MARKETS SHOW VERY FEW CHANGES

PREVAILING PRICES SAME AS LAST WEEK

Fruit Shows Considerable Activity—Flour Still Remains at the Same Rate.

The market shows very little change this week. Flour, which it was anticipated might advance, is still quoted at the same rates as last week, but may go higher at any time.

In the fruit line there is a constant demand, which is being well supplied.

The retail prices are as follows:

Hungarian Flour—	
Ogilvie's, per sack .....$	1.75
Ogilvie's, per bbl.	6.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.75
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	6.75
Lake of Woods, per sack ...	1.75
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	6.75
Okanagan, per sack	1.75
Okanagan, per bbl.	6.75
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	6.75
Excelsior, per sack	1.75
Excelsior, per bbl.	6.75
Oak Lake, per sack	1.75
Oak Lake, per bbl.	6.75
Hudson's Bay, per sack	1.75
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	6.75
Enderby, per sack	1.75
Enderby, per bbl.	6.75
Pastry Flours—	
Snowflake, per sack	1.50
Snowflake, per bbl.	5.75
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack.	1.40
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl..	5.50
O. K. Four Star, per sack...	1.40
O. K. Four Star, per bbl....	5.50
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.40
Drifted Snow, per bbl.	5.50
Three Star, per sack	1.65
Three Star, per bbl.	6.50
Coal Oil—	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.50
Eocene	1.69
Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	40.00
Oats, per ton	28.00
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.....	45
Rolled Oats (B. & K.)	5
Feed—	
Hay (baled), per ton	17.00
Straw, per bale	75
Corn	33.00
Middlings, per ton	27.00
Bran, per ton	25.00
Ground Feed, per ton	30.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Vegetables—	
Island Potatoes (new), 100 lbs.	1.25
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	5
Cabbage, per lb.	3
Onions, silver skin, per lb....	2½
Carrots, per lb.	1½
Turnips, per lb.	1½
Tomatoes (green)	2
Fish—	
Salmon, spring (smoked)	15
Salmon, per lb.	10@ 12½
Cod, per lb.	8
Halibut, per lb.	10
Kippers, per lb.	12½
Bloaters, per lb.	10
Rock Cod	10
Bass	8
Shrimps, per lb.	40
Herring, per lb.	8
Farm Produce—	
Fresh Island Eggs	60
Butter (Delta Creamery)	35
Best Dairy	30
Butter (Cowichan Creamery).	35
Butter (Victoria Creamery)..	35
Cheese (Canadian)	20
Lard, per lb.	12½@ 15
Meats—	
Hams (American), per lb. ...	20@ 25
Bacon (American), per lb. ..	22@ 27
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	20
Shoulders, per lb.	13½
Bacon (long clear), per lb....	16
Beef, per lb.	12½@ 18
Veal, per lb.	12½@ 15
Pork, per lb.	11@ 15
Veal, per lb.	12½
Mutton, per lb.	12½@ 18
Lamb, hindquarter	1.50@ 1.75
Lamb, forequarter	1.00@ 1.50
Fruit—	
Cocoanuts, each	10
Lemons (California), per doz.	25
Apples (local), per box	1.00@ 1.25
Oranges (navel), per doz.....	25@ 40
Oranges (Japanese), per box..	50
Bananas, per doz	30@ 40
New Jordan Almonds (shelled), per lb.	60
Valencia Almonds (shelled), per lb.	50
Valencia Raisins, per lb.	12@ 15
Sultana Raisins, per lb.	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, per lb.	20@ 25
Ducks, per lb.	20
Geese, per lb.	20
Turkey, per lb.	30
Game—	
Grouse, per pair	1.00@ 1.25
Mallards, per pair	85
Teal, per pair	40
Widgeon, per pair	50
Pin Tails, per pair	65
Brant, per pair	1.00@ 1.25
Canadian Geese, per pair ...	1.50

