Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—Steamer Venture has been chartered by Capt. S. F. Mackenzie to carry cattle and other stock north. She has been engaged for one year.

—The Presbytery of Victoria at a recent meeting accepted the resignation of Rev. E. G. Taylor of his charge of St. Andrew's church, Alberni.

—The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Company will be held in Labor hall this evening, when important business will be transacted.

—Dennis Harris, C. E., expects to leave next Friday for the north as one of the engineers in charge of the work of locating the Alaskan boundary line. The exact methods to be adopted have not been decided upon, but will be arranged after the engineers meet.

—"Gunner Wells, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, stationed at Esquimalt, passed through the city to-day on his way to England on furlough. He says that a great many changes have been made in the armament at the coast, and that still further changes are projected." —Winnipeg Free Press.

—C. Moore, of the Victoria Chemical Works, is about to have erected a fine new two-story brick building, to cost between seven and eight thousand dollars, on Government street, between the store occupied by W. Shakespeare and Brown & Cooper's. Messrs. Hooper & Watkins are the architects, and George Snider the contractor. Another contract which Mr. Snider has in hand is a new brick building for Moi Chung, Comorant street.

—The trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice," to be given in St. James's hall on Friday evening, May 13th, at 8 o'clock by the members of the James Bay Epworth League, promises to be a most successful performance. Besides the Shakespearean recital, a splendid musical programme will be rendered in which the following local talent will contribute: Herbert Kent, Mrs. Mesher, Miss Kneeshaw, Miss Addie Morris, Miss Annie Lewis and H. Boorman.

—Friday evening Aldermen Stewart, Oddy and Kinsman, representing the city council, conferred on the Songhees Indian reserve question, with the following committee from the Board of Trade: C. H. Lugrin, T. W. Paterson, M. P. P., H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., Joshua Kingham and W. J. Hanna. The joint committee organized with Mr. Lugrin as chairman and F. Elworthy secretary, and will endeavor to meet the provincial government and go into the subject as soon as possible.

—The regular meeting of Dominion lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., which was held Thursday, was largely attended, the occasion being the election of delegates to the Grand Lodge, which meets in Rossland next month. There were a number of candidates and competition was close. Those selected were Thos. Booz, who headed the poll, and J. Bell, with Messrs. Babington and Miller as alternates. After this business some degree work was performed, and an adjournment was not taken until a late hour.

—The annual outing of the insurance men of Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria was held Friday at the Strathcona hotel, Shawnigan Lake. During the day the pleasure seekers were provided ample entertainment, and in the evening an enjoyable banquet was served. There were about 40 guests, and after the delicacies provided had been done justice to an impromptu programme of musical selections, speeches and stories was carried through. Those present dispersed in the early hours, and returned Saturday to their respective homes.

—At a largely attended meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., Friday evening, representatives were elected to the grand lodge meeting next month at Rossland as follows: Delegates, Messrs. Brayshaw, Livingstone, Huxtable and Hubbard; alternates, Messrs. Nelson, Yorke, Siddall and Gunnison. Competition was close, there being but a slight difference between the vote polled by those selected and those placed as alternates. After other business had been transacted the meeting adjourned.

—Harry Wright, M. P. P., of Ymir, is in the city, a guest at the Balmoral. Mr. Wright is here in the interests of the Nelson Tourist Association, of which he has just been made secretary. It is on this business which he has come to Victoria at the present time. The Nelson Tourist Association has been in existence for about two years, but has not been very aggressive in its work. It has been revived, and with the appointment of Mr. Wright an attempt will be made to extend the influence of the organization. Mr. Wright will confer with Herbert Cuthbert while in the city, with the purpose in view of co-operative action.

