the aggregate of scores of matches Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. Senior and junior.

SENIOR SERIES.

B.C.R.A. gold badge and $4, Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt., Westminster 383
B.C.R.A. silver badge and $4, Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria. .. 380
$4 Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt. Westminster 378
3 Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo 376
2 Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria 375
2 Mr. Geo. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo .. 368
2 Bombr. Fletcher, R.M.A. Victoria. 367
2 Capt. Thompson, R.L. Vancouver. 365
2 Mr. W. H. Forrest, Vancouver 365

JUNIOR SERIES.

Restricted to competitors who have not won a prize in the senior series, and who have never won a place on a Provincial team for Ottawa.

$5 Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regiment Westminster 363
4 Mr. J. McGregor, M.P.P. Nanaimo. 357
3 —Welsh 356
3 Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 356
2 Mr, R. D. Fetherston, Vancouver. .355
2 Sergt. F. Kennedy, 5th Reg't, Vancouver 354
2 Sergt. W. H. Bailey, 5th Reg't, Victoria 354
2 Sergt. Gibson, R. M. A., Victoria. .351
2 Mr. R. Watson, Nanaimo 8349

MILITIA AGGREGATE.

Restricted to "efficient" members of the active militia of No. 11 district. For the aggregate of scores of the 500 and 600 yards ranges of the matches included in the Grand Aggregate.

D.R.A. silver medal and $3, Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Segt., Westminster 265
D.R.A. bronze medal and $3, Gr. J. C. Chamberlin, 5th Regt., Westminster 264
$ 3 Gr. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 258
2½ Gr. Miller, 5th Regt., Westminster 253
2 Gr. G. Turnbull, 5th Regt., Westminster 247
2 Gr. John McRobbie, 5th Regt. Westminster 246

TEAM AGGREGATE.

Open to one or more teams of five previously named members, representing any Company, Association or Club, or Her Majesty's Regular Forces. For the aggregate of scores in the Matches included in the grand aggregate.

$15 No. 4 Co. 5th Regiment 1837
10 Nanaimo Rifle Association 1738
5 Vancouver Rifle Association 1736
No. 4 Co. 5th Regiment 1661
New Westminster Rifle Assn. 1654

EXTRA SERIES, 500 YARDS.

Gr. Geo. Turnbull, 5th Regiment. Westminster 23
Gr. J. C. Chamberlain, 5th Regiment, Westminster 22
Gr. R. J. Butler, 5th Regt., Victoria .. 22
Gr. R. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster. 21
Lieut. H. C. Chamberlin, R.L., Westminster 21
Mr. A. R. Langley, Victoria. 21
Gr. Burr, 5th Regt., Westminster 20
Mr. F. R Sargison, Victoria 19
Sergt. E. E. McDougall, 5th Regt., Victoria 19
Sergt. Corbett, 5th Regt., Westminster. 19
Gr. W. Huston, 5th Regt., Westminster. 19

OTTAWA TEAM LIST.

Gr. J. C. Chamberlain, 5th Regt Westminster 475
Gr. W. J. Sloan, 5th Regt. Westminster 469
Mr. W. H. Wall, Nanaimo 463
Mr. Geo. Pittendrigh, Nanaimo 453
Gr. A. S. Hunter, 5th Regt., Victoria . 454
Gr. Geo. Turnbull, 5th Regt., Westminster 451
Gr. W. Miller, 5th Regt., Westminster 446
Gr. R. Wilson, 5th Regt., Westminster 445
Mr. C. H. Barker, Nanaimo 443
Gr. J. H. Sharpe, 5th Regt., Westminster 441
Gr. John McRobbie, 5th Reg't, Victoria 441
Sergt. Fred Kennedy, 5th Reg't, Vancouver 436
Sergt. W. J. Corbett, 5th Reg't, Westminster 435
Lieut. J. D. Taylor, 5th Reg't, Victoria 431

The scrutineers appointed at the annual meeting of members of the Provincial Rifle Association on Friday evening completed the work of counting the ballots to-day and declared the following duly elected members of the council:

From Victoria—Senator McInnes, Capt. Fletcher, Capt. Donovan, Major Gregory, Lieut. Taylor, Surgeon Duncan and Lieut. Hibben.

From Westminster—Lieut. Annandale, Ralph Wilson and J. H. Sharpe.