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Potatoes (new), per ton	20.00
Onions (local), per lb.	1½
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	1.00
Cabbage, per 100 lbs.	1.25
Lettuce, per crate	1.10
Butter (creamery), per lb.	24½
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	50
Chickens, per lb.	12½@ 20
Ducks, per lb.	12½@ 20
Apples (local), per box	75@ 1.25
Hay, per ton	16.00
Oats, per ton	27.00
Peas (field), per ton	45.00
Barley, per ton	28.00
Beef, per lb.	8
Mutton, per lb.	11
Pork, per lb.	11
Honolulu Pines, per doz.	3.00@ 3.50
Pears (table)	1.25
Pears (cooking)	1.00
Bananas, per bunch	3.00
Lemons	3.50@ 4.00
Oranges (navel)	3.00
Oranges (seedling)	2.50
Oranges (Japanese)	40
Dry Figs, per lb.	7½
Chestnuts, per lb.	17@ 18
Walnuts, per lb.	17@ 18

Rear-Admiral Charles N. Davis, who has been detailed by President Roosevelt to represent the United States in the international conference created to investigate the Dogger Banks affair, has received full instructions from the secretary of state, and will sail from New York for Paris next Saturday on the steamship Finland.

A little Sunlight Soap will clean cut glass and other articles until they shine and sparkle. Sunlight Soap will wash other things than clothes. 4B

SPEECH FROM THRONE

Read at the Opening of the Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Following is the speech from the throne delivered at the opening of the Manitoba House this afternoon:

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the legislative assembly of the province of Manitoba:

"I heartily welcome you to this the second session of the eleventh legislature of Manitoba. It was with feelings of sincere regret that the inhabitants of this province a few weeks ago said farewell to the Earl of Minto, late Governor-General of this Dominion, and to his gracious consort. We hope to join, in a short time with the rest of the provinces of the Dominion, in extending a hearty loyal welcome to Earl Grey, the new Governor-General of Canada.

"I note with deep thanks that the harvest of the past season, speaking generally for the province, has been an abundant one, and the excellent prices which our farmers are receiving for their products will add greatly to the wealth of our country.

"The continued success of the railway policy of the government is a matter upon which I can congratulate you, and increased benefits from the operation of this policy are being received by our farmers and producers.

"An approximate estimate of the population of Manitoba, made in pursuance of the 'Act of Settlement,' shows the population of the province to have increased to the number of 350,000. In connection with such a large increase, the demands for the administration of justice are becoming increasingly great, and you will be asked to provide for further public buildings.

"You will be asked to consider an act to amend the 'Succession Duties Act,' 'The Streams Act,' 'the Municipal Act,' an act to amend 'The Dreinage Act' and an act to amend 'The Liquor License Act.'

"The public accounts for the year 1904 will be laid before you at as early a date as possible and estimates for the coming year will be submitted for your consideration as soon as practicable. It will be found that no expenditure will be suggested that is not necessary to the efficiency of the public service.

"I now leave you to the consideration of these and other measures which may come before you in the full assurance that they will be dealt with by you in a manner that will redound to the credit of the legislature and the benefit of the province."

GRANBY'S SUCCESS.

Geo. A. Fraser, M. P. P., Pleased With Prospects of Interior.

Geo. A. Fraser, M. P. P. for Grand Forks, is in the city at present. Mr. Fraser has business with the departments over the Bay, and will spend a few days in Victoria. The recent phenomenal run in Granby stock following the announcement of the further development of the plant indicates, Mr. Fraser says, something of the wonderful development which is taking place in the interior.

Phoenix is, he says, a very busy place. The Great Northern line will be completed to that mining camp before the year is out. This will give competition in the carrying of ore to the smelter, and with the increase in the daily capacity the cost of reduction will be brought down to the lowest point. The coming year promises therefore to be an exceptionally good one.

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Mother Overjoyed at Her Son's Recovery from General Decline

Psychine is the greatest of tonics. No remedy will produce flesh and strength like Psychine. Every Psychine testimonial is in the exact words of the writer, and original letters are open for public inspection at any time. Mrs. E. Fierheller, 604 Hamilton st., Vancouver, B.C., writes as follows May 17th, 1904, of the remarkable recovery of her son: "Four years ago my son, whose picture I enclose, was so thin and weak he couldn't walk across the street. The doctor said he was in decline and couldn't live but a few months. His whole system seemed diseased, but he started to use Psychine, and before finishing one bottle went to see a baseball match between his schoolmates. He is now 19 years of age, weighs 160 lbs., whereas when he was sick he weighed less than 100 lbs. I cannot praise Psychine too much for what it has done for my son."

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CLEVER HANDBALL IN TOURNAMENT

HUGHES AND PEDEN WON CLOSE CONTEST

Was Witnessed by a Large Number of Spectators—Football Association Met Wednesday.