—The directors of the Omineca and Peace River Mining company, at a meeting held last week, passed a resolution in connection with the death of Senator James Reid. By resolution the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of it to Mrs. Reid. The resolution was as follows: "Moved by Mr. T. A. Ker, and seconded by Mr. Osborne Baker, and resolved, that the directors of the Omineca and Peace River Mining company, limited, having learned with sorrow of the death of their codirector, the Hon. Senator James Reid, desire to place on record their appreciation of his high character and well-known financial ability. Senator Reid always took the decpest interest in the affairs of the company, giving it the benefit of his wide experience as a practical miner, as well as that of a financier. The directors feel that the company has sustained a loss which it will be difficult to repair. The directors desire to tender Mrs. Reid their profound sympathy in her bereavement."

—In the police court on Saturday the taking of evidence in the Erskine dog poisoning case was concluded. Decision was reserved by the magistrate until Wednesday morning.

—The city librarian has received from Andrew Carnegie a work of Hugo Grotius, "The Rights of War and Peace." It is an unusually fine volume, and will be a valued acquisition to the library shelves.

—The arbitration proceedings in connection with the expropriation of the Bertucci property will be conducted on Wednesday next. The arbitrators are Robt. Beaven, E. Crow Baker and Gavin Burns.

—The park committee are indebted to Mrs. Flewin, of the Flewin Gardens, South Park street, for three beautiful beds of tulips. These attractive beds are from some 500 or 600 bulbs presented to the Park by Mrs. Flewin, from the gardens, South Park street. They are very attractive and much admired.

—The examinations conducted by B.C. Medical Association concluded on Friday. Those who succeeded in their examination were the following, whose names appear in alphebetical order: R. M. Kippan, Colin A. McDiarmid, Chas. M. Smith and W. Truax. These are graduates of Eastern Canadian universities.

—It is proposed by the residents of Chatham, Ont., to hold an old boys' reunion from the 30th of May to the 5th of June inclusive. During that time all former residents visiting the city will be accorded a hearty welcome and suitably entertained. This news will be of interest to Chatham boys, many of whom are residing in this province.

—At a meeting on Wednesday evening the Methodist Sunday schools of this city agreed on holding their annual picnic at Langford Plains this year. For the past two years the Sunday schools have held their first of July outings at Bazan Park, Sidney. A change was desirable, and upon assurances of a good service being provided by the management of the E. & N. railway, the selection of the place named was made. Three special trains will take the picnickers out from the city and as many more, with the addition of the regular evening train, will carry them home. A band is to be secured for the occasion, and with good weather the outing should be a pleasurable one.

—The Victoria Teachers' Institute will hold their next quarterly meeting in Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday afternoon, May 13th, commencing at 2.30. Short two-minute papers on "One practical suggestion derived from the late sessions of the Provincial Teachers' Association" will be given by Misses Cameron, Lawson, Speers, Russell, Murton and Chapman and by Messrs. Willis, Binns, Wallace, Watson and J. M. Campbell. The election of officers for the ensuing year, amendments to the constitution and general business, will form a part of the programme. Vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by Mrs. Gregson, Miss Sehl and Miss Claire Macgregor during the afternoon.

—W. H. Bone, of the firm of T. N. Hibben & Company, has received a letter from the W. J. Gage & Company, wholesale booksellers and stationers, of Toronto, whose premises, as previously reported in the Times, were burned out in the recent conflagration in that city, advising the local house of the misfortune sustained. The letter states that the Toronto firm is working night and day to overtake the work which had been in hand. The fire occurred just when the company was about to send out school supplies to every province in Canada, and the company now, in order to catch up with the demands of trade, has called to its help some of the American printing establishments, so that its patrons will have a full supply of school books at the opening of the school term.

—Assembly hall presented a striking scene Friday night on the occasion of the closing dance of the classes conducted by Mrs. Dickenson and Mrs. Simpson during the past season. There was a large attendance, and the hall had been prettily decorated by members of the committee in charge of the preparations. During the early part of the evening adults were entertained by an exceeding interesting exhibition of dancing by pupils. Later on a carefully arranged programme of musical selections was rendered by the Fifth Regiment orchestra, and dancing was enjoyed by all present. Shortly after 11 o'clock supper was served, after which dancing was continued. It was not until well on into the early hours that the rendering of the National Anthem gave the signal for a general dispersal.

