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THEY PLAY GOOD BALL

Victoria's League Ball Team Wins a Brilliant Game From Seattle.

First Professional Match in British Columbia—Lacrosse Differences Adjusted.

Maclure Captures the Dudgeon Trophy — Crews for the Coming Regatta.

The fifteen hundred people—a large percentage of them ladies—who attended the baseball game at Caledonia park yesterday, witnessed by long odds the finest exhibition of ball ever given in Victoria. The weather was cold and raw, and a high wind prevailed during the entire game. Notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions, however, a crowd of spectators surged through the gate and filled the grand stand, showing that baseball is rapidly gaining ground in public esteem. The "cranks" were there in force, naturally, and were not a bit shy in expressing the opinion that the batting would be free and that the error column would have to be counted with more than ten fingers. For once, the fan was off his reckoning. The fielders, without exception, played in a manner that drew rounds of applause from the spectators. The game abounded in brilliant stops, fine throwing and long running catches. As one gentleman in the grand stand observed, "Pequigney and Babbit must hail from Chicago, the windy city." A long fly was driven sky high into left field, but a heavy gust of wind seemed to be taking the careering sphere out of Pequigney's reach. Victoria's left fielder kept his eye on the ball, and following it in its uncertain course, finally gathered it in, and certainly made the finest catch ever made in this city. Babbitt also made two remarkable catches under similar circumstances. They were simply phenomenal. To correctly gauge a fly in the vagaries of yesterday's embryonic gale called for rare ability.

Mr. T. W. Edwards, who as an amateur umpire has won a reputation extending over the entire Coast, having officiated in this trying position in all the prominent amateur games that have taken place in this city for a number of years, kindly filled the exacting role in the first professional baseball game ever played in this province. That his excellent judgment was appreciated is testified by the fact that Manager Leadley and the Seattle players expressed themselves as highly delighted with his decisions. There were no very close calls on the bases yesterday, but on balls and strikes Mr. Edwards had an opportunity of showing his ability, and during the entire match his rulings suited both players and spectators.

From the time that Darby sailed the first ball past the rubber twelve inch square, the game was fast, and the interest of all was stimulated by the closeness of the score, by the many trying positions in which the teams seemed to be placed during various stages of the game, and by the clever way in which the teams extricated themselves from apparently hopeless conditions. Darby again demonstrated his splendid control, his speed, and cool, nervy head-work. The Seattle team came here with the reputation of being a heavy batting aggregation, and it was no easy feat to keep them to four hits and one run, and the run at that being unearned.

The Seattle players were retired for the first three innings—Victoria took the lead by getting in one run in the first inning, and adding another in the third. Owney Patton took first on balls; O'Neil's sacrifice hit advanced him to second, and Captain Klopf flied out to centre. There were two men out when big "Baby" Whaling came to the bat. "Baby" lined her out in good style, and the welkin rang with the yells of the "kids" as Patton sprinted to third and home, thus scoring the first run for Victoria. The home team were kalsomined in the second. In the third Patton again came to bat and knocked a fly to Blandford at short, which the latter muffed, and when Blandford realized that in some unaccountable manner the ball had found a hole in his hands Patton was again observed dancing around first bag. O'Neil followed with a splendid rap to right, advancing Patton to second. Gus. Klopf put the ball in the air, and when it came down it got smothered in Blandford's mits. Whaling hit sharply to second, and was thrown out at first, but Patton crossed the plate amid deafening cheers and secured the second run for Victoria. That run was needed, too, for it won the game, for Downs, the next man to bat, flew out to centre and Victoria's run getting was shut off during the rest of the game.

