

right on and doesn't diminish the quantity in the least. He says the coffee is too strong, and that is the reason why he puts in more than sensible people. As a matter of fact, if it should sweeten his cup without his knowledge, he would put in his regular amount of sugar just the same, and would then drink the coffee and never know the difference. I should like to see him act in the same foolish manner with a lot of strong mustard some time on his beef and be present to see him get the benefit of the lesson." "Well, how you talk," put in his wife the first chance she got. "While you've been talking that way about that man, you've put seven lumps of sugar in your tea, and it was already sweetened when I passed it to you." And he took the cup from his lips in surprise and ejaculated, "Well, it's funny I didn't notice that," and he was remarkably silent for the rest of the meal.

When the Victoria Lacrosse Club went East to contest for honors against the best teams in Canada, many doubted their ability to make any showing. I am free to confess that I was among the doubting ones, at least I never expected that they would win so many honors. Others had more faith in the boys, and subsequent events developed the fact that their confidence was not misplaced. Financially the tour may also be said to have been a success; but it costs money to keep up a good club, and in order that lacrosse may maintain the interest that has been centred in it in the past, it is proposed to swell the funds of the club by giving a concert, which will be held on the evening of October 26. This, I am informed, is to be no ordinary song-and-dance affair, but a real artistic treat. The leading vocalists of the city will be heard and the instrumental portion of it has not been overlooked. An interesting

feature of the evening will be the presentation of the souvenirs which have been purchased by the citizens as a slight recognition of the appreciation of the work of the club while in the East. The presentation will be made by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney, and it is hoped that the boys will be able to make a few remarks themselves on the occasion. As this will be the last issue of this paper before the evening of the concert, I take this opportunity of urging every one who has the future of the Canadian national game at heart to attend.

There is likely to be trouble between the laborers attending the bricklayers on the Spring Ridge surface drain and the contractors. The contractors entered into an agreement to reward this class of labor at a rate of not less than 28½ cents per hour; but it is claimed that this agreement has been violated, and that the men are paid only two dollars for nine hours work. The following clause in the agreement provides the penalty for the violation of the same: "In the event of the contractor violating any of the provisions of this section, or of any of his employees or any subcontractor under him doing so, the contractor and his assigns hereby agrees that he shall forfeit all right and claim, legal or equitable, to any sum of money due or to become due to him under the contract, and that the corporation shall not be liable for and will not be responsible for the payment of any sum of money under the contract, and that the materials placed upon the ground shall be forfeited to the corporation, and the city surveyor may complete the work by day labor or re-let the work to any person by contract." The matter has been brought to the attention of Mayor Beaven, who, it is said, has notified the superintendant to see that the conditions of the agreement are strictly enforced.

The privilege of growling has long been regarded the inalienable right of every loyal subject of Queen Victoria in the British dominions. The Englishman kicks because society in the "blawsted" colonies is not what he was accustomed to at home; the Scotchman growls because it sometimes rains on the day he celebrates, while Paddy groans as the thought flashes across his brain that his native isle may be as far away as ever from her national aspiration—Home Rule. The Canadian also is something of a kicker. In the east he growls about the cold weather, and out here he snarls because the native British Columbian believes that no outsider should share in the advantages of a glorious climate, designed by Nature for all. Very often the Englishman, Scotchman, Irishman and Canadian combine forces to growl for the general good. Sometimes they register a polite but determined kick because the city council hasn't sense enough to remove the hackstands from Government street; occasionally they rise to a point of order when Mayor Beaven complacently declares that the affairs of the city are not conducted by a "village" council, and quite often they get in their oar and hurl imprecations at the head of President Higgins because the tramcar service is not exactly in accord with their idea of what an electric line should be. If the statement of a gentleman who has recently returned from the east counts for anything the president of the tramcar company can afford to laugh at this latter class of kickers. This gentleman claims to have visited a dozen eastern cities—Chicago, Minneapolis, and Toronto among the number—and in none of them does he consider that the tramcar service equals that of Victoria. The cars he says, in those cities, are no better, if as good, the speed attained is not so great, the road-bed is not so smooth, nor are there so few delays. The writer