—On Thursday the semi-annual meeting of the sergeants' mess of the Fifth Regiment was held at the drill hall, there being a large attendance. After the transaction of routine business the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Sergt-Major Mulcahy; secretary-treasurer, Acting Sergt. Earle; committee of management, Staff-Sergt. Lettice, Company Sergt.-Major Calhoun and Sergt. Richdale; auditors, Company Sergt.-Major Boorman and Company Sergt.-Major Cavin. A report was received from the secretary showing the association to be in a flourishing condition, both as regards finances and membership. There was some discussion in regard to the proposed regimental excursion and an appropriation was made from the association's funds for this purpose. The meeting shortly after adjourned.

—Thursday a meeting of the officers' mess of the Fifth Regiment was held at the drill hall, when important business was considered. The required authorization having been received from Ottawa, it was decided that the regiment would go into camp at Macaulay Point on the 5th of next month. Mobilization will take place on the 20th of June. The Fifth and Sixth Regiments will, as usual, participated in the manoeuvres which take place in this city. Although the details are not known as yet, it is not unlikely that the tactics pursued will be something similar to that of last year, when the volunteer corps were detailed to the defence of the approaches to Victoria, while a force selected from the regulars formed the attack. Other business of minor importance was considered by the officers, after which the meeting adjourned.

—There was a good attendance at the Congregational church at the morning and evening services Sunday. A special song service was rendered in the evening.

The Victoria Association of Stationary Engineers have been called together for Thursday next. All the local engineers are expected to attend, when the question of joining the British Columbia Association will come up for discussion.

—Thursday being Ascension Day, holy communion will be celebrated at the hours of 7, 8 and 11, at Christ church cathedral. At 8 p. m. there will be choral evensong. Rt. Rev. T. W. Keator, D. D., bishop of Olympia, will preach. Collections will be taken in aid of the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church.

—On Saturday afternoon H. Combe and P. S. Lampman played off the tie in the handicap golf tournament with the result that the latter won by one stroke. Mr. Combe (owe 1) did the round in 82, which, with the stroke added, made his score 83; Mr. Lampman's score was 99, and with his handicap of 17 off made it 82. Mr. Lampman thus becomes the winner of the cup for the best average in the season's medal rounds.

—The long-promised volume of the "D. W. H." series of historical sketches will shortly be issued from the press in a handsomely bound volume of about 400 pages, at the low price of $1.50 per copy. The sale will be by subscription only, and lists will be found at the book stores and in the hands of authorized canvassers.

—Robert Duponey, who lectured in the Institute hall a few evenings ago, will deliver another lecture on Tuesday evening next at the Balmoral hotel parlors at 8 o'clock, subject "The Young Woman in Modern French Literature." Admission free. At the conclusion of the lecture steps will be taken towards the formation of a branch of L'Alliance Francaise.

—Many appreciative letters continue to come from Canadian authors who are sending signed copies of their books and photographs to the "Made in Canada Fair." Among these are letters from C. G. D. Roberts, Kathleen and Robina Lizaro, Mrs. Henshaw, Dr. Drummond, and W. H. McHarg. Authograph copies of the works of Roberts and Drummond will be indeed valuable. The book stall, with its special features, is quite a novelty. Nothing of the sort has ever been done in Canada before. C. G. Roberts writes that the representative characters from Canadian books "ought to be of great interest and value."

—Among the principal matters which came up at the recent meeting of the B. C. Medical Council was that of granting assistance towards the entertainment of the members of the Canadian Medical Association, which will meet in the Terminal City in the summer. It was decided to submit a referendum to the members of the B. C. College of Physicians and Surgeons as to whether the association should grant $1,000 for the purpose of entertaining the visiting members of the fraternity. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. A. P. Proctor, Kamloops; vice-president, J. C. Davie, Victoria; registrar and secretary, Dr. C. J. Fagan, Victoria, provincial medical health officer; treasurer, Dr. W. J. McGuigan, mayor of Vancouver, re-elected.