Handball is fast becoming one of the most popular local indoor pastimes. While last winter it received only secondary consideration by Victoria athletes, this season there are few to be found who are not more or less fond of the game. Four prominent athletic associations have had, or are having, courts specially constructed for the benefit of their members. Credit should be given the J. B. A. A. for introducing this fascinating winter game. But although it has been played in James Bay club for three or four seasons, not until this year were its merits generally appreciated. The second club to take it up was the F. Y. M. A. With characteristic enterprise and energy members of this association secured the funds necessary to provide themselves with a first class court. Now the Y. M. C. A. and V. W. A. A. have signified their intention to include the game in the attractions of their respective gymnasiums.

The Young Men's Christian Association has had the matter in hand for some weeks. Work on the court, which will be as large and convenient as either the J. B. A. A. or F. Y. M. A., will commence immediately. In order to secure the necessary wall space the rear end of the gymnasium will have to be reboarded. Then the regular size court is to be measured off and painted in the usual way. The same programme will be carried out at Victoria West.

Those who have witnessed any of the J. B. A. A. tournament matches can appreciate the enthusiasm that prevails. Last night, for instance, a large crowd attended the game announced between R. Peden and K. Hughes and J. Finlaison and S. Jost. It was won by the former couple in two straight sets, the score being 21-13, 21-20.

The first set was won by Messrs. Peden and Hughes with comparative ease. By this it must not be thought that the victors had a walk over. From the first serve until the last point was scored all four players were kept hammering the ball backward and forward with such rapidity that it was difficult for the spectators to keep track of the many fine plays. In spite of the efforts of Messrs. Jost and Finlaison, however, their opponents tallied the total before they were able to pass the thirteen points.

While the first set was appreciated, the second roused great enthusiasm. Jost and Finlaison were out to win, and their opponents were no less determined. "Five-four" shouted the scorer, "six-four" he repeated, and then Messrs. Peden and Hughes were advised to "finish up" by those in attendance. They took the hint, and the score zigzagged in a most uncertain manner. When both reach seventeen at the same time the players were tendered an ovation. From here both sides seemed to lose confidence. Neither was able to score more than one point on their serve, and so the score mounted until one was at 19 and the other 18. The match was finished by Peden. He made the winning point by a brilliant overhand stroke which sent the ball within an inch of the floor, "killing" it very effectively.

Stanley Jost was the most prominent player of the four who participated in this game. He received poor support from his partner, J. Finlaison. The latter was most unreliable, and at times Jost took the whole responsibility upon himself in order to win his point. Fast on his feet, accurate and possessing good judgment, Jost gives an exhibition it is a pleasure to witness. Peden also is a first class player. It is to his accuracy in "killing" the ball, reliable serving and agility, that the winners attribute their success. Hughes gave his partner excellent support. He can be depended upon, and he handled the returns of Jost in fine style.

As announced in these columns yesterday, a match will be played to-morrow evening between Jost and Finlaison and Kennedy and Andrews at the J. B. A. A. gymnasium.

It is understood that after the completion of the present series the management of the James Bay Athletic Association intend organizing another tournament. They also have under consideration a proposal to arrange a series of inter-club games with members of the Fernwood Athletic Association for the championship of Victoria.

TOURNEY MATCHES.

In the J. B. A. A. gymnasium last night two matches were played, both proving exceedingly interesting throughout. J. Hunter and A. Belyea succeeded in defeating S. McB. Smith and J. Leeming in two straight sets, and B. C. Pettingell and J. Hart won from C. B. Kennedy and W. T. Andrews after one of the closest contests of the series.

The first mentioned game was captured by a score of 21-17, 21-14, and the victors, Messrs. Belyea and Hunter, gave a splendid exhibition of team play. On both occasions they fought uphill, allowing their opponents to tally before starting to run up a score. Smith and Leeming seemed to lose confidence towards the finish of both sets, for the other couple then had it all their own way.

When B. C. Pettingell and J. Hart took the floor, they commenced practice with an air of confidence. They thought it would not be hard to run away from C. B. Kennedy and W. T. Andrews, two players who but recently made their debut in handball circles. However, a huge surprise was in store for them. In the first set Messrs. Pettingell and Hart won out easily. But the second set marked a change. Andrews and Kennedy played desperately, outdistancing their rivals from the start and winning by seven points. Then came the final and deciding test, and it took all the experience, science and speed at the command of Messrs. Pettingell and Hart to win by 3 points. The score was 21-7, 14-21, 21-18.

