HEARTY RECEPTION TO NEW LEADER

ROSSLAND WELCOMES JAMES A. MACDONALD

The Liberal Chieftain Speaks of Political Situation in Province at the Present Time.

The Rossland Miner of Friday referring of the reception accorded James A. Macdonald, the leader of the Liberal party in this province, upon his arrival in his own constituency has the following to say:

"It was precisely half an hour after midnight when the night train over the Canadian Pacific steamed into the depot. At that hour it was natural to suppose that everyone would have been tired out with the long wait. But the enthusiasm of Mr. Macdonald's supporters was not thus easily quenched. Fully 150 of them were gathered on the platform at the station, reinforced by the bugle band of No. 1 Company Rocky Mountain Rangers and the city brass band. Mr. Macdonald had been met at Smelter junction by a small deputation, who intimated that something in the shape of a reception would be tendered him, otherwise the new Liberal leader would have abandoned the train at Union avenue and hastened home without coming up town at all.

"When the train came to a stop the brass band broke into music, announcing to the heavens that this crowd wouldn't 'go home till morning.' When Mr. Macdonald came on the platform the cheers woke the echoes for blocks around. There was a surge to the spot, five minutes of the most vigorous handshaking that has been witnessed in the Golden City since the election and then the crowd started for Columbia avenue.

"The bands headed the procession and were followed by several carriages containing Mr. Macdonald and a number of his loyal supporters in the campaign. A halt was made at the corner of Columbia avenue and Washington street, and after three rousing cheers for the Liberal leader, Mr. Macdonald made a brief but stirring address. He thanked the gathering sincerely for their hearty appreciation of the honor which had been done to Rossland by the selection of its member as the leader of British Columbia Liberals in the legislative assembly, but assured them that personally he felt that he did not deserve the honor that had been done him. The balance of his address was devoted to an outline of existing conditions at the coast and a forecast of the immediate future that conveyed a spectacle of Liberals sweeping the country at a forthcoming general election.

"Then there were more cheers, and Mr. Macdonald was driven to his home convoyed by the balance of the carriages in attendance. The brass band played the National Anthem, concluding an incident that will long be remembered by Rossland Liberals, and by the present representative of the Golden City at Victoria.

"'The government is doing absolutely nothing at the present moment,' said Mr. Macdonald to a representative of the Miner. 'Houston is understood to have delivered an ultimatum to Premier McBride in respect to the portfolio of lands and works, and is now encamped at the Hotel Driard, metaphorically holding a gun to the head of the government and demanding the position he covets. Of course the government doesn't want to give Houston the portfolio—they are afraid of the effect such a move would have on the country—but on the other hand they are afraid to refuse him, and matters are at a standstill apparently. Then Carter-Cotton is hanging on the flanks of the government; he wants something and is insisting that his request be conceded. The existence of the government depends upon one vote, assuming that they win Fernie, which I don't think they will. If Fernie is given to the Conservatives on the judicial recount it will be on a mere recount, and not because there is any doubt as to the will of the people.

"'If the Conservatives lose Fernie they will be absolutely dependent upon the Socialists in the House and if it is attempted to do business the administration will in effect be Socialist, and the country won't stand for that.

"'What British Columbia wants and is demanding is a stable government and this will not be secured until a new election takes place. We must have this election soon, and the sooner the better for both parties and the country generally. After this forthcoming election British Columbia will have a strong government in office for the next four years.

"'Premier McBride proposes to borrow a million dollars at 4½ per cent., and this will be the first bill he introduces in the House if he decides to meet the House at all, of which I am doubtful. Just imagine the idea of a government borrowing money at 4½ per cent.! The very highest percentage that this province should pay under any circumstances would be 3½ per cent.