In the fourth inning it looked as if Seattle would more than tie the score. Blandford led off with a hit, and Eagan followed with a prettily placed baser just beyond Klopf's reach, although Victoria's captain turned tail and tried his utmost to make an out. Blanford got slightly frisky and running over second was caught napping by a piece of sharp work on Pequigney's part, who shot the ball to O'Neil, and Blanford was touched in a frantic effort to get back to the bag. Robinson went to first on balls. The sky seemed to take on a blacker look to the "rooters" for the Victoria nine, when "Count" Campau came to bat and rapped out a hit. The bases were full and Darby was in a tight hole. "How would he get out?" was the anxious query in the thoughts of the "fans." For a moment it seemed as if he had lost control, for he presented Frary with his base on balls, and a run was forced across the plate. The score was now two to one in Victoria's favor. The bases were full, though, and a hit would have given the game to Seattle.

But, luckily for the home nine, the longed-for hit failed to materialize. Darby braced his nerves, and "Strike one, strike two, and strike three" were the sounds that followed in rapid succession from Umpire Edwards' lips as Butler, the Seattle pitcher, only fanned the atmosphere in his efforts to connect with the sphere. Seattle's chances were not over by a long shot. There were still three men on the bases when Lutz, the first batter on the visiting team, stepped to the plate.

A hit would win the game, could he do it? Seattle's prospects for victory, however, faded away among the never-ending records of the "might have beens," when Lutz knocked a grounder to second and was thrown out at first.

Although both teams put forth their best efforts to get in more runs, Victoria rolled up a series of ciphers after the third, and Seattle's five innings after the fourth revealed the same story of failure to add to the score.

Besides the wonderful catches of Pequigney and Babbitt, pitcher Darby performed a circus act. Lutz was at bat and bunted a ball just in front of the plate. Darby quick as a flash darted after it, but just as he was picking the ball up he slipped and and measured his length on the grass. He managed to get on his knees and in that position threw to first and succeeded by a shave in putting Lutz out. Darby is also a worker, backing up the fielders whenever the ball is in play. Tip O'Neil at second made a grand record, for he made two out of the five hits secured by Victoria, and accepted six chances without an error. Captain Klopf threw across the diamond in his reliable style, and made a running stop of a difficult grounder that won much applause. Downs, the centre fielder, is a hard hitter and will show up well in the league contests. Kossuch caught a splendid game, although there was little opportunity for throwing to second as the base runners seemed to be chary in stealing. The work of the Victoria battery is easily told when it is said that it had neither a wild pitch nor a passed ball.

Blandford, with the exception of his first muff, put up a great game for Seattle at short. He stopped a hard hit grounder on the run behind second and threw out his man. Robinson caught five of the six flies knocked to the Seattle out-field. The Seattle battery was also up to date in fine work, not having a wild pitch or passed ball.

The stock of the Victoria team went up several notches after yesterday's victory. Capt. Klopf has a good team, and he was congratulated by scores of people after the game. Klopf went through a round of hand-shaking on his way from the grounds to the dressing room with the enthusiastic admirers of the home nine.

Darby's two errors were not costly, being overthrows to second in attempts to catch runners napping. Butler, the Seattle pitcher, did splendid work, having command and great speed. Although his delivery was deceptive his style is not as finished as Darby's. Klopf had hard luck in batting, Blandford cutting off a sure hit when he fielded a red-hot grounder from Klopf's bat behind second, and again when attempting to place a ball in right field it dropped short, and fell into first baseman Brown's hands.

Here is the score of the game:

VICTORIA.

	A.B.	R.	1B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Patton, r.f.	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
O'Neil, 2b.	3	0	2	1	2	4	0
Klopf, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	2	0
Whalen, 1b	4	0	1	0	10	0	0
Downs, c.f.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Babbitt, s.s.	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Pequigney, l.f.	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Darby, p.	3	0	0	0	0	2	2
Kossuch, c.	3	0	1	0	6	0	0
	29	2	5	2	27	10	2

SEATTLE.