E. W. Thomas refereed both games, and R. Peden kept tally. J. Scott acted as linesman.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

ON THE MAINLAND.

A Times Vancouver correspondent describing Saturday's Mainland league games says:

"There were three matches scheduled to take place on Saturday in the Mainland league, but owing to the fact that the train was five hours' late, and the river steamer would not guarantee to get them down in time to play, the Chilliwack boys did not fulfill their date with the Island Casuals at Eburne. As the Casuals were agreeable the game will take place at the close of the scheduled matches.

"The Shamrocks journeyed to New Westminster to play Columbia College, and this game resulted in a draw, each team scoring one goal. The game started at 3 o'clock. J. W. Walles was referee. The College boys kicked off, but lost the ball to the Shamrocks, who immediately took it into the College territory. The College backs relieved by placing the ball well up the field, and their forwards rushed right into the Shamrock goal. Forrest was compelled to save a hot shot, which he safely cleared. Then the ball travelled up and down the field. The College boys now made a determined rush, by which they came very near scoring. There was some trouble over the referee's decision on the touch line, which came near ending the game. Anderson, of the Shamrocks, disputed the referee's ruling, who threatened to leave the field. But Anderson apologized, and the game continued smoothly. Play became very fast towards the finish of the first half, the Shamrocks pressing hard. On resuming play in the second half the game became exceedingly fast and both goalkeepers were called upon to save time and time again. After about twenty minutes' play Waller succeeded in scoring for the Shamrocks, but this only spurred the College boys on to greater efforts, and their forwards were not to be denied, as in about ten minutes they equalized matters. Until the close of the game the pace was fast and furious, but there was no further scoring, and the game resulted, as above stated, in a draw. Score one to one. For the Shamrocks Forrest in goal, McKenzie at back, Sugden half, and Anderson and O'Grady on the forward line, all played star games. On the College team G. Davidson in goal, the three half-backs, Peele, Saint and McKeown, and Biloduau and Brown, on the forward line, were particularly noticeable. The result of this game places the Shamrocks, Celtics and Rovers on an even footing for first place.

"The other game was between the Celtics and Central Park on Cambie street grounds, and resulted in a win for the former by three goals to nil. This match was rather slow at times, neither team being able to settle down to work. For the last fifteen minutes of the first half, however, it was just a continued bombardment of the Central Park goal, and only the magnificent work of Macfarlane in goal prevented the Celtics from scoring. During the second the Celtic forwards settled down to work, and scored four goals, but the referee decided that the first one was off side, so that the final score was three to nil. The Central Park team are sadly lacking in team play, but they have three or four good individual players on their team, notably Payne, outside right; Brett, left back; Forrest, right back, and Macfarlane, in goal; Badger and Stewart, on the right wing; Scott, left half; Riske, centre half, and Payne, full back, played well for the Celtics. Whyte, in goal, had nothing whatever to do, not a single shot reaching him. Professor Etherington, of Columbia College, was the referee."

AN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Some important announcement regarding the organization of an Island league is expected at to-night's meeting of the executive of the Victoria District Association at the Y. M. C. A. As will be remembered a meeting of the B. C. F. A. was called for Saturday, December 3rd, at Nanaimo, and local delegates were expected to attend. Of course none were appointed. It is possible that representatives from Ladysmith and Nanaimo met and transacted business, and, if so, Rev. Mr. Bolton looks for a formal outline of the stand taken by these teams regarding the proposed new Island Provincial League. Should this fail to come he intends inviting Ladysmith and Nanaimo to join Victoria, the Garrison and Navy in organizing an Island association. Then if these teams still hold back the local association will meet and organize the league mentioned. This accomplished the Mainland league will be communicated with regarding the organization of a British Columbia league.

As mentioned yesterday, a number of other important matters are to be considered at this evening's meeting. In the first place a protest of the junior game between the North Ward and Capital teams, entered by the latter, will be considered. An intermediate schedule is to be drafted, and, finally, a number of questions of minor importance will be discussed. A full attendance is desired.

LEAGUE MEETING.