—Monday morning Robt. Murray, an employe of the Taylor Mill company, was the victim of a painful accident. At about 11.30 o'clock he was driving a team of horses and a wagon down the narrow roadway leading from Store street to the wharf and became entangled with a vehicle which was coming up. The wheels of the two conveyances became blocked and the struggling of the horses threw Murray on the ground and broke the tongue of the wagon. One of the man's legs was caught and when rescued he was bleeding profusely. Dr. Robertson was immediately summoned and gave the injuries the required attention. It was found that he had sustained several severe scalp wounds, besides having had one of his legs badly bruised. There were no dangerous injuries and it is expected Mr. Murray will be able to attend to his duties within a fortnight.

—As usual a good crowd of enthusiastic fishermen took the E. & N. train Sunday to spend the day enjoying their favorite pastime. Some stayed off at Shawnigan lake and other went on as far as Cowichan and Somenos. Others got off at Fitzgerald's crossing and there took the bicycle to Sooke lake. In some cases there was excellent sport, but several disappointed ones report that they could not get a "bite." One or two good baskets were secured by those spending the day at Shawnigan, and a number are also reported to have been obtained at Cowichan and Somenos. At Sooke there were two or three catches of fifty each, but most of those fishing at this resort were not so lucky. Most fishermen are looking forward to the summer months, when they will be able to use the fly effectively.

—A meeting of the executive committee of the Provincial Mining Association will be held at Nelson on Wednesday, 18th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. The business will include, besides consideration of correspondence since the convention in February, reports from committees and other matters arising out of resolutions passed at the convention, the following special business: To consider the question of endorsing the resolution affecting the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, urging that the surplus, if any, of the appropriation voted under the lead bounty act be distributed until June 30, 1905, among producers of lead ore who find it advantageous under present rather unusual conditions to export their ores for treatment and marketing; and the position in regard to the location of placer claims over mineral claims, as shown by the recent Supreme court decision in the case of Tanghe vs. Morgan et al, arising out of the location of the Shamrock placer claim over the Lucky Jack mineral claim at Poplar Creek

BELLINGHAM WON THE OPENING GAME

VICTORIAS GUILTY OF SOME PAINFUL ERRORS

There Was a Large Attendance—Why the Locals Lost—Shoot at Clover Point.

If the attendance at the opening game of the season, which took place on Saturday between the Victoria and Bellingham teams, can be taken as a criterion, it is not unlikely that the present accommodation at Oak Bay will have to be increased. Not only was the grand stand filled, but the space on each side of the diamond was crowded with enthusiastic fans, most of whom evidenced the greatest pleasure in again being able to display their ability in "rooting." Unfortunately the local nine, through a series of inexcusable errors, failed to rise to the occasion, and signalized the opening of the 1904 season by going down to defeat by a score of 3 to 2.

Just before the opposing teams lined up His Worship Mayor Barnard, escorted by J. A. Virtue, one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Victoria Baseball Club, appeared on the field. Going over to the local team's bench it was noticed that His Worship sought out Pitcher Emerson with the apparent intention of getting some tips on the art of twirling. He evidently improved the opportunity, for, when taking up the position to throw the opening ball, he assumed the attitude of a veteran. Although the ball went somewhat wide of the mark, it may be said in all seriousness that His Worship's first effort was promising, and, with a little training, his work might rival that of the best.

The performance of the Victoria team was not gratifying. To most of the fans it was absolutely disappointing, not particularly because the locals lost the game, but for the reason that they allowed opportunity after opportunity to slip by through blunders entirely inexcusable. One of these took place in the eighth inning, when three locals were retired in one fell swoop. A triple put-out is not often obtained, and when it does occur it is generally the result of a blunder on somebody's part. In this case it can be attributed to the impetuosity of Schwengers and Erle.