	A.B.	R.	1B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Lutz, l.f.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ireland, 3b.	4	0	1	0	0	2	0
Brown, 1b.	4	0	0	0	10	1	0
Blandford, s.s.	4	0	1	0	3	2	1
Eagan, 2b.	3	1	1	1	1	4	0
Robinson, c.f.	3	0	0	1	5	0	0
Campau, r.f.	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Frary, c.	3	0	0	0	4	0	1
Butler, p.	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
	31	1	4	2	24	11	3

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Victoria	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	*
Seattle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY.

Earned runs, Victoria 1. Two base hits, Ireland. Sacrifice hits, O'Neil. Base on balls, by Darby 4; Butler 2. Hit by pitched ball, by Darby 1. Struck out, by Butler 4; Darby 6. Left on bases, Seattle 8; Victoria 6. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Mr. T. W. Edwards. Attendance, 1,500.

THE GAME IN THE EAST.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 9; Brooklyn, 3.

At New York—New York, 4; Boston, 7.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 10; Washington, 2.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 3; Chicago, 5.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 3; Cleveland, 6.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 8; Louisville, 3.

THE WHEEL.

TOO WINDY FOR COMFORT.

Upwards of 25 members of the V.W.C. mustered at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon for the run to Oak Bay, but in view of the strong wind prevailing it was thought best to cancel the original programme and spin only as far as Clover Point, where some time was spent in watching the close of the trap shooting contest for the Dudgeon cup. Afterwards the club wheelmen in a body visited the baseball game.

NEXT SATURDAY'S ATTRACTIONS.

The two novel events to be run off at Caledonia park on Saturday next will prove whether or not spurting races where short sharply contested heats follow each other in rapid succession will suit the public taste. The 100-yard fast race for a $25 trophy will be conducted exactly on the lines of a Sheffield handicap, with this exception, the contestants will ride bicycles. The start will be a standing one, from pistol shot, and anyone crossing the line before the pistol cracks will be penalised one yard. The same penalty will follow the second offence, and for the third he will be disqualified. The race will be run in heats, four men to ride in each heat, and the winners of each heat will contest in the final. The same rules will apply to the slow race, distance 25 yards, for a $25 trophy, with the exception that handlers of riders must let go when the pistol is fired, and anyone falling off will be disqualified. Entries must be made to Harry Wille, New England hotel, on or before Thursday next, the 30th inst. The entrance fee for each race is fifty cents.

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN.

TORONTO, April 25.—The C. W. A. racing board's bulletin published to-day says that any rider who in purchasing a wheel binds himself for one year to ride no other make on track and road, for which consideration he gets a bicycle at a greatly reduced price, will violate the amateur definition if he rides the make of wheel mentioned in the contract on the track in amateur races.

The following riders have been transferred to the professional ranks at their own request: Harley Davidson, H. Owen and R. E. McColl, of Toronto. Gratz appointments to the district These are also announced: boards are Territories—Wm. Crawford, of Medicine Hat, and J. C. Pope, Northwest Regina.

British Columbia—C. H. Gibbons, of Victoria, and W. S. Keays, New Westminster. Timer for British Columbia—G. R. Trorey, Vancouver.

SPECIAL RATES WILL PREVAIL.

VANCOUVER, April 24.—(Special)—The C. P. N. Co. has notified the wheelmen on the Mainland that they will make a specially low rate to accommodate intending visitors to the Victoria meet on May 23, and will afford the privilege of remaining from the 23rd to the 26th of May on the excursion tickets. A number of the local riders are already in training for the big Victoria meet.

WORLD'S AMATEUR RECORD.

SAN DIEGO, April 24.—Edwards and Hannah broke the tandem one-fourth of a mile record, time, .25, yesterday. Evans broke the one-mile paced record, time, 1.52 1-5; the half mile paced, time, .52 1-5; the quarter mile paced, time, .25. All of the above are world's amateur records.

THE GUN.

MACLURE TAKES THE CUP.