"'The Liberals are in fine shape. Under the conditions existing the last election was actually a Liberal victory. Perfect harmony exists among the members of the House on the Liberal side, and the old jealousies of the Island vs. Mainland have been entirely laid aside and buried with the dead past. It is a fact that the Island actually had the voting power in the Liberal caucus to elect a leader from the Island members, but they did not do so; instead a Mainland man was appointed, and an Interior man, too, and the Island support is harmoniously and solidly with him as Liberal leader.

"'I cannot tell what is likely to happen in the next few days, weeks or months. Much hinges around the result of the recount in the Fernie election. This recount take place at Nelson on Monday next, and the question arising is whether ballots sufficient to elect Mr. Smith, Liberal, but marked opposite his name instead of within the white disk, are to be counted. The act says that 'the returning officer shall reject' ballots not marked within the disk, but it must be remembered that the returning officer is merely a counting machine and has none of the discretionary power vested in a judge. I don't see why a technical departure in this respect should rob so many men of their franchises in the Fernie riding.

"'If the Fernie seats comes to us there is little doubt in my mind that Premier McBride will refuse to meet the House. The situation is further complicated by the bye-elections necessary after cabinet positions are filled. The Conservatives are almost certain to lose any seats thus thrown open, and I don't believe they will venture to open any riding save Nelson. With Fernie thrown to the Liberal side the Conservatives are absolutely certain to lose every bye-election, so that a great deal depends upon the Fernie matter.

"'In event of a new election the Liberals will be returned to power with a sweeping majority. This point is practically conceded by coast Conservatives. The Conservative administration has had its chance and failed to meet the House with a majority sufficient to guarantee in any degree the measure of stable government that the country demands and the people insist upon. In a new election the Liberals will gain one or two seats on the Island—Comox in particular—we will carry Kamloops and Similkameen and two-thirds to three-fourths of the Interior district. The existing conditions are so unsatisfactory and the Conservatives so uttely unable to afford stable government that I cannot see how another general election can be long postponed. The stand taken by the Socialists elected to the House is absolutely unknown, so far as I know. Nothing has eventuated to indicate where the Socialists will stand. The outlook for Liberalism is certainly bright.'

"Mr. Macdonald was deeply touched with the reception accorded him by his townspeople, especially in view of the fact that all had waited three weary hours for the delayed train."

MUCH FREE GOLD ORE.

Section Between Rossland and the Velvet Mine Has Many Ledges.

"That there is between Rossland and the Velvet mine a strong zone of free-milling ore is maintained in some quarters, together with the belief that marked development would follow the opening of the section in question by a wagon road," says the Rossland Miner. "The proposed Rossland-Velvet wagon road would accomplish the desired result, and if the arguments advanced in the quarters referred to are substantiated it is apparent that Rosslanders have neglected a most important section of the Rossland district.

"Among those who hold strong and disinterested opinions on the subject is P. H. Craven, lessee of the I. X. L. mine and O. K. stamp mill. It is with free-milling ores that Mr. Craven is most familiar.

"'If there were facilities for taking machinery into the section between Rossland and the Velvet I would start work there to-morrow. I have spent considerable time in going over the ground, and am satisfied that there are a number of strong free-milling veins that will pay well. The inducements for the man with limited capital are especially good. Now if there were facilities for getting mining machinery to the various properties in the section described there are a number of properties that have all the appearances of good free-milling propositions. The one I have particularly in view is the Burlington. With a moderate amount of mining machinery the property could be made to yield a tonnage sufficient to keep a five-stamp mill in operation, and a mill could be located at a convenient point for securing water at a figure that would surprise those familiar with the results that can be accomplished when such plants are put in by the men who intend to operate them personally.

"'I have no doubt that this ore will mill and concentrate most satisfactorily, and there are a number of properties in the same mineral belt carrying ore with the same characteristics. A few of these claims I have seen myself, and I am informed that there are others where the ore is of a similar nature. It will be impossible to accomplish anything toward the opening of these properties until some facilities are afforded for getting machinery to the ground. The important feature of the matters is that these free-milling properties do not require to stand idle until someone with capital can be induced to take them up. Practical men with small capital can go ahead and place the claims on a profit producing basis, and I feel sure this would be the case in respect to the district in question. Personally I would be glad to have the opportunity, and should think the importance of opening up a district with such opportunities would be sufficient inducement for the province to proceed with the construction of the Rossland-Velvet road, which would give access to the properties along the line of the survey.'"