It was Victoria's turn to the bat in the eighth, and one run had been scored by Smith. Through a couple of hits and several errors on the visitors' part, Erle and Schwengers had succeeded in getting to third and second respectively. Things were looking very roseate for the home team, because Geo. Burnes was next to bat and only two runs were needed to win the game. He hit a high fly to centre field, and, without waiting to see whether it was caught, both the men on bases started to run. The fielder gathered in the ball and promptly threw it to second, nabbing Schwengers. In the meantime Erle had returned to third and started out again for home, only to be caught at the plate. Thus the batter, Burnes, the man on second base, Schwengers, and the player on third, Erle, were retired. It was a clever piece of work on the part of the visitors, but very rank for the locals.

Another regrettable incident occurred in the fifth inning, when Tredway missed the chance of making as pretty a double as one could wish to see. Broadhurst had been retired, and Mackay got first on balls. He was followed by Brockoff, who sent a grounder to Schwengers at second. The latter fielded neatly, and catching Mackay on the line, threw to Tredway in plenty of time to cut off Brochoff. Unfortunately the first baseman missed his chance by dropping the ball. The game was also marred by a couple of somewhat costly errors by both Erle and Burnes, who were at third base and shortstop respectively.

Outside of those mentioned the field work of the local players was very fair. The battery, comprising Emerson (pitcher) and Smith (catcher), did effective work, the former throwing a ball hard to find, and the latter proving reliable both in receiving and in throwing to bases. At times Emerson was a little wild, allowing men to take bases on "dead" balls, but otherwise he proved to be in even better form than last year, holding his opponents down to a few scattered hits and fanning out seven. Tredway at first fielded his position faultlessly, except on the one occasion to which reference has already been made. Schwengers was a tower of strength on second, and Blackburn, Moore and Goward did creditable work in the field. Emerson fielded his position admirably.

Of the visiting team it is sufficient to say that their performance in all departments was creditable. Infield and outfield played well, there being only one or two weak points, and the batting of Broadhurst, Mackay, Brockoff, Jansa and Kennedy is worthy of special mention. The work of Dean and Mackay, as battery, was steady, holding the locals down well. Lent in centre field made a phenomenal catch with one hand, and was accorded an enthusiastic ovation. Galaski at second base was not a shining star, but the disposition of the players in other respects showed good judgment.

In the first inning a run was scored by each team, and the second was marked by a score for Bellingham, but none for the locals. The third inning was uneventful, and during the fourth the visitors were again successful. For three innings neither nine could send a player completely around the circuit, but in the eighth Smith secored for Victoria. Only one run separated the opposing teams in the ninth, and after the visiting aggregation had retired in one, two, three order, spectators hoped against hope that the home team would improve the last opportunity, and even tie score. When both Goward and Emerson secured bases, the former on balls and the latter on a hit past third, confidence returned. The most sanguine, however, were disappointed when Blackburn and Moore were retired in turn, and when Smith was caught out at first, ending the match.

A summary of the game follows:

Bellingham.

	a.b.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Broadhurst, l. f.	5	1	1	0	1	1
MacKay, c.	2	0	1	12	0	0
Brockoff, s. s.	3	0	0	0	2	1
Galaski, 2 b.	4	0	0	2	2	1
Lent, c. f.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Jansa, 3 b.	3	0	1	0	2	0
Kennedy, 1 b.	4	2	2	10	0	1
Camsusa, r. f.	3	0	0	1	1	0
Dean, p.	3	0	0	0	4	1
	31	3	5	27	12	5

Victoria.