The final shoot of the series for the handsome cup presented by Mr. Robert Dudgeon, of the Cliff House, took place yesterday over the Clover Point traps, and as a result the trophy is now the property of Mr. R. S. Maclure, whose lead in the three former matches carried him through. Yesterday's strong wind made accurate shooting extremely difficult, and strange to say the two leaders, Maclure and Minor, had more lost birds to their credit than either of their rivals—John and Adams shooting especially strong when the weather conditions are taken into account. Not only was a half gale blowing throughout the day, but it carried the dust from a plowed field just above the pits down and into the eyes of the men at the traps, almost blinding them. Below is given the summary showing how the contest terminated:

	Former Score.	Final Shoot.	Total
F. S. Maclure	63	16	79
W. H. Adams	57	20	77
C. W. Minor	60	17	77
B. H. John	55	21	76
F. H. Hewlings	Incomplete	17	..

CHESS.

PROGRESS OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Below is noted the standing of each of the competitors in the tournament of the Victoria Chess Club, the third week of play closing yesterday evening:

	Won.	Lost.
B. Goward	2½	½
Geo. Langley	4	1
W. Scowcroft	4½	1½
E. A. Wolff	3	1
R. H. Johnston	3	1
T. Lawrie	2	1
A. S. Brown	1½	1½
P. D. Goepel	2	3
Capt. Michell	5½	7½
P. T. Johnston	3	7
C. A. Lombard	1	7
C. E. Clarke	0	1

LACROSSE.

EVERYTHING IS LOVELY.

Lovers of the national game will learn with extreme gratification that the mission to Westminster of the Capitals' delegates—Messrs. George Coldwell, E. E. Blackwood and C. L. Cullin—has been crowned with success, a telegram from them to Secretary Brown, received last evening, contained the news that Westminster has accepted the proposition of the Capitals with regard to that much-talked-of banner, and harmony is again restored in provincial lacrosse circles. The Westminsters will come into the association immediately and a new schedule will be promptly arranged to bring in the three rival clubs of the province. The proposition of the representatives of the old Victoria lacrosse club, presented through the Capitals, was that the disputed banner be placed in the hands of the provincial association, to be played for as a trophy this year.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS ELECTED.

VANCOUVER, April 25.—(Special)—As a result of the emergency lacrosse convention at Westminster to-day, a new provincial association was formed taking in the three senior clubs of Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster, the following officers being elected: Hon. president, J. S. C. Fraser, Westminster; president, Dr. J. D. Helmcken, Victoria; first vice-president, Capt. John Irving, Victoria; second vice-president, J. D. Hall, Vancouver; secretary, J. E. Mahoney, Westminster.

THE OAR.

ENTERPRISING VANCOUVER.

TORONTO, April 25.—Edward Hanlan received a telegram yesterday from the Mayor of Vancouver saying that the Terminal City would contribute $500 toward the expense of bringing out English and Australian oarsmen for the Canadian regattas this summer. This ensures the appearance of all the best men in the world on Canadian waters. Hanlan hopes to have regattas arranged also at Sault Ste. Marie and Winnipeg, which would break the journey to the Coast.

CREWS FOR OUR OWN REGATTA.

Members of the James Bay Athletic Association who are desirous of participating in the events of the Queen's Birthday regatta will confer a favor on the boating committee by signifying their intentions at once. Lists are posted on the bulletin board and the crews will be selected by the 1st of May.

One Honest Man.

DEAR EDITOR:—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure by which I was permanently restored to health and vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—L. A. Edwards, Jarvis, Ont.

J. A. Lawrence returned home yesterday evening from a business visit to England.

KILLED AT UNION.

An Indian Woman Jumps From a Moving Train to Escape a Constable.

She Falls on the Track and the Car Wheels Mangle Her Horribly.

