

VANCOUVER OARSMEN BEATEN IN HAIR-RAISING STRUGGLE

James Bay Four Victors in Inter-City Boat Race, over Harbor Course on Saturday, by Narrow Margin of Two Yards—Exciting Finish to a Splendid Race—Kennedy Wins Club Championship in the Singles.

Victoria oarsmen took the measure of the Vancouver stalwarts in the second inter-city race of the fall season which was held in connection with the seventh annual regatta of the James Bay Athletic association over the Harbor course on Saturday, reversing the result of the previous week in Vancouver. As at the Terminal City, was clouded by a doubt as to whether it was really the better crew, the James Bay boat having been damaged by going overboard, as was the crew of the Victoria crew on Saturday. When only a few yards from the finish with the bow of their boat slightly in the lead the Vancouver oarsmen were forced to alter their course slightly by reason of the starting of the screw of the steamer Chipewyan, close to the time. The slight slackening of speed made in shifting the course probably cost them the race, for when the boats passed the finishing line a few seconds later, the James Bay crew had only a lead of a couple of yards.

It was a great race and the many spectators who lined the piers and dotted the surface of the harbor with small boats were given their fill of excitement. The Victoria crew was composed of W. Laing stroke, F. W. Bayliss 2, R. G. Monteth 2, and E. Todd bow and was the same that was beaten at Vancouver last year. The James Bay was a picked crew composed of two men from each of the crews who raced against the locals the week previously and comprised the following: Moore 2, Pattison 2, and Godfrey bow. The boats got away to a good start but the Vancouver boat early lead. There was not much to choose between them the entire distance. A hundred yards from home the visitors had about half a length of a lead when the locals spurred and gradually overhauled them. From then on to the finish it was nip and tuck with both crews going their prettiest. The Victoria crew slowly drew up to their opponents but thirty yards from the finish the bow of the Vancouver boat was slightly in the lead. Poor steering cost the Vancouver men whatever chance they had of winning at this juncture. They had gradually veered over to the outside until at the finish at this point they were headed for the finishing line on an incline towards the Alaska steamship company's dock. The Chipewyan was lying at the wharf and just as the Vancouver boat drew near the propellers of the boat began to revolve. To avoid the whirling water the Vancouver crew threw their hands overboard and the race was a slight check to the headway of the boat and the James Bay boat was in front. Two seconds more and the race was over, with the local crew winners by less than a quarter of a length.

The weather conditions for the day were not of the best, the clouds hanging heavy and rain threatening in the afternoon, but the water was calm and there was no wind. The regatta was long drawn out owing to a delay in starting, but nearly all the events were keenly contested.

The club fours for the Flumerfelt cup resulted in a win for the crew composed of K. F. Hughes stroke, A. Curran, V. Gray and C. G. Jameson bow, who had to pull three heats. Hiscock's crew was the first heat, beating the Belyea crew by two lengths, after a close race. Belyea's crew steered poorly. Hughes had a hard race in the second heat, but he pulled up to the last hundred yards when Hughes pulled away. Hughes' crew won by two lengths from Hiscock's in the semi-final. The final heat was the finish Hiscock's third man lost his oar, the lock on the outrigger giving way, but the race had been decided then anyway. In the final Sargison's crew was up against Hughes. The latter was much too good even for the fresh crew and won handily by three lengths, putting on a couple of these in the last hundred yards.

W. N. Kennedy took both the Mallandaine cup for the junior singles and the Helmsken cup for the senior singles. He had only E. Todd to beat in the former and he accomplished the trick without getting warm. Nobody opposed him in the latter singles and he did not have to row at all.

The tilting match and swimming race provided much amusement as the upset canoe race, the water being none too warm and the competitors anything but fond of the ducking. A little fellow named Chas. Thomas, who was given a handicap of three strokes, started the swimming race, keeping his lead to the end. Bayliss and Hughes were the victors in the tilting, and Laing finished first in the upset canoe race. Miss Jay figured in three victories. With Harry Austin she won the lady and gentleman's dinghy race from three other competitors easily, and they repeated though by only a length in the double paddle canoe race for lady and gentlemen, in which there were three starters. In the dinghy race double sculls, lady coxswain, Miss Jay manipulated the tiller for E. O'Sullivan and Harry Austin and again finished in front. There were two starters in this race, and they finished almost in a line. Mr. Austin won the tandem canoe race partnered with W. Newcombe quite handily from four other starters.

The prizes were presented to the successful contestants after the races by Phil Austin, captain of the boat. The complete results were as follows:

1. First Heat Club Four—R. Hiscock, stroke; H. B. Miles, C. Frye, Z. Hiscock, bow, vs. A. D. Belyea, stroke; J. McCarter, B. Shaw, J. C. Beudrot, bow, won by Hiscock.

2. Second Heat Club Four—K. F. Hughes, stroke; A. L. Curran, V. Gray, C. G. Jameson, bow, vs. W. Laing, stroke; F. Willis, J. B. Jameson, P. Elworthy, bow, won by Hughes.

3. Third Heat Club Four—Hiscock's crew vs. Hughes' crew, won by Hughes.

4. Lady and Gentleman Dinghy Race, double sculls—Quarter mile straight away, won by E. Austin and Miss Jay.

RICH SILVER STRIKE IS MADE IN NORTH

Portland Canal Company's Properties Show Good Values in Ores

Very encouraging news has been received from the properties of the Portland Canal Mining company, which are situated on Glacier creek, on the Portland coast, considerable bodies of exceedingly rich silver ore carrying native and wire silver having been encountered. The mining company is local concern, the stock being owned by Victorians and residents of Dunsmuir.