From Vancouver — Dr. Bell-Irving, Lieut. Tite and J. Duff Stuart.

From Nanaimo—J. McGregor, M.P.P., and Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P.

The council met subsequently and chose officers for the next official year, re-electing the present staff with a new president, in the person of Senator McInnes.

[FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, August 2.]

THE CITY

THE Fifth Regiment company will hold a drumhead service at Beacon Hill on Sunday next. The parade will fall in at 2:30 p. m. o'clock and march to the hill, accompanied by the band. Service will be conducted by the chaplain, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp.

THE inland revenue returns of the port of Victoria during the month of July just ended are as follows: Spirits, $6,894.39; malt, $2,420.31; tobacco, $4,409.30; cigars, $531.90; methylated spirits, $65.68; licenses, $1,295.00; other receipts, $5.20; rent of land, $50; total, $15,671.78.

IN ACCORDANCE with militia general order No. 43, the practice of keeping the disengaged arm steady at the side when rifles are carried at the shoulder and on the march past, will in the future be discontinued and the arm will be swung naturally and freely. Saluting will also be practiced with both hands, as laid down in Infantry Drill, 1893.

AT 9:30 a.m., yesterday morning many friends followed the remains of the late Mrs. Madigan from the residence 42 Work street to St. Andrew's cathedral where requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Laterme. Rev. Father Walthoff conducted the services at the grave. The pallbearers were: T. Geiger, Capt. J. D. Warren, J. Levy, H. Saunders, L. G. McQuade and M. McTiernan.

AFTER a brief illness, lasting only two days, Alex. Erskine passed away last evening at his brother's residence, Alfred street, his death resulting from an attack of appendicitis. He was 22 years of age and had been a resident of Victoria for the past five years. He leaves two brothers in the city, one Mr. Robert Erskine, of the firm of Erskine & Wall, and the other Mr. A. B. Erskine, proprietor of a Government street shoe store.

FROM the public library, Victoria, there were lent out in the month of July 1,593 books, or 809 of these to ladies and 784 to gentlemen. The greatest number lent in one day was 113, while the average per day was 61. Twenty-two new members enrolled their names on the library register during the month, and of these twelve were ladies. The books donated to the library were as follows: "Anecdotes, Literary and Scientific," "Photographic Annual," "Rose Mather," "Statutes of the Province of British Columbia," "Transactions of the Royal Society, Canada."

PIONEER LODGE, 1021, R.A.O.B., met on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, at the Coach and Horses' Hotel, Esquimalt road, when arrangements were made to receive the ten "unenlightened would-be buffs." They were duly initiated according to the ancient custom of the Buffaloes. After the ceremony the brothers, upon invitation of Host, W.B. Smith, participated in a "Buffalo" feast. Among the business on for the next meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening, is the initiation of three candidates. Two brothers will be raised to the first degree.

APPENDED are the customs statistics for the port of Victoria for the month just closed:

IMPORTS.

Free	$ 38,831 00
Dutiable	126,929 00
Total	$ 165,760 00
Duty collected	$ 47,331 67
Other revenues	7,162 40
Total	$ 54,494 07

EXPORTS.

Produce of Canada	$ 46,679 00
Not produce of Canada	4,469 00
Total	$ 106,148 00

A HORNBY island farmer writing to the COLONIST expresses regret at the prospective retirement of Captain Locke on the steamer Joan, from command of the Victoria and Comox run, in order to go on the Vancouver and Nanaimo run. Referring to his fellow islander, the writer states: "We have found him (the captain) a most obliging and courteous gentleman. On more than one occasion he has obliged the settlers having on one or two southbound trips, when ahead of time, crossed the channel and taken on the mail and freight. Not only here but along the entire route the captain has gained the esteem of the settlers and made many friends.

MILTON lodge, No. 311, Sons of St. George, held their regular meeting last Monday evening, when in addition to the regular business several new members were initiated into the order. The installation of officers was next in order, and the A. A. G. W. P., T. Gough visited the lodge and performed the duties of installation officer. The following are the officers for the ensuing half-year: W.P., S. Greenhalgh; W.V.P., W. H. Price; W.T., Thomas Gough; W.S., W Greasley; W.A.S., T. Bradbury; W.M., W. T. Kent; W A.M., Joseph Levy; W.C., A. B. Oldershaw; W.T.S., F. V. Hobbs; W.O.S., R. Saunders; Trustee, T. Wise; W.P.P., George Penketh. After the installation ceremony, the newly installed officers entertained the members of the lodge to light refreshments, and a pleasant hour was spent in conversation and making the acquaintance of the newly initiated brothers.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club Commences To-morrow.