Word was received yesterday of a distressing accident near Union resulting in the death of an unfortunate Indian woman. Annie, a kloochman of the Ucluelet tribe, had succeeded in getting some whiskey at Union Bay on Friday and was arrested for being drunk. Special constable McCarthy had her in charge and took her aboard the train for the purpose of bringing her to Union to be tried. Annie managed to get out on the car platform as the train was moving and attempted to escape. She jumped to the ground and rolled upon the track, the car wheels passing over her, cutting off both legs and mangling her in a horrible manner. As soon as the train could be stopped Annie was picked up and medical assistance secured. In spite of every effort made to save her she died yesterday. Inquiries were made as to where she got the liquor and suspicion fell on a white man as being the supplier. As soon as he got wind of the accident, however, he disappeared and it is thought that he escaped by stowing away on the collier San Mateo, which left Union late on Friday. Superintendent Hussey on being asked about the matter yesterday stated that he had received word of the occurrence and would attempt to catch the San Mateo as she passed out yesterday afternoon through the straits and request the captain to hand over the suspected man, so that he might be tried for supplying the liquor to the woman. As ill-luck would have it the weather was too stormy to use a steam launch and not a sea-going tug was available. Consequently, in spite of the active efforts of the police, the man who indirectly caused the woman's death is not likely to be brought to justice.

THE CITY.

A TOURIST party of thirteen from the New England States, under the charge of Mr. W.H. Burchard, are at the Driard.

THE Full court yesterday granted leave to appeal to the Privy Council in Cranston v. Bird, on security to the amount of £300 being given.

THE Ladies' Auxiliary to the directorate of the Jubilee hospital will give their last "At Home" of the season at A. O. U. W. hall next Tuesday evening.

MR. C. F. CHANDLER is in charge of a small Raymond excursion party from Maine and New Hampshire, who are visiting the Coast. They are staying at the Driard.

THE annual vestry meeting of St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, was held on Friday evening, when after the usual reports had been read and adopted, Messrs. H. A. King and L. C. Johnson were elected delegates to the Synod. The election of church officers was postponed till next Wednesday evening.

ARRANGEMENTS are being rapidly perfected by Manager J. A. Virtue of the Mount Baker hotel, for the re-opening of that seaside house on Saturday evening next. Each year adds to the recognized popularity of the Mount Baker, British Columbia's only typical and representative summer hotel, and the prospects are bright for a busy season during the next six months.

IN THE matter of the Green Mountain mineral claim the full court yesterday heard the application on the part of defendant to appeal from the decision of Judge Spinks, given last August, declaring the Green Mountain mine location to be invalid because the stakes were smaller than required by statute. Judgment was reserved. Mr. E. V. Bodwell for appellant; Mr. A. J. McColl, Q.C., for respondent.

AN OLD timer named Edward Eustace, who came to Victoria in the early sixties as one of the crew of H.M.S. Bird, died suddenly of heart failure on Friday. He was seen to fall on Store street and detective Perdue and constable Macdonald placed him in a hack and took him to a doctor's; but Eustace died, however, before anything could be done for him. Dr. Crompton did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest, for the cause of death was quite apparent.

THE marriage of Mr. Frederick J. Mesher and Miss Sophia J. Mates, daughter of the late Edward Mates, of Wicklow, Ireland, was celebrated yesterday by Rev. Percival Jenns at the residence of Mr. F. A. Pauline, King's road. Mr. Alexander Gilchrist and Miss Gertrude Hackett performed the pleasing but responsible duties of groomsman and bridesmaid, and after enjoying a wedding luncheon with their intimate friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mesher took train for Duncan, where the first week of their wedded life will be spent.

THE concert at Saanichton agricultural hall on Friday evening in aid of the church was delightfully entertaining, and though there were not many people from the city the attendance from the district was large. Messrs. White and Ives scored a great hit in the "Blind Beggars," and besides gave several songs and duets with pleasing effect. Mr. Le Poer Trench and several other lady and gentlemen amateurs took part in the programme, which included besides songs, instrumental music, recitations and readings. Afterwards dancing was kept up to an early hour of the morning.

