

RACES START EMPIRE DAY

COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS
A SIX-DAY MEETING

Pari-Mutuel Betting System to
Be Tried for First Time
Here

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Horse racing will commence in Victoria at the Willows track on May 23rd, and the meeting will continue for six days.

This announcement was made Tuesday by George Fraser, vice-president of the Victoria Country Club, who will be in charge of the meeting. The Victoria Country Club will institute for the first time at any race meeting in British Columbia and perhaps in the Dominion the Pari-Mutuel or totalizator system of betting, thus taking the Canadian lead in the betting reform, that has cleansed the turf of South Australia from many of the evils which predominate in American horse racing.

The Victoria Country Club will meet to-night to make the final arrangements regarding the allotment of purses, the appointment of officials, and other matters necessary for the six-day meeting.

For the six days it is anticipated that there will be one hundred and fifty horses here. There are several stables at the Willows, while Minor is accommodating nearly five score. At Calgary there have been one hundred horses wintering and these will most probably make Victoria their starting post by May 23rd.

On the Pari-Mutuel system of betting there are no odds posted, and the public favor of the horse is unknown until the dividend is declared at the end of the race.

The principal on which the Mutuel is worked is as follows: A clerk takes the money and hands the better a ticket with the amount he has bet and the name of the horse marked thereon.

When the race is over and the first three horses are declared, the club running the totalizator takes a percentage from the total money bet for working expenses and profit, and the balance is divided among the first three horses in fractional amounts. Those who bet on the first horse take a percentage of the total money bet for working expenses and profit, and the balance is divided among the first three horses in fractional amounts. Those who bet on the first horse take a percentage of the total money bet for working expenses and profit, and the balance is divided among the first three horses in fractional amounts.

If \$1,000 is bet on a race and the club takes ten per cent, that would be \$100 to the club, leaving \$900 balance. This might be divided into five, three and one. The bettors on the first horse would each get (if there were one hundred bets on that horse) a return of \$5. If there were ten bets on the second horse these would each take \$20, and if there were only one bet on the third horse the holder of the ticket would draw \$100.

The feature of the Pari-Mutuel system is that there is no bookmaker's intrigue to be started up against the bookmaker. Whatever takes place on the track the bookmaker of the business is just a pure and simple gambler as far as dividends are concerned. No man betting has the faintest idea of the amount he will draw if his horse wins when he hands in his money.

SPECIAL PRIZE IS
OFFERED RIFLEMEN

Competition Open to South African Veterans of
Canada

Major A. C. Morrison-Bell, M.P., well known to riflemen throughout the Dominion as the donor of the Transvaal cup, which is shot for annually by Canadians who served in South Africa during the Boer war, has decided to mark the tenth anniversary of the participation of Canadians in the war by offering an additional prize of a free passage to Ottawa and return for one ex-South African from each province, to enable him to compete in the D.R. matches at Rockcliffe in 1910. The main conditions of the competition are as follows:

1. Competitors will be required to produce a discharge certificate or Queen's S. A. war medal bearing the applicant's name, with regiment or corps. In the case of officers, service may be proved by war service records in the official militia list.

2. The competition will be for the free trip prize must not have been a member of a provincial team given transport to Ottawa by province or provincial association within the last three years, nor have been a previous winner of the Transvaal cup.

3. The competition will be part of the programme at the annual provincial meeting held during the month of July, and will be over the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges, 7 shots and sighter at each distance, the aggregate of the three ranges to count, and the competitor making the highest score among those eligible will be adjudged the winner, except in the case of such winner having, in other competitions, won his place on a team sent to Ottawa by the province or provincial association, in which case the next highest eligible competitor, not on any such team, shall be considered the winner and awarded the prize.

For further particulars application should be made to Captain G. A. Boulton, secretary B. C. Rifle Association, P. O. Box 155, Vancouver.

The Nottingham corporation, which recently agreed to grant the police one day's rest in seven provided that their annual levy was reduced from three pence to one, decided recently to extend the concession to all corporation employees.