OBJECT TO CHANGE.

Vancouver, Oct. 26.—The customs officers of Vancouver practically went on strike yesterday. Heretofore for night and Sunday clearances extra bills have been put in by officers, averaging two and three dollars. A new regulation of the department makes this forty cents, so the men made a big kick. The steamer Pilot tried to clear yesterday for Tacoma but failed, having to go coastwise to Ladysmith. The steamer Princess May and other vessels were delayed. The trouble is still unsettled.

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DEBUT OF A NEW TEAM IN VICTORIA

INTERESTING MATCH SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Combination and Experience Too Much for Newcomers—Two Well-Played Rugby Games.

When the whistle sounded for the commencement of Saturday's Association football match between the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria teams at Beacon Hill, there were a large number of spectators, for, as it was the initial appearance of the Young Men's Christian Association eleven in local football circles, the match was considered important. It was thought it would give other teams of the city league an idea of the strength of the new organization. The match resulted, as was expected, in an easy victory for Victoria by a score of 6 goals to nil. Many of those belonging to other teams, however, watched the game put up by the newly-formed eleven, with astonishment. In spite of the very short time they had for practice and for getting into thorough shape, the Victorias had hard work to prevent them from scoring. There were a number of Y. M. C. A. men who showed themselves well acquainted with the game, and who, with a little further training, will be as good as the best of the Victorias.

Y. M. C. A. took the kick-off at the start and rushed the ball towards Victoria's goal for a short distance. They were soon stopped, however, and play was transferred to the other end of the field. The Victoria forward division, lead by S. Lorimer at centre, then made one of their famous attacks on the Y. M. C. A. goal, working together like a machine and with splendid combination. The Y. M. C. A. defence was unable to stand against this, and Tye was given an opportunity which he promptly took advantage of, scoring the first goal for Victoria.

Play recommenced more favorably for the Young Men's Association team. Bate, at centre, assisted by his forward line, took the ball some distance towards Victoria's goal, but, as usual, lack of combination lost the advantage to the Y. M. C. A., and the ball was sent well up field. Lorimer secured and the ball was sent to left wing into the legs of Menzies, who rushed well up field and centred beautifully. Another scrimmage in front of Y. M. C. A.'s goal resulted in the second goal for Victoria.

The remainder of the first half was well contested. Apparently the Y. M. C. A. defence got into the running, and Victoria was unable to score. Repeatedly they attacked the Y. M. C. A. goal and again and again were repulsed. For this the Y. M. C. A. goal-keeper deserves considerable credit. Shot after shot was made on the goal, and on almost every occasion the work of saving was left to the goal-keeper. It was a most creditable performance, showing unusual coolness and judgment. Under the circumstances Victoria should certainly have scored several times at least. Before the close of the first half the Y. M. C. A. forward division was given several chances. Lack of combination among the forwards and the half backs is the reason these rushes were not effective.

Victoria was kicking down hill in the second half, and play was therefore mostly in Y. M. C. A. territory. A slight change was made in the line up this half, Ed. Whyte going in goal and the former goal-keeper taking a position on the half back line. This resulted in an improvement in the defence. It did not strengthen the team sufficiently, however, to withstand the repeated assaults of the opposing team. The whole of the Victoria eleven appeared to crowd in on Y. M. C. A.'s goal. Goward evidently found his position at full back not sufficiently strenuous to his taste, and took a place at centre half. The result was as anticipated. The ball was continually in the vicinity of the Y. M. C. A. goal, and although the latter team put up a good defence, they were unable to prevent Victoria score reaching six.