The same correspondent gives the following detailed account of a special meeting of the Mainland League, mentioned in a recent issue of the Times, at which the Celtic's protest was dealt with:

"At a meeting of the Mainland League held at the Badminton hotel on Saturday evening the schedule for the remainder of the season was decided upon. Official referees were also appointed.

"In considering the protest of the Celtic team against the referee's action in shortening the time of a recent league match a number of communications were read. Two were received from linesmen showing a shortage of seven minutes in the actual playing time. T. J. Mahoney, one of the official referees of the league, and A. C. Kendall, who were spectators, wrote claiming that there had been a shortage of time. The College delegates admitted themselves that the regular time had not been played. After the delegates of the two teams had given their views they retired. Then it was moved by A. Turnbull, of New Westminster Rovers, that the referee's decision be upheld, contra to rule two of the English rules, under which these matches are supposed to be governed. This says: 'The duration of the game shall be ninety minutes unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.' It also states in the instructions given in the same book: 'The referee must allow for time wasted or lost, through accident or other cause, and it is desirable that the two captains should be informed when such allowance is made. Unless a referee is notified to the contrary by the two captains he must under ordinary circumstances continue the game for ninety minutes.' There is no power to set aside the rules of cup and other competitions where the time to be played is specified.

"Mr. Turnbull's motion carried, and the referee's decision being upheld places the Shamrocks, Celtics and Rovers all on an even footing for the championship.

"Owing to the lateness of the hour nothing whatever was done about Rev. Mr. Bolton's proposal in connection with the provincial or the tour of the Corinthians. These matters will be dealt with at a special meeting to be held in New Westminster on Saturday, the 17th inst."

HOW THEY STAND.

The Mainland League standing is as follows:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Shamrocks	9	6	1	2	14
Celtics	9	6	1	2	14
Rovers	8	6	2	0	12
Col. College	10	4	4	2	10
Chilliwack	6	3	3	0	6
Island Casuals	8	1	7	0	2
Central Park	8	0	8	0	0

THE NEW LEAGUES.

There was a full attendance at a meeting of the Victoria District Football Association held Wednesday at the Y. M. C. A., Broad street. Rev. W. W. Bolton occupied the chair. Secretary Wilson opened the proceedings by reading the minutes, which were adopted unanimously.

One of the most important matters considered was the plan to be followed in the organization of the proposed Island and B. C. Leagues. The question was discussed at some length, and it was finally decided to instruct Rev. Mr. Bolton to communicate with the Nanaimo and Ladysmith clubs, inviting them to assist in the formation of an Island Association. Included in this letter will be a request that the matter be brought before the members of the clubs mentioned; that, if it is favored, delegates be appointed to meet Victoria, Garrison and Navy representatives at Duncans on the 17th inst. If they take no notice of these overtures it is the intention to hold a meeting of local representatives on the date mentioned for the formation of the league. Rev. Mr. Bolton and those who are supporting him are determined that the Island League shall be an accomplished fact by Christmas. This done, delegates will be sent to the Mainland, and it is hoped the B. C. League will be formed before the New Year.

Victoria West delegates complained of the bad language used by players in league matches. This roused an interesting debate which culminated in a resolution empowering official referees, after the first warning which hereafter is to be given before the game commences, to send the guilty player from the field for the remainder of the game.

An intermediate league schedule was drafted as follows:

Dec. 17th—Victoria vs. Capitals.
Dec. 24th—Capitals vs. Victoria West.
Dec. 31st—Victoria vs. Victoria West.
Jan. 7th—Capitals vs. Victoria.
Jan. 14th—Victoria West vs. Capitals.
Jan. 21st—Victoria West vs. Victoria.

A protest was made by the Capitals against one of the referee's decisions in last Saturday's match with North Ward. The matter was referred to the following select committee: F. Richardson, C. Goodenough, Sergt. Derbyshire and Corp. Rencelle. They will meet to-night at the Y. M. C. A. to decide the dispute.

Instructions were given the chairman to interview Ald. Goodacre, a member of the park committee, to ascertain whether the city council might not be persuaded to repair the Beacon Hill grounds.

A communication was received from a team of H. M. S. Egeria asking whether a match could be arranged between them and a local eleven for Saturday. The Victoria intermediates took up the proposal and will play the Navy at Beacon Hill.