JUDGE AND COUNSEL SEE FLOODED LANDS

Visit to the Locus in Quo in the
Suit of Oliphant vs.
City

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
This morning Mr. Justice Gregory, W. J. Taylor, K. C., J. A. Alkman and the engineering witnesses were taken out by motor to the property owned by Mrs. William Oliphant, which has been flooded by sewage from the Cook street sewer during the last two wet seasons. The evidence has become so complicated as to matters of levels and plans, sewers and surface drains and overflows, tide-tables and pressures, that his lordship considered a view of the place would be of assistance to the court in arriving at a decision.

The case was resumed this afternoon. Yesterday afternoon William Oliphant, agent for the owner and plaintiff, stated that two seasons ago the sewer backed up and flooded part of the property. On his complaining to City Engineer Topp he was told nothing could be done until surface drains were put in. This was not done, and last fall sewage had been forced out through the openings on the street. It had been almost impossible to go near the property for the stench, tenants moved out and it had been impossible to rent some of the houses since.

E. J. Cameron, of Cameron & Winsby, real estate agent, considered that the 45 lots in the property were worth from \$1,000 to \$1,200 each, and the whole about \$50,000. The depreciation as a result of flooding he put at 40 per cent. Personally, however, he would not buy lots on the property at any price, because of their having been flooded with sewage and given a black eye for a long time to come.

BLUE FUNNEL LINER
DISCHARGING FREIGHT

Will Be at Esquimalt To-morrow—Latest Story of
Wooden Mule

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The new fast Blue Funnel liner Proteus will complete discharging at the outer dock some time to-night. By that time about 1,000 tons of freight will have been disgorged into the warehouses, most of the goods consisting of rice and other Chinese goods, hardware, crockery, glass, stoneware, etc.

A fine launch was aboard the vessel, this being for use in carrying passengers and freight to Thetis Island. On the completion of the work of discharging at the outer dock, the steamer will be taken around to Esquimalt and will anchor in the streets.

Very keen interest is still being taken by those aboard the big liner in the mule which they captured on the steamer Ning Chow at Manila. The mule which measures about five feet in length is still aboard the steamer, but on her arrival back to Seattle it will be left on the Ning Chow when she next arrives. There is a report current that the mule was presented to the Proteus by the officers of the Ning Chow's crew, and it is being taken to the city by the Ning Chow when she next arrives.

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WIDE STREETS AND LARGE LOTS

SUBJECT DEBATED BY
SAANICH COUNCILLORS

Subject of the Ker Subdivision
Brought Up at Last Council Meeting

The South Saanich council met on Saturday night and disposed of the subject of wide streets and large lots. The subject was brought up by Councillor Grant, who presented a petition from Ward 5, asking for amendments to the by-law, after discussion, the majority of the council believing that the by-law is satisfactory as it stands.

B. S. Heisterman and L. W. Bick were present representing the interests of the Ker estate, sub-division sec. 13-15, Victoria district. Mr. Heisterman pointed out to the council that it was the intention of the owners to widen Craigflower road, from the road to the road of 33, commencing at the present road boundary and allowing the extra width inwards from the waterfront. Miss Carroll, who owns the old Lowen homestead, objects to widening the thoroughfare, and he suggested expropriation proceedings to overcome this difficulty in making the beach drive a chain wide. He said it is intended to leave the strip from the road to the waterfront unfenced, so that the public may sit there on the bank and enjoy the band concerts, etc., taking place in the Thruway Company's park on the opposite side of the Arm. It is also intended that purchasers of lots in the subdivision would have the right to build boat houses there.

The 3-acre strip of land which the strip over to the municipality? Councillor Sewell: If every purchaser of a lot in the 87 acres build a boat house it will take some room. Councillor Grant: Why not extend the road outwards towards the beach? It would take up all the waterfront and form a fine public esplanade. Craigflower road, which is a narrow strip of land, is only by encroachment that it is 33 feet wide further out. Mr. Heisterman: We could not agree to deed the waterfront strip to the municipality. Our title deeds us the property to Ship canal.

Councillor Sewell: The government recognized the need for wide roads when they insist that all highways be a chain wide. The road in question is an important one and the proposed subdivision would on account of its situation be thickly populated. If the government think the road in question is an important one and the proposed subdivision would on account of its situation be thickly populated. If the government think the road in question is an important one and the proposed subdivision would on account of its situation be thickly populated.