On the victors little need be said. They were not required to play hard enough to test their powers. As far as could be seen the forwards, half backs and backs did their work equally well. R. Lorimer in goal didn't have much work to do, but on the two occasions the ball came his way he proved that all the fine points of the game have not left him yet.

What the Y. M. C. A. eleven wants is practice. Combination would make a great difference with them. As already stated, there is good material in the team. Individual playing, however, can't count against a team that plays as one man. Saturday's game proved the impotency of a team with absolutely no team work against an eleven playing nothing but combination.

Sergt. Wood acted as referee to the satisfaction of both teams.

COLUMBIAS DEFEATED.

In a well contested match at the Canteen grounds on Saturday, a crew from H. M. S. Grafton defeated the Columbias by a score of 5 goals to 1. The score is not a fair indication of the character of the game. From the start the Columbias put up a hard game, and at time out generaled their opponents at every point. They were unable, however, to make these advantages effective against the stone wall defence of the sailors. The latter teams also did some great combination, and it is to this they owe their victory.

During the first half the forward division of the sailors secured the ball repeatedly and rushed in the direction of the Columbias' goal. Owing to their excellent team work it appeared almost impossible for the Columbias to stop their impetuous assaults. Several times the danger was averted, but finally the ball was sent between the goal posts for the first time. The ice once broken it seemed much easier for the Grafton eleven to score. Before the whistle announced the finish of the first portion of the game a couple more goals had been added to the sailors' account.

When the second part of the match started the sailors were cheered on by the large number of adherents who witnessed the game. However the Grafton eleven didn't have the same game to play as in the first half. The Columbias put up much better ball and scored on a penalty kick. The sailors also added to their score before the game ended.

NORTHWARD 1, BRIGADE 0.

The junior match played at Beacon Hill on Saturday between the Boys' Brigade and the North Ward teams resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 1 goal to 0. Judging from the game the boys have not had enough practice yet this season. There was some ragged playing on both sides, but, as the score indicates, the match was closely contested. Alf. Haughton made a satisfactory referee.

HAS ENTERED LEAGUE.

The Celtic Club, of Vancouver, has made application for a place in the British Columbia Association Football League series, which has been accepted.

MEETING WEDNESDAY.

On Wednesday evening next a meeting of the Victoria District Association Football League will be held for the purpose of completing organization.

Those in touch with football matters will remember that at the last meeting the work of organization was left incomplete in order to give intermediate and junior teams further time to enter. The senior league schedule was also left to allow the Rugby League to first adopt a schedule so that the Association games could be arranged to avoid clashing with Rugby matches. On Wednesday all this incomplete business will be dealt with, and the junior, intermediate and senior leagues organized.

Referring to the city leagues for the ensuing season, Sergt. Wood, secretary of the Association, says:

"Victoria, Columbia, Y. M. C. A. and the Garrison are the teams which have entered the senior league this year. This will no doubt make the senior grade a most interesting competition, and the whole of the matches should draw crowds of spectators to witness the struggle for the championship.

"As the Capital Athletic Association was the only team entered for the intermediate competition, a resolution was adopted at the last meeting allowing this to remain open till Wednesday next, October 28th. Any club having an intermediate eleven should communicate with me at once. Special attention is drawn to the new status of an intermediate. An intermediate must be under the age of twenty-one years and not have played in more than two senior games."

"Three clubs have entered the junior grade, viz.: Centrals, Capitals and North Ward school. The drawing up of this schedule was also left over till Wednesday's meeting to admit of any club which was not represented entering a team, and the league trust every school or athletic association which has a junior team will write at once.

"New constitutions have been adopted and a copy of these will, as soon as finally completed by the executive, be sent to each club."

THE TURF.

LOU DILLON'S RECORD.