Saturday's games were arranged as follows:

Senior League—Victoria United vs. Garrison, at Work Point; referee, P. O. Baker. Friendly game, Victoria West vs. Bonaventure, at Oak Bay; referee, Sergt. Derbyshire.

Junior League—North Ward vs. St. Louis College, at 10.30, on Beacon Hill; referee, Rev. E. G. Miller. High school vs. Capitals, 1.30, at Beacon Hill; referee, W. Hanbury.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER DIFFICULTY.

Owing to the intervention of Coach O'Callaghan, the Vancouver juniors have decided that the Victoria fifteen must play the opening game of the provincial championship series at the Terminal City. According to the first arrangement the Vancouver juniors were to accompany the seniors to the Island when the first Vancouver-Victoria match was played on the latter grounds. However, before then Mr. O'Callaghan unexpectedly stepped in and stated that an investigation of his records showed that Vancouver played the opening game in the Capital last season. On this ground he persuaded the Terminal City team to break their engagement here and to insist upon the locals going to Vancouver instead. Mr. O'Callaghan may be right about last winter's series, but it was hardly sportsmanlike for him to recommend the disorganization of the league in order that things might be righted. As it is now the members of the Victoria team are naturally indignant, and will probably refuse to comply with Vancouver's demand.

SECOND OF SERIES.

At Beacon Hill this afternoon the second match of the intermediate league series is in progress between the Collegiate and South Park school teams. It commenced at 3.30 o'clock, the South Park team lining up as follows: Full back, C. Briggs; three-quarters, H. Thompson, N. Seabrook, S. Nason and W. Kennedy; half backs, R. Bamford and J. Heyland; forwards, B. Robinson, J. Bendrodt, F. Cameron, E. Pert, L. Wilson, A. Gregg, R. McFarlone and L. Sparrow; substitutes, Godfrey, Meyers and Pope.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

Thursday's Colonist remarks that a statement has been made in these columns which "is very misleading." Exception is taken to a paragraph published in the Times, yesterday which stated that Mr. O'Callaghan, manager of the Vancouver junior team, "may be right" in his contention that it is Victoria's turn to open the season at Vancouver.

Continuing, it was pointed out that no matter what ground he had for believing this, his action in practically disorganizing the arranged schedule was unsportsmanlike. The dispute has not yet been investigated, and Mr. O'Callaghan was given credit for having some reason on his side. Victoria contends one thing and Vancouver holds an opposite view. Either "may be right." It is to be hoped that some step will be taken in the near future to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement so that the contest for the junior league championship may proceed.

BASKETBALL.

SCHEDULES DRAFTED.

A largely attended meeting of the Victoria District Association was held on Wednesday at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, when entries for the senior, intermediate and junior leagues were received and the schedule of games to decide the respective championships drafted. Representatives were present as follows: J. B. A. A., H. E. Hobbs; Y. M. C. A., T. Noot; F. Y. M. A., F. Moore, W. H. Snider; Cloverdale A. C., R. Owens, J. Hancock, S. Coughlan; V. W. A. A., C. Fairall, F. Baker; No. 5 Co., Fifth Regiment, R. Roskelly.

After the adoption of the minutes, the resignation of W. Northcott as president was submitted. He explained that owing to other duties he felt it would be impossible to continue in office for another season. A resolution therefore was carried accepting the resignation with regret. C. Fairall was elected president.

Entries were received as follows:

Senior—J. B. A. A., Victoria West, Fernwoods.

Intermediate—J. B. A. A., Victoria West, Cloverdale, Fernwoods, No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., Y. M. C. A.

Junior—J. B. A. A., Victoria West, Cloverdale, Fernwoods, No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., Y. M. C. A.

It was decided that the entrance fees should be $5 for the senior, $2.50 for the intermediate and $1.50 for the junior league. Upon motion it was agreed that those fees must be payed four days previous to the first game.

Before the schedules were drafted, the committee appointed to ascertain whether it was possible to secure the drill hall for league matches reported that it could not be obtained before the New Year. On this account it was unanimously decided that matches should be home and home, taking place alternately in the gymnasium of the respective associations.

The schedules were drafted as appended:

Senior.

Dec. 21st—J. B. A. A. vs. Victoria West.
Dec. 28th—Victoria West vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 4th—Fernwoods vs. J. B. A. A.
Jan. 11th—Victoria West vs. J. B. A. A.
Jan. 18th—Fernwoods vs. Victoria West.
Jan. 25th—J. B. A. A. vs. Fernwoods.