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George Lund, in his evidence this morning, said he drew the money from the Bank of British North America for the purpose of buying a business for his nephew, who subsequently was arrested with a portion of the money found in his possession, after having broken open a safe in his uncle's bedroom where the money was kept.

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Wm. Campbell, secretary of the district school board, wrote relative to fumigating the schools, requesting that the sanitary inspector do the work at the school board's expense. Mr. Campbell also presented the report of G. H. Maynard & Sons, who received one month, and a similar sentence for theft of a blanket from the store of J. N. Burns & Co., Johnson street.

Nellie Anderson for this purpose has been set aside by the school board. On motion the request was granted.

G. H. Edwards sent in his resignation as watchman of the municipal office. It was accepted.

A. S. Felton complained about a fence which is being erected within six or eight feet of the travelled centre of the road near his property at Cordova Bay. The surveyor's posts had been altered by someone and there was no uniformity of width maintained along the Cordova Bay beach drive.

Mussons, Ltd., Vancouver, wrote offering to exchange the crusher used by the municipality for a hard rock jaw crusher, also pointing out the advantages English made road rollers have, and asking that if the purchase of any such machinery is contemplated that they get a chance to submit prices, etc. It was received and filed.

Mr. Wolfenden of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, objected to an open drain made by the corporation near their property on the corner of Gorge and Tiltman roads, and suggested the use of drain tile. This was referred to the road superintendent.

F. B. Pennington wrote relative to the petition being circulated regarding that a 40-foot road be expropriated to the beach at Gordon Head, protesting against the using of any of Ward 3 road appropriation for the purpose. This was received and filed.

A petition was received from S. Mead and eight others, complaining about the flooded condition of their property at Cordova Bay, pointing out that a 14-inch pipe put in would drain both the road and their land. The petitioners offered to pay half the cost. Councillor Borden thought this arrangement a fair proposition and it was so ordered.

C. E. Heat and ten others petitioned to have Marks cross road opened up. Superintendent Pim said that the road as it existed now was not in the right place.

Councillor Grant moved that it be referred to the road superintendent for report on the petition and cost to come up with the estimates of Ward 5 for consideration. This was carried.

A petition from sixty-six residents of Ward 4 asked that the pound by-law be amended so as to reduce the pound fees, to extend the time the roadides can be pastured, and in Ward 5 to do without herding.

Councillor Grant said the petition represented over 50 per cent. of the residents in Ward 5 and therefore should receive the earnest consideration of the board.

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STATE ATTORNEY GIVEN WIDE SCOPE

Makes Opening Statement at
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Kansas City, April 19.—Dr. B. C. Hyde, the wealthy and gifted physician accused of the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, millionaire philanthropist, must not only defend himself from that charge, but must fight against the introduction of evidence which, the prosecution contends, shows that he plotted to destroy the entire Swope family.

Judge Latschaw yesterday let down the bars to the prosecution and permitted Special Prosecutor Reed to recite in his opening statement all the state's allegations tending to show a motive for murder on the part of Dr. Hyde.

It was made plain that the court would permit the introduction of evidence concerning the deaths of members of the Swope family and the circumstances surrounding the serious illness of their members, which, the prosecution claims, show that crimes were committed and which would have benefited the defendant.

An instance tending to prove this was the reference of Prosecutor Reed to the death of Moss Hunter, life-long friend of Col. Swope and afterwards named as executor of his estate by Swope. Reed declared that Col. Hunter died to death after Hyde had drawn from him two quarts of blood. Dr. Twyman said Reed had asked that only a pint be drawn to relieve Hunter.

Reed added that he would attempt to prove that Hyde asked Miss Keller to use her influence with Col. Swope to have him made executor of the Swope estate.

Reed reviewed Swope's life, declaring that his death enriched his nephews and nieces \$140,000 each as their share of the \$1,500,000 he had intended to give to charity but had failed because he did not re-make his will in time.

Reed continued his opening statement in the afternoon. He declared that at a Thanksgiving Day dinner given the Swope by the Hydys, Dr. Hyde and his wife drank distilled water while their guests drank the ordinary city water.

"Seven days later," he said, "after the period of incubation, the Swope and servants were stricken with typhoid and although the doctors never had diagnosed the disease as typhoid for several days after its inception, Dr. Hyde immediately diagnosed the case as typhoid."

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