Memphis, Oct. 24.—Lou Dillon, owned by C. K. G. Billings, of Chicago, and driven by Willard Sanders, this afternoon proved her right to the title of queen of the turf by trotting a mile under adverse conditions in the remarkable time of 1.58½. The mare was paced by two runners. The track was in excellent condition, but a strong north wind swept down the long back stretch and the announcement was made that too much should not be expected of the trotter.

At the first start Sanders nodded for the word and the flag was dropped. Making the first turn the remarkable work of Lou Dillon could be better seen, and like a perfect piece of machinery she reached the quarter, the running pace maker being pushed hard. Coming down the back stretch against the wind Lou Dillon seemed to travel faster than ever, and around to the wire she maintained the great pace, making a final superb spurt that carried her across the finish line in 1.58½ amid the shouts of the spectators.

After the mare had been blanketed and sent to her barn, Sanders, her driver, said: "It is my opinion that Lou Dillon can trot as fast as any horse in the world can pace, and next year I will demonstrate this."

PACING.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 24.—Prince Alert clipped a quarter of a second from the world's pacing record for half a mile at Narragansett park this afternoon. His time was 57½ seconds.

THE RING.

WEDNESDAY'S CONTEST.

Robt. McCall, of Philadelphia, and Ed. Barry, of Butte, Mont., will meet in a ten-round contest for the heavyweight championship of British Columbia, on Wednesday next at the Dejmonico theatre. The men are both training hard and will be in the best possible condition by the evening of the fight.

The record of McCall follows:

Won—Jack Burke, 20 rounds.

Knockouts—Tony Hollis, 5 rounds; Tom Williams, 3 rounds; Mickey Finn, 12 rounds; Tom Dixon, 8 rounds; Ed. Jackson, 1 round; Billie Smith, 1 round.

Draws—Billie Smith, 20 rounds; Billie Layton, 20 rounds; Prof. Bernard, 20 rounds; "Bright-Eyes," 20 rounds; "Bright-Eyes," 20 rounds; Dummie Raan, 6 rounds.

Barry's record is as follows:

Won—Jack Daly, 4 rounds; Mike Leonard, 10 rounds.

Draws—Jean Hannon, 8 rounds; Dave Kemp, 9 rounds; Joe Cummings, 4 rounds; Harry Howard, 10 rounds; Denny Deane, 6 rounds; Frank Limes, 6 rounds; Billy Newell, 8 rounds; Tommy Gilmore, 6 rounds; Jack O'Grady, 20 rounds; Chas. Berry, 6 rounds; Billy Heffern, 20 rounds; Tom Wilson, 15 rounds; Hugh McQuine, 10 rounds; Jack Carriage, 10 rounds; Chas. Williams, 9 rounds; Sam Clark, 10 rounds; Nick Burley, 4 rounds; Den Egen, 6 rounds; Kid Lewis, 20 rounds; Dude Lewis, 8 rounds; Jim Borrones, 4 rounds.

Knock-Outs—Harry Howard, 15 rounds; Jerry Sullivan, 3 rounds; Kid McGinnis, 4 rounds; Kid Alvord, 3 rounds; Tom Costello, 1 round; Jack Burke, 5 rounds; Host Adams, 3 rounds; Tom Nelson, 2 rounds; Jack Wilkes, 1 round; Jim Bates, 3 rounds; Jimmy Porter, 2 rounds; Billy Hawkins, 3 rounds; Billy O'Neill, 3 rounds; London Campbell, 11 rounds; Tom Shultz, 7 rounds; Frank Sawyer, 8 rounds; Billy Lee, 3 rounds; Geo. Cole, 2 rounds; K. Johnson, 4 rounds; Arthur Baird, 3 rounds.

Lost—Dick Moore, 20 rounds; Tom Murry, 11 rounds.

At Anaconda, Mont., in February of 1900, Barry agreed to knock out Kid Foiez and Jack Sullivan in 8 rounds, each on the same night. He failed to do so.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WON BY THE CENTRALS.