The last mentioned team in each case is the home team.

Intermediate and Junior.

Dec. 21st—Cloverdale vs. Y. M. C. A.
Dec. 23rd—Victoria West vs. 5th Co., Fifth Regt.; Fernwoods vs. Cloverdale.
Dec. 27th—J. B. A. A. vs. Victoria West.
Dec. 28th—Y. M. C. A. vs. Fernwoods.
Dec. 30th—No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., vs. J. B. A. A.
Jan. 2nd—No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 4th—Victoria West vs. Y. M. C. A.; Fernwood vs. J. B. A. A.
Jan. 6th—J. B. A. A. vs. Cloverdale; Y. M. C. A. vs. No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt.
Jan. 9th—Cloverdale vs. Victoria West; Fernwoods vs. Y. M. C. A.
Jan. 11th—Fernwoods vs. Victoria West; J. B. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.
Jan. 13th—Cloverdale vs. No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt.
Jan. 16th—No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., vs. Victoria West; Cloverdale vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 18th—Victoria West vs. J. B. A. A.; Y. M. C. A. vs. Cloverdale.
Jan. 20th—J. B. A. A. vs. No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt.
Jan. 23rd—J. B. A. A. vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 25th—Cloverdale vs. J. B. A. A.; No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., vs. Y. M. C. A.
Jan. 27th—Victoria West vs. Cloverdale; Fernwood vs. No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt.
Jan. 30th—Y. M. C. A. vs. Victoria West.
Feb. 1st—Y. M. C. A. vs. J. B. A. A.; No. 5 Co., Fifth Regt., vs. Cloverdale.
Feb. 2nd—Victoria West vs. Fernwoods.

The junior games will be played on the same dates as the intermediate, and the last mentioned is the home team in each case.

The meeting then adjourned.

CRICKET.

CANADIAN CENTURIES.

Secretary John E. Hall, of the Canadian Cricket Association, has issued the following list of centuries scored in Canada during the year of 1904:

May 28th—L. S. York, for Victoria, B. C., against Seattle, played at Victoria 148
June 22nd—F. C. Evans, for Mimico Asylum, against Rosedale, at Mimico 170
June 24th-25th—H. G. Davey (pro.), for Wanderers, against Garrison, at Halifax 116
June 25th—F. C. Evans, for Mimico Asylum, against City Hall, at Mimico 133
July 9th—W. A. Henry, for Wanderers, against Garrison, at Halifax 225
July 22nd—J. L. Ritchie, for Wanderers, against West Indians, at Halifax 100
July 23rd—H. C. Hill, for McGill, against Westmount, at Montreal, retired at 114
July 23rd—L. S. York, for Victoria, against Tacoma, at Tacoma 103
July 28th—F. C. Evans, for England, against Canada, at Rosedale 184
July 28th—J. G. McIntosh, for Manitoba, against Chicago eleven, at Chicago 100
July 29th—F. C. Evans, for Mimico Asylum, against Lindsay, at Mimico. 144
Aug. 6th—L. S. York, for Victoria, against Seattle and Tacoma, at Victoria 117
Aug. 6th—S. R. Saunders, for Toronto, against St. Alban's, at Toronto. 106
Aug. 27th—H. F. Lownsbrough, for Toronto, against Hamilton, at Toronto 124
Sept. 2nd—J. L. Ritchie, for Wanderers, against Garrison, at Halifax 119

THE RING.

REPLY TO OAKLEY.

Sporting Editor, Times:—In answer to the challenged issued by Jim Oakley, of H. M. S. Shearwater, will you announce that I regret being unable to meet him, having determined to retire from the ring. However, as he is anxious to arrange a fight, I am willing to match T. Nellkings, of the Garrison, with him; the contest to be for a side bet of from $100 to $200; weights, 145 pounds, and to take place within three weeks. Hoping to receive a definite reply soon, I remain,

Yours truly,
NOBBY CLARKE,
Ex-Lightweight Champion of Pacific Station.

POLICE STOPPED FIGHT.

A match took place Wednesday between Bert Clark and I. Abrahams, of H. M. S. Bonaventure, at the Edison theatre. The former knocked his opponent down three times in the first round. His superiority was so marked that the chief of police refused to allow the fight to proceed. In a preliminary Augustine won from Warner, of H. M. S. Bonaventure.

