

Are Nearing The Finals

Some Exciting Matches on the Belcher St. Tennis Grounds Yesterday.

Play To-day for the Honor of Meeting the Present Champions To-morrow.

The tennis tournament was continued yesterday in spite of the threatening weather and the slippery courts, and gradually match by match the weaker players were weeded out...

Among yesterday's matches may be mentioned, in the gentlemen's singles, that between R. B. Powell (the vanquisher of S. Russell, of Seattle, the day before) and L. Bell...

Perhaps the greatest surprise of the day, however, occurred in the mixed doubles, when R. B. Powell and Mrs. Langley defeated A. T. Howard and Miss Goward (last year's winners) in two straight sets.

The results of yesterday's matches follow: R. B. Powell defeated Lieut. Oxide, R.N.-60, 8-6.

Miss Kitto and Miss Macrae defeated Miss Twigg and Miss Beattie-6-4, 6-2.

Of course, the big day of the week will be Saturday, when those who have been in play will have the honor of meeting the present holders of the championships...

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The Play Was Appropriate

At Least the Members of a Wedding Party Thought So--Notes of Hotel Guests.

There appeared to be an epidemic of marriage in the air yesterday, so far as Hotel Victoria guests were concerned...

Tourists are numerous at the Hotel Victoria today, among the holidaying arrivals of yesterday being Mrs. J. Corey, of San Francisco...

Charles Hanson and wife, with Mrs. Alice Hanson, have arrived from Tacoma, and are for a few days guests at the hotel.

Samuel P. McKinnery, of Chicago, and Mrs. M. J. Judah, of San Francisco, are tonight guests at the Hotel Delriad.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is not, she cannot be for they make her life hell, and she cannot be for they make her life hell...

Denounces Helmecken Offer and Predicts the Defeat of the Government.

From the Victoria Globe. A Globe reporter called on Mr. Higgins, member for Esquimalt, yesterday morning, and questioned him as to the correctness of a statement in yesterday's Colonist to the effect that he had returned from the government fold.

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The Societies' Celebration.

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A BIG CONCERN.

Company Being floated in London to Acquire Business of Victoria Firms.

The prospectus of Turner, Beeton & Co., Limited, of British Columbia and London, has been issued. The object of the company is to purchase the business of Turner, Beeton & Co. in British Columbia, H. C. Beeton & Co. in London, and Lenz & Leiser in Victoria.

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Lead Duties The Problem.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

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BRITISH OPINION. Edward Blake and Others Regarding Constitutional of the Redistribution Bill.

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Government Refusal for Prohibition Territory. But Insist That Must Not Be Made Vain.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Aug. 8.—The bill for Yukon territory, including two of Mr. Sifton's amendments, is being considered by the Yukon committee.

THE SCANDAL COM. The privileges committee appointed by the House of Commons to inquire into the scandal connected with the Yukon territory, has today reported to the House.

INDENTY GRAB. At the Liberal caucus government gave a positive answer to the demand for indemnity. Many Liberals were wrothy and go home.

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