A. H. Eldersdale, who is one of the heavy stockholders in the company, and was one of the locators of the mines, received news yesterday from one of the employees of the company who had just returned from the mines, that a very rich strike had been made in the tunnel on the Little Joe, one of the company's claims. He stated that the vein in the face of the tunnel was literally encrusted with wire silver. The characteristic ore of the property is a black quartz carrying values in silver, lead and gold, the gold being usually associated with masses of iron pyrites.

The property is being developed by two tunnels being driven in the vein on the Little Joe, one of which is in 100 feet and the other 50. A shaft is also being sunk on the Granite, another of the claims in the group, which is now down about 80 feet, and has three feet of solid ore in the bottom of the shaft. The management was so much encouraged by the showing made by development, that some time ago all stock was withdrawn from the company, and there are some funds in the treasury for present purposes. It is unlikely that any more will be issued.

COPPER RIVER ROUTE HAS BEEN ABANDONED

Grand Trunk Pacific Surveyors Quit Work Believing Roadbed Cannot be Secured

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 13.—The route across the northern interior of British Columbia through the Copper River valley has been abandoned by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway surveyors. According to information received in Vancouver yesterday from parties who have just come from the north.

Crossing the Copper River valley is an impossible proposition from an engineering standpoint, is the statement made. The Copper River detour was planned to avoid cutting through an entire mountain by means of a tunnel in the Bulkley valley and near the junction of that river with the Skeena. An engineering party under G. Macdonald, who is in charge of the surveyors, found that the line would have to double track back a distance of fifteen miles to get over a heavy grade. A start was made at construction of a bridge across Copper river, but this was abandoned, even after considerable work had been done. This will be washed away in high water this winter. Trail building is being done in Copper river; horses and men sink up to their knees in moss and mud.

Silver, gold and copper ore have lately been found in good quantities. One assay showed 82 per cent silver and six per cent copper. The country is fairly open and plenty of game thrives.

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NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT

District of Coast Range II

TAKE NOTICE that John Arbuthnot, of Victoria, occupation, Lumberman, intends to apply for a special timber licence over the following described lands:

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WORLD'S SHOT PUTTING RECORD

New York, Sept. 14.—The 79th annual games of the New York Athletic club were held at Travers Island this afternoon. Ralph Ross broke the world's record of putting the eight-pound shot held by Martin Sheridan. This put the shot 67 feet 7 inches, just six feet farther than Sheridan's record.

DROWNING FATALITY ON LOWER KOOTENAY

Nelson Youth Loses His Life While on Fishing Expedition by Upsetting of Boat

Nelson, B. C., Sept. 13.—The rapids of the lower Kootenay river have claimed another victim. E. Skatbo, son of T. Skatbo, of Murphy & Skatbo, painters, was drowned yesterday afternoon under the Granite bridge, while returning from a fishing excursion.

E. Skatbo, who is 19 years old, and Harpur Nixon, ledger keeper of the Royal Bank of Canada, spent the afternoon fishing from a boat above the rapids, off the mouth of Grohman creek. About 3.20 in the afternoon they started to row up stream towards the city. Off the point just east of Grohman creek, the bow of their boat was caught by the rapid water and whirled round. The boat was overturned and both young men were thrown into the water. E. Skatbo clung to the overturned boat. Nixon struck out for the northern shore. As he reached it almost exhausted he was helped ashore by E. Crane, who reached out a pole for him. The accident was witnessed by a large number of people who were on the shore near Grohman creek.

The last seen of Skatbo by Nixon or any of the others, he was being carried swiftly down stream in mid-current towards the first falls. There was no means of even attempting to offer aid, and the spectators could only helplessly watch him drift.

His father and his partner, W. J. Murphy, went down to Slocan Junction to search for the body.

TRAPSHOOTER MAKES POSSIBLE AT SPOKANE

Fred Gilbert Breaks 100 Targets in Pacific Coast Handicap Shoot

Spokane, Sept. 13.—Fred Gilbert, the champion trapshooter of the world, yesterday accomplished the feat of breaking 100 targets straight under the auspices of the Pacific coast handicap of the Spokane Rod and Gun Club by making a run of 28 without a miss. The record was made in the third and last day's session of the Pacific coast handicap. The shooting was done in a drizzling rain, with a dark background and a leaden sky.

Such good shots as Harry Taylor and Chris Gottlieb, of Kansas City, finished with only 82 out of the 100 targets. M. J. Maryott, who tied with Powers in the current issue of the American Handicap at Chicago in June, finished with only 81.

SIX INJURED AT EXTENSION COAL MINE

Explosion of Gas Was the Cause—Sufferers Taken to Ladysmith

Ladysmith, Sept. 14.—Gilbert Inkster, Andrew Robinson, M. Wargo, J. Byssell and two brothers by the name of Gollol, were badly burned by an explosion of gas in the Extension coal mine on Thursday last. The explosion occurred at No. 6 level on No. 2 slope, and of the victims of the accident four were coal diggers and two were track-layers. The cause of the explosion is still a mystery.

The rescue of the injured men was accompanied with great difficulty and some danger, one of the rescuers, J. Molynaux, sustaining a bad cut in the forehead. When removed from the mine the injured men were hastily cared for, the more seriously injured being conveyed to Ladysmith from Extension.

The cause of the explosion will be thoroughly investigated at once.

GAZETTE'S NEW ROAD

Notice of intention to apply for permission to gazette a new public road in the Cedar district, near Nanaimo, appears in the current issue of the Gazette, signed by Charles Fiddick. The road will run as follows: "Commencing at the corner of sections 17 and 18, ranges 3 and 4, Cedar district, near Nanaimo; thence due west 2,000 feet along section line; thence south 35 degrees west and magnetic west 1,400 feet to range lines 2 and 3, and being situated 700 feet due north from the corner of sections 16 and 17, ranges 2 and 3; thence south 29 degrees west 450 feet to present wagon road."

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