The Programme of Events to Be Contested—Results of the Drawing.

Below is the result of the drawings for the tennis tournament commencing to-morrow at 11 a.m. The final in the club handicap between J. F. Foulkes (owes 30) and Harvey Combe (owes 15) will be a good match to begin the week with, and doubtless a large crowd will be in attendance. These two players fought it out in the open finals last year and playing even. Mr. Combe completely outplayed his opponent in the first set, but could not keep up the pace and lost the next three.

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN SINGLES.

Championship of British Columbia.

C. A. Hurd, (Seattle T. C.) (bye).
J. M. Miller, (bye).
R. B. Powell, (bye).
E. A. Jacobs, vs. B. H. T. Drake.
H. F. Meserve, (Seattle T. C.) vs. C. G. Skene.
T. Fransioli, (Tacoma T.C.) vs. R.E. Barkley, (Cowichan L. T. C.)
H. Carstens, (Seattle T. C.) vs. A.T. Goward.
R. Dunsmuir, vs. G.H. Purdon, (Tacoma T. C.)
G. V. Cuppage, vs. W. Speke, R. N.
J. A. Rithet, vs. J. F. Foulkes.
J. D. Pemberton, vs. E. W. Carr-Hilton, (Tacoma T. C.)
G. H. Barnard, vs. H. Combe.
L. Pelly. (Seattle T. C.) vs. C. R. Longe.
R. D. Harvey, (bye).
G. C. Johnston, (bye).
S. F. Card, R. N. (bye).

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

G. D. Ward, R.N., and P. J. Ling, R.N. (bye).
G. A. Hurd and H. F. Meserve, (Seattle T.C.) (bye).
H. Combe and A. T. Goward (bye).
G.H. Barnard and P. S. Lampman, (bye).
J. F. Foulkes and G. V. Cuppage, (bye).
G. C. Johnston and J. M. Miller, (bye).
J. A. Rithet and Ed. Rithet, (bye).
P. Higgins and H. Wilson vs. S. F. Card, R.N., and W. Speke, R.N.
C. G. Skene and F. T. Cornwall, (bye).
F. B. Ward and J. D. Pemberton, (bye).
L. Pelly (Seattle T.C.), and H. Carstens (Seattle T.C.), (bye).
R. Dunsmuir and T. E. Pooley, (bye).
R. C. Gamble and R. D. Harvey, (bye).
C. R. Longe and R. E. Barkley (Cowichan T.C.), (bye).
E. W. Carr-Hilton and T. Fransioli (Tacoma T.C.), (bye).
R. B. Powell and T. G. Wilson, (bye).

LADIES' OPEN SINGLES.

(Championship of British Columbia)

Miss Leather (Cowichan), vs. Mrs. W. F. Burton.
Miss Corie Powell, vs. Mrs. R. L. Ker.
Miss Cridge vs. Miss Nixon.
Miss M. Goward vs. Miss Musgrave (Duncan's).

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Mrs. Leather and Miss Musgrave vs. Miss M. Drake and Miss H. Drake.
Mrs. Langley and Miss Corrie Powell vs. Miss Macrae and Miss M. Macrae.
Mrs. Marquis and Miss S. Pemberton vs. Mrs. R. L. Ker and Miss Nixon.
Mrs. W. F. Burton and Miss Dunsmuir (bye).

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

S. F. Card, R. N., and Mrs. Smith (bye.)
H. Combe and Mrs. Burton (bye.)
F. B. Ward and Miss L. Strong (San Jose, Cal.) vs. R. D. Harvey and Miss Dunsmuir.
R. E. Barkley and vs. H. M. Hills and Mrs. Langley.
A. T. Goward and Miss M. Goward vs. G. H. Barnard and Miss G. Keefer.
J. F. Foulkes and Miss A. Pooley vs. R. B. Powell and Miss Corie Powell.
G. C. Johnston and vs. C. Worsfold and Miss Nixon.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

(Club Handicap.)