The match between the Central and Oak Bay teams at the Caledonia grounds was an excellent exhibition of the playing ability of the younger element. The closeness of the score, three points (one try) to nil was incontestible evidence of the character of the game. Although the Oak Bays enjoyed a superiority in weight, the advantage was altogether neutralized by the Central team's first-class three-quarter line. For half the game honors were even, neither side scoring. Eventually, in the second half, G. Morley secured the ball from a scrimmage, and by a fine run crossed the line, securing the only touch of the day. F. Anderson took the kick but failed. All the boys played well, Morley, the two Sargisons and Anderson being especially conspicuous. J. E. Cornwall and W. Moresby refereed the game.

A HARD GAME.

There was a large turnout of Rugby players at the Caledonia grounds on Saturday. Two splendid practice games were held, the first being between junior teams and the second between the Associated Banks and the Victoria intermediates. The latter commenced at 3 o'clock, and after a closely contested match resulted in a victory for the Banks by 19 points (two goals and three tries) to nothing.

The start of the game was in favor of the intermediates, but they couldn't stand the pace. After the first rush the superior weight of the Bank's fifteen had the effect anticipated, and play gradually worked into the intermediates' territory. At this juncture the ball was passed into the hands of K. Scholefield from a scrimmage. From him it went to Rithet, who, after a good run, succeeded in scoring. The try was not converted.

Shortly after the twenty-five kick the Banks secured the ball, and through some good running rushed it well down the field and finally across the line, making a second try. The second attempt to convert was also unsuccessful.

The intermediates then took a decided stand and for a time the Banks' fifteen was held in check. However, the former team was unable to score. In spite of several attempts, Scholefield, Rithet, Todd or Netherby were always in the way. Good runs were made by Patton, Gallop, McDonell and Janion, but each time they essayed to pass their opponents' defence they were stopped. No further scoring was done in the first half, the whistle blowing with the score 6 to nil in favor of the Banks.

After travelling up and down the field for a short time in the commencement of the second half, the ball settled in the intermediates' twenty-five. L. Bell then secured it after a scrimmage, and, outrunning his opponents, scored again for the Associated Banks. W. Moresby converted, making a splendid kick.

Although 11 points behind, the intermediates put up a plucky fight for the remainder of the game. Through some hard work on the part of their forwards the ball was taken to centre. Here Jack Rithet secured it, and, dodging in and out among the opposing players, made straight for the goal with a comparatively clear field. Gidley, at full back, however, stopped him, but not before he passed to Scholefield, who crossed the line. Rithet converted. Again the intermediates came back to the attack, but their efforts to pass the opposing three-quarters were fruitless. K. Gillespie, securing the ball well up field, made a beautiful long drop kick, which Scholefield secured and made another try. This time the effort to convert was unsuccessful.

K., Scholefield, J. Rithet, T. Bell, W. Todd, K. Gillespie, J. Cornwall and L. Netherby played good ball for the winners. Gidley put up a splendid match for the intermediates. Foot, Sweetland, Marchant, Heath, Blackburn, Austin and Keefer were prominent on the losing team. F. A. McCrae referred the game satisfactorily.

TWO MEN RETIRING.

"Charlie Worsnop and Billy Flood, of the B. C. Rugby football champions, are retiring from the game, and it is not likely that they will be seen on the gridiron this season. Worsnop is quitting on account of business, while Flood also feels that he cannot devote the necessary time to the winter game. Their absence from the line-up will make the champions considerably weaker."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

VICTORIA BOYS PLAYING.

A correspondent writing from Vancouver says:

"Rugby is booming in Vancouver this year. Before the senior practice on Saturday the Argonauts, juniors, played a game with the Vancouver College (High school), in which the former had an easy victory, winning by 23 to nil. Among the winners a number of Victoria boys figured prominently. Billy Sweeney and Jack Belyea put up a great game at half back, and Gibson made a good full back. The Argonauts are talking of a game with some Victoria juniors on the King's birthday."

IN TERMINAL CITY.