THE Victoria Stock Exchange will meet again in a few days to consider the proposed amendment to the by-laws to admit brokers other than members to the privileges of operating on 'change. The by-laws require that ten days' notice shall be given of any amendments before they can be voted upon, hence the delay in this matter. Applications from companies desiring to be placed on the share list continue to come in, and the number is already larger than the members expected to call on the opening day, Wednesday, May 6. Several applications to be admitted as brokers are being made, and it is expected that they will be dealt with in time to allow the applicants to be on the floor when the first call is made.

A BIG bush fire on the outskirts of the city destroyed a quantity of good timber and excited the curiosity of many residents last evening. The wonder is that some over zealous person did not turn in an alarm.

CHARLES PETERSEN was yesterday given into the custody of the city police by Sergeant Langley and Constable McKenna, of the provincial, pending inquiry into his sanity. His case appears to be a particularly sad one, inasmuch as it is asserted that a miscarriage of justice of which he was the victim was the main cause of his dementia. Several years ago, while a member of the Salvation Army in this city, Petersen was tried on a charge of rape, and on conviction sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. After serving four years he was pardoned, circumstances having arisen to cast strong doubts as to his guilt. It is now the opinion of the police that Petersen was innocent, and that the shame and injustice of conviction so preyed upon his mind as to unsettle his reason.

BRITAIN'S NATIONAL DEBT.

LONDON, April 25.—The debate in the House of Commons last Thursday revealed a curious state of affairs, namely, that the government has been paying off the national debt at a premium of 13 and 14 per cent. The cause is the phenomenal price of consols, which is almost entirely due to the persistency with which the state buys its own stock. Nearly one third of the whole volume of consols is held among the various departments, which are still compelled by statute to continue buying. The expected remedy of Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will be a proposition to invest in India colonial government and British Corporation stock.

NEWFOUNDLAND NOTES.

ST. JOHN'S, April 25.—The steamer Glenwet arrived here to-night from Cadiz with a cargo of salt, her bow having been stove in by an iceberg. She was leaking considerably. The men had been kept constantly working at the pumps for three days and three nights.

The sealer Nimrod has arrived here with 38,000 skins. The was caught in an ice-floe and was compelled to remain there all winter. The steamer Iceland reports 17,000 sealskins having been taken by the crew of that boat.

According to the programme already arranged the crown proposed to begin the trial of Bank Manager Cook on Tuesday next. The trials of the directors of both of the banks will follow the trial of the bank manager.

TRADE REVIEWED.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Bradstreets to-morrow will say: "Retail trade is fair at Montreal, Ottawa and Kingston, but general trade throughout the province of Quebec is less active, owing to the damages done by floods and the consequent bad roads. In some instances commercial travellers have been recalled. Toronto jobbers report business as fair, and at Halifax there is an improvement in the movement of merchandise, with the better country roadways and the opening of ports to navigation. The latter influence is also having a favorable effect on business in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

There are 37 failures in business reported from the Dominion of Canada, against 34 last week, 32 one year ago, 20 two years ago, and 35 three years ago.

The total bank clearings for the Dominion of Canada are: Montreal, $9,417,186, decrease 6.9 per cent.; Toronto, $5,704,842, increase 3.5 per cent.; Halifax, $1,112,851, increase 13.8 per cent.; Winnipeg, $867,108, increase 21.8; Hamilton, $623,515, increase 8.7. Totals, $17,725,502, compared with $19,156,000 last week, $17,934,000 in the same week a year ago, and $15,885,000 in the corresponding week of 1894.

PARDRIDGE THE "PLUNGER."

CHICAGO, April 24.—Edward Pardridge, the board of trade "plunger," who died a few days ago, was worth $2,700,000. To-day the interesting announcement was made that the noted speculator left no will. As there is no will the estate will be divided among the children of the deceased, the widow being allowed her share of one-third of the personal property and a life interest in one-third of the realty.