E. A. Jacob and Miss Beaven, receive ½ 15, (bye).
G.C. Johnston and Miss M. Green, scratch, (bye).
T. E. Pooley and Miss Dunsmuir, receive ½ 30, v. C. J. Prior and Mrs. Langley, receive ½ 15.
R. D. Harvey and Miss G. Keefer, scratch, v. F. T. Cornwall and Miss P. Green, receive 30.
F. B. Ward and Miss L. Strong, receive ½ 30, v. H. F. Mytton and Mrs. W. F. Burton, receive ½ 15.
G. E. Parkes and Mrs. Parkes, receive ½ 15, v. P. S. Lampman and Miss Corie Powell, receive 15.
J. F. Foulkes and Miss A. Pooley, owe ½ 15, (bye).
H. Combe and Mrs. Mayo, owne ½ 15, (bye).

FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—J. F. Foulkes vs. J. A. Rithet; Miss Cridge vs. Miss Nixon.
12 m.—R. Dunsmuir vs. G. H. Purdon, Tacoma; R. D. Harvey (scratch) and Miss G. Keefer vs, J. T. Cornwall and Miss D. Green (receive 30).
2:30 p.m.—H. Combe and A. T. Goward vs. G. H. Barnard and P. S. Lampman.
3 p.m.—Mrs. Marquis and Miss Pemberton vs. Mrs. R. L. Ker and Miss Nixon.
3:30.—T. E. Pooley and Miss Dunsmair (rec. ½ 30) vs. C. J. Prior and Mrs. Langley (rec. ½ 15).
4.—Final club handicap, J. F. Foulkes (owes 30) vs. H. Combe (owes 15).
4:30.—C. G. Skene and F. T. Cornwall vs. F. B. Ward and J. D. Pemberton.

FOULKES AND COMBE LEFT.

Visitors to the tennis courts yesterday were rewarded with some excellent play, though there were only four matches contested. Mr. Combe met and defeated Mr. F. Ward after a stubborn and game resistance, 6-2, 6-5, the superior placing of the older player more than compensating for the points owed. Mr. George Johnston got away somewhat easily with Mr. Laundy, 6-3, 6-1, though conceding him 15. The champion had all he could do to beat Mr. H. Haines, 6-4, 6-5, and then was pitted against Johnston for the semi-finals, Combe drawing a bye.

There was no failure of interest in this match, Johnston fully maintaining his reputation in the first rank of the younger players. The scores in the first set ran neck and neck all through the games, Foulkes just finishing ahead, 6-5. In the second set Johnston led off with three games before the champion had a chance. He, failed however to improve his position and Foulkes ran up to him, finishing one game ahead as in the former set. The handicap resolves itself therefore into a match between the two most heavily penalized men, Foulkes and Combe, old antagonists on level terms, and the result of Mr. Combes' 15.1 will be watched for with keen interest.

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KOKSILAH V. THE QUEEN.

The action of the Koksilah Quarry Co. v. the Queen opened on Friday before Mr. Justice Walkem. The plaintiffs claim $12,500 damages for alleged breach of contract by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in not using the stone from plaintiffs' quarry in the erection of the parliament buildings. Plaintiffs' petition of right alleges that in 1893 the government approved of the stone from plaintiffs' quarries and on invitation plaintiffs sent in tenders for the supply of such stone to the Lands and Works department, and that they were informed by the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works that the Koksilah stone had been selected. After some of the stone had been delivered plaintiffs allege that the contractor for the buildings refused to accept any more stone from them.

On the part of the provincial government the defence set up is that the contract was the late F. Adams, contractor for the building; and that the stone delivered by plaintiffs to the contractors was of poor quality and unfit for use in building, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, the architect for the building, having condemned it.

Mr. E. V. Bodwell appeared for plaintiffs; Mr. A. G. Smith, deputy attorney-general, and Mr. Herbert E. A. Robertson, for the province.

After the case had been opened, Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., asked that the Adams estate be made a party to the action, but the court decided negatively, as Mr. Helmcken's clients' interests would not be affected in the present action.

A great part of the day was taken up in the examination of Mr. Theo. Lubbe, president of the quarry company. He claimed that the stone supplied was of good quality.

The quarry foreman and several minor witnesses took up the rest of the afternoon and the case was then adjourned till this morning.

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