"The season has begun in earnest and Saturday afternoon saw a tremendous number of players out at Brockton Point," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "There is one thing sure, and that is some other ground, as well as the one now in use, will have to be marked out in order to give all the players a chance for a practice these days. Up to half-time there must have been at least 14 forwards on either side, and this, of course, is absolutely a nonsensical way to practice. Of course it is hard to deny any enthusiastic men a place on one of the teams, but until another ground is obtained there must necessarily be a weeding out process adopted at half time.

"On Saturday the Junior-Junior Argonauts and High school met for the first time this season, and the result was a win for the High school, 6-3. For the High School Donaldson and Brydone-Jack were notably hard workers, and Marpole, Reed, Grundy and Morrison for the Argonauts.

"After this game the Junior High school and Argonauts went on for their innings, and the Argonauts succeeded in beating their opponents 20-0. The large score is due to the greater experience of the Argos. over the High school, in whose ranks are quite a few new men, but it is a rattling good little team, and will not take long to learn each other's play better, when greater things may be expected of them.

"The latter team is considerably changed from last year, and when they get working together should be an exceedingly fast set of boys. Their half back line is new this year, and for their first game played very well indeed. On the three-quarter line there were the two old reliable centres, Dud Johnston and Clarkson, who made good openings for their wings, Murray and McLeod, who, in their turn, made good use of them.

As before mentioned, when the seniors turned out first, there was absolutely no chance to form any idea of the play, owing to the large number on the field, and it was only at half-time that matters began to shape themselves so that the play could be criticised. Most of the seniors were on hand and gave evidence of being in good condition for the first of the season. The scrum work was necessarily ragged at times and the passing not all that could be desired, but all the same the champions show great form for a beginning, and with lots of work from now on will be able to more than hold their own. Among the three-quarters, C. Woodward is playing in good shape, and during the game made a beautiful drop goal, which brought down the bleachers. Marpole is very sure at centre, but should get out soon and get more wind. This is all he needs at present, his foot work being as clever as ever. Among the forwards, Grubble, Templeton, O'Callaghan and Woodward are good men. Killam, too, works hard, but spoils most of it by his heavy kicking at the wrong moments.

"Taking the club all through, senior, intermediate and junior, there is every indication that the three cups are going to remain in Vancouver for another year.

HOCKEY.

AT OAK BAY.

Members of the Victoria Hockey Club held a good practice at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon.

THE RIFLE.

MATCH POSTPONED.

Owing to the fog on Saturday the match announced to take place between the officers of the Fifth Regiment and a team from No. 1 company was postponed. If convenient, the match will be held next Saturday.

RETURNS FROM CASSIAR.

Warburton Pike and Party Arrived By Princess May Yesterday Afternoon.

Warburton Pike and party, who, during the past season, have been conducting mining operations on the Thibet Creek, Cassiar, arrived from the North on the steamer Princess May Sunday afternoon. They have come south to spend the winter, the cold weather, which set in in Cassiar early this month, having prevented further work being done, members of the company therefore packed up on the 6th of the present month and started for Telegraph Creek, 70 miles distant, by portage, where they took canoe for down the Stikine, embarkin at Wrangel for Victoria. The mule train was left behind at Telegraph Creek, where they will be wintered until the party's return in the early spring.

Just what success the company met with during the past year is not announced, but at least three substantial clean-ups are reported to have been made, the gold from the first having been forwarded south by Mr. Thompson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, some months ago. The company conducts one of the largest hydraulic mines in Cassiar. During the past season it had 35 men at work, who continued operations as long as the weather would permit. The Rosella Hydraulic Mining Company's property on Rosella creek is another mine that gives promise of good returns, and the party now here brings news that in the early spring it is the intention of the managers to install a hydraulic plant.