GOLF.

DETAILED SCORES.

A large number participated in the monthly medal competitions held on Saturday afternoon at the Oak Bay links under the auspices of the Victoria Golf Club. The detailed scores follow:

A Class.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Mr. Cronyn	92	10	82
Mr. Goldfinch	90	8.	90
Mr. Reed	97	6	91

Messrs. Luxton, Rhodes, W. Langley, A. Crease, H. Coombe, B. Drake—No returns.

B Class.

	Score.	Hcp.	Tl.
Mr. Cuppage	110	14	96
Mr. Ambery	120	18	102
Mr. Justice Martin	130	20	110
Stuart Robertson	131	18	113

Messrs. Lampman, R. E. N. Jones, Bethune, A. Robertson, Ewing—No returns.

ENCOUNTERED STORM IN MID-PACIFIC

Which is Probably Delaying Empress of India—Capt. Lycett's Views About Baltic Squadron.

On Wednesday the steamship Yangtse, of the Blue Funnel line, reached Victoria from across the Pacific. She left Muroran on the 22nd of last month, and in crossing the Pacific encountered bad weather, which is probably responsible for the delay of the R. M. S. Empress of India, which should have arrived Tuesday, according to her schedule. The big C. P. R. liner was not reported from Carmanah until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Capt. Lycett says that on the far side of the 180th meridian, for two days he passed through a very heavy gale which, had his vessel been heavily loaded, would likely have detained her some days. On the last day, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., the gale blew with great force. A strong beam sea was encountered, and had the ship been deep in the water would have swept her decks. Under the circumstances the Yangtse came along without much delay, although from the time of leaving the meridian she experienced considerable bad weather. At the entrance to the Straits the captain picked what to him was a new light, and for a time he did not know exactly where he was. He was detained outside by this 24 hours.

Capt. Lycett says that he saw nothing of the Russian ships on his voyage from Liverpool. The squadron had just attacked the North Sea fishing boats when he left Liverpool. The warships, he thinks, will not follow the usual course of navigation in coming out to the Pacific. When they enter this ocean, instead of passing through the Chinese Sea they will take a wide swing into the Pacific, probably heading for Vladivostock. He does not think they can reach their destination before February, which is the month preceding the break of ice at the Siberian port. Anyway, he is of the opinion that the main reason why this squadron was started was to draw away from Port Arthur a number of Togo's ships, weakening the fleet on guard to a size more proportionate with that within the harbor, which could then, in event of Port Arthur falling, have a fair chance of making their escape to Vladivostock. This may have been the original designs of the Russians, but when Stoessel sacrificed a torpedo boat in the manner he did in order to get messages to St. Petersburg, Capt. Lycett believes that the situation at Port Arthur was becoming serious. The contents of these messages were possibly communicated to the Baltic ships, and may have altered that squadron's plans, but with what results can only be surmised.

The Yangtse brings 500 tons of general freight for this city.

SUPREME COURT SITTING.

Cases Now Being Tried by Mr. Justice Irving—Election in Conspiracy Case.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Supreme court was continued today before Mr. Justice Irving.

The first case was that of Jackson vs. Drake, Jackson & Helmcken. In this action application was made to amend the pleadings. This was granted, with costs to defendants. The trial was fixed for January 10th. C. J. Prior for the plaintiff; Fred. Peters, K.C., for defendants.

The next case was Geddes vs. McFadden. In this action the plaintiff claimed that a proposal was made to him to enter into partnership in the milk business with the defendant on Moss street. It was agreed that the plaintiff was to take a half interest, the business being valued at $1,450. He was to allow the defendant 6 per cent. interest on half the money invested. Each was to draw out $30 a month and the remainder was to go to pay off the mortgage. After moving out to the place the defendant proceeded to pay him as an employee and not as a partner. The defence claim that the plaintiff was not a partner but was an employee only. The case is in progress this afternoon. Harold Robertson appears for the plaintiff; A. E. Belyea, K. C., for the defendant.

At 12 o'clock to-day the four Chinamen charged with conspiracy in connection with the murder trial of Wong Gow and Wong On came up for election before Mr. Justice Martin. The four are the principal witnesses for the prosecution. They are Lee Gee Wing, Ah Fat Chum,