Singularly enough, the Madrid papers publish minute details concerning an important autonomist and separatist agitation fast spreading among the natives of the Philippine islands in the East. Free Masons and foreigners are accused of encouraging this movement, whose prominent promoters demand representation in the cortes, legislative assimilation with the mother country, and the expulsion of the religious orders, because friars and Jesuits more than the Spanish authorities rule those colonies.

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THE "TEES" IS CHOSEN

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Negotiations which have been going on for some time between the C.P.N. Company and the Tees Union Shipping Company of Stockton, England, have resulted in the former purchasing the steamer Tees to replace the lost St. Pierre intended for the West Coast route. A cablegram received from England yesterday brought the news, which rapidly spread along the waterfront. The Tees is a modern ship, being thoroughly up to date in the matter of appointments, fixtures and machinery. She was built at Stockton in 1893 by Richardson Duck & Co., and for some time has been employed between Stockton and London. Lloyds classes the steamer as a steel screw steamer 100AL and with double cellular bottom. Her dimensions are given as: Length, 165 feet; beam, 26 feet; depth of hold, 10.8 feet. The vessel's machinery is also of the most modern description and capable of driving the vessel at the rate of 10½ knots speed. The engines are triple expansion, 95 h.p., and last but not least about the machinery, it includes an electric plant which lights the ship throughout. The vessel is graceful in appearance and eminently seaworthy. She has one well and one flush deck, the latter being aft and affording spacious cabin accommodation, of which 75 or more people may at one time avail themselves. Second class passengers are provided for forward of the well deck. The Tess will, it is understood, commence fitting out immediately for the trip here.

TO HELP THE "MAUDE."

To relieve the steamer Maude of some of the West Coast trade, which business she is no longer capable of handling alone, the C.P.N. company have chartered the Thistle to run weekly to Alberni. The Thistle will leave here every Wednesday evening, and while calling at way ports if sufficient inducements offer, she will not go further up the coast than Alberni, which place she will leave on the return trip every Friday. The Alberni service will, it is expected, soon give the Thistle all she can do, for the mining development that will be going on there this year will, no doubt, attract even a greater number than the augmented service can provide for. The Thistle has good passenger and freight accommodation, and she is well adapted for the business. Although the Thistle will be placed on the route, the Maude will be kept running on her old schedule, sailing tri-monthly from Victoria and calling at all West Coast points.

WELL RACE TO AUSTRALIA.

The British ship Scottish Dales, Capt. Thomas McCarthy, with 1,740,000 feet of lumber, was expected to sail for Australia yesterday. British ship Andrina, Capt. Smith, sailed for Australia, also from Tacoma, the day before, with a cargo of lumber taken on at Port Blakeley. Capt. McCarthy and Capt. Smith intend racing to the island continent, and $500 has been put up by each upon the outcome. The Andrina is a very fast sailer, and three years ago won $1,000 in a race from Tacoma to England, both she and her opponent having cargoes of wheat loaded there.

THE "ISLANDER" AGAIN AFLOAT.

Yesterday the C.P.N. steamship Islander was launched from Bullen's ways, where for over a month a force of mechanics has been making good the damages sustained in the vessel's recent adventure on the rocks. The extent of these have already been told in the COLONIST. Sixty feet of keel were renewed on the steamer, and in addition to this 20 new plates were placed in the hull; several old ones having also to be straightened.

MARINE NOTES.

H.M.S. Pheasant, in command of Lieut. Commander Garforth, returned to Esquimalt yesterday afternoon. She went direct to Port Orchard from here, and she was present at the opening of the new dry dock there. On her way back to Esquimalt she paid her respects to several of the Sound cities.

The steamer Coquitlam arrived in yesterday with a big load of stone for the new government buildings.

Possibly.

"I notice," said Mordomb, "they call it the X ray, but Y they do it I can't Z."

"Perhaps," suggested Hulsizer, "you haven't got the Q."—Chicago Tribune.

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