Mrs. Victor Bevans, who, with her husband, was shot on Friday night, while sitting in a room in their home, near Port Jervis, N. Y., died on Saturday. Bevans is still alive, but is in a very serious condition. Two discharges of buckshot were fired at Mr. and Mrs. Bevans through a window pane by an unknown person.

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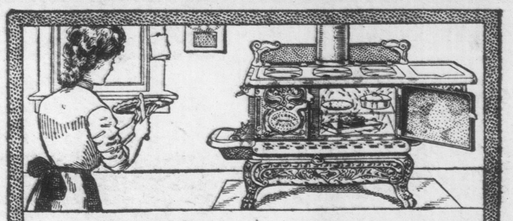

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TANNER ASHORE.

Came to Grief in Straits in Dense Fog of Saturday Last.

Across the Straits, six miles from Port Angeles, the San Francisco brig Tanner is ashore. The sea is breaking over her, and, according to a telegram to the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, there is a probability of her breaking up. The Tanner was en route to Port Angeles from San Diego, and was sailing up the Straits on Saturday night when in the dense fog which then prevailed she ran ashore. The vessel is said to be in a dangerous condition, and it is feared will prove a total loss. The crew all escaped ashore.

The Tanner hails from San Francisco. She is a wooden vessel. She was built in New York in 1855, and was owned by S. H. Mott, but whether she is still in his possession is not known. The brig was of 291 tons gross, or 277 tons register, her dimensions being: Length, 129 feet; beam, 29.7 feet, and depth, 11.7 feet.

BACK FROM THE ASSIZES.

Superintendent Hussey, of Provincial Police, Returned Last Night—Nanaimo Sitting To-Morrow.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, returned last night from Clinton, where he has been attending the assizes presided over by Chief Justice Hunter, who was also a passenger on yesterday's Charmer. The most important feature of this sitting was the trial and conviction of the three Chinamen, Sack Chun, Gum Tai and Ah Gun, on the charge of murdering Ah Gee at Crow's Bar, on the Fraser, about eighty-seven miles from Ashcroft. As will be recalled, the trio of assassins killed their victim while he was sleeping in his cabin, and then, it is believed, threw his body into the river. They were sentenced to be hanged on the 4th of December.

The Nanaimo assizes will be held tomorrow. There are two matters of unusual interest to come up. One is the charge of double murder preferred against a Japanese. As readers of the Times will remember, the alleged murderer is said to have entered the room of two of his countrymen, and, like the murderers in the Crow's Bar affair, killed his two victims while they were sleeping. He then proceeded to the other room, occupied by the Japanese and wife who kept the house. The woman, alarmed by the noise, escaped through the window. The Japanese was arrested by Provincial Constable Hodson. The day after the crime he said he could remember nothing about it.

The Kells case of cruelty to a child will also be heard. In this connection it is understood that Kells, the man charged, has taken advantage of his freedom on bonds and left the country. This case also is more or less familiar. Some time ago the attention of C. J. South, secretary of the Children's Protection Society, was drawn to the fact that a nine-year-old child was being starved in a cabin at Cumberland. He investigated, and found the youngster in a pitiable condition, weighing only thirty pounds. The child was taken to the Cumberland hospital, where, under good treatment, he improved wonderfully, and weighs now more than sixty pounds. When the case was discovered, Supt. Hussey, who was at Cumberland, had Kells arrested. He was tried and committed, but allowed out on bail. Sergeant Murray left this morning to attend the session.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

San Francisco, Oct. 24.—John K. Brown, for the last 13 years cashier of the Union Bank of New Holland, Ohio, is under arrest here for embezzlement. He disappeared from the bank on August 8th last, and upon investigation of his accounts it was found he was short $103,000 in his cash. He was subsequently indicted upon four charges of felony. Since his arrival here he tried to obtain work even as a day laborer, but even that could not be secured. The last money he had was stolen from him. Brown expressed a desire to be taken back to New Holland at once. Requisition papers will be signed at once by Governor Nash, of Ohio, and officers will start from Columbus to-day to take him back.

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