	a.b.	r.	h.	p.o.	a.	e.
Smith, c.	5	1	2	9	2	1
Erle, 3 b.	4	0	1	2	2	2
Schwengers, 2 b.	2	1	0	4	1	0
Treadway, 1 b.	3	0	1	9	2	1
Burnes, s. s.	4	0	1	0	0	2
Goward, r. f.	3	0	0	0	1	0
Emerson, p.	3	0	0	3	6	0
Blackburn, c. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Moore, l. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
	31	2	5	27	14	6

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Bellingham	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Victoria	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2

Summary: Earned runs, Bellingham, 0; Victoria, 1. Two-base hit—Kennedy. Struck out—By Dean, 11; by Emerson, 7. Bases on balls—Off Emerson, 2; off Dean, 5. Hit by pitched ball—By Emerson, 2. Double play—Emerson to Erle. Triple play—Lent to Brockoff to MacKay. Stolen bases—Burnes and Kennedy. Umpire, Geo. Smith. Time of game, 1.35.

NEXT GAME.

The nine representing Columbia University of Portland, Oregon, will be the next team to play the locals. They will play here on next Saturday. Their nine is a very fast one, and it is looked upon as the crack university team of the Northwest. Up to date they have played 13 games and won all of them, defeating among others the Multnomah Athletic Club nine and the Vancouver, Wash., team, of the Oregon State League. After playing here they will play in the Sound cities, trying three games with the Bellingham team.

The Bellingham team will play here again on the 1st and 2nd of July, when the Victorias will try hard to redeem themselves for their defeat of last Saturday. The local nine were badly handicapped by the loss of McConnell on Saturday, and when they meet the Bellingham players again will have a far more formidable team in the field.

The team will practice Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of this week.

CRICKET.

A PRACTICE MATCH.

Members of the Victoria Cricket Club held a practice on Saturday on the grounds adjoining the Jubilee hospital. There was a good attendance, and an interesting game was played. Both the first and second elevens are preparing for the games announced to be played with Seattle and Tacoma.

ATHLETICS.

THE J. B. A. A. MEET.

Preparations for the preliminary field day to take place next month under the auspices of the James Bay Athletic Association are proceeding apace. The programme has already been outlined, and the work of putting the grounds in condition for the meet has already commenced. A large number have signified their intention of competing, and every event is expected to be keenly contested. For the convenience of those who intend participating but who have not registered with the North Pacific Amateur Athletic Association, arrangements have been made to have application forms at the residence of the secretary, H. E. Hobbis, 148 Johnson street, and also at the J. B. A. A. club rooms. Soldiers may obtain the same forms from either Sergt. Dunn, of the R. G. A., or G. H. Bevan-Pritchard, of the R. E. As the grounds are being put in splendid shape for the occasion and each event promises to be exciting, a most successful meet is anticipated.

THE RIFLE.

SATURDAY'S SHOOT.

There was another very good attendance at the shoot at Clover Point on Saturday afternoon, forty-six members taking part, made up of: Royal Navy, 9; Royal Engineers, 4. Fifth Regiment C. A.: Staff, 3; No. 1 Co., 6; No. 2 Co., 2; No. 3 Co., 9; No. 4 Co., 3; No. 5 Co., 4; No. 6 Co., 4; civilians, 2. The weather conditions were not particularly bad for good rifle shooting, but nevertheless no big scores were recorded. Some of the best shots found a difficulty in holding, and again the best of rifle shots have off days when, try as they will, it seems impossible to put on a good score. There are still a few of the old hands who have not yet put in an appearance on the range. As mentioned before, this may be due to their inability to secure a rifle in which they can place implicit reliance. Some means ought to be found whereby rifles which are practically useless for good target practice might be exchanged for new ones.

Owing to the inspection of the Fifth Regiment on Saturday, 14th inst., the rifle range will be closed on that day.

The best scores made are as appended:

	200.	500.	600.	Tl.
Mr. H. Pook, R. N.	30	30	32	92
Corp. A. Brayshaw	29	31	30	90
Co. Sgt.-Maj. McDougall	33	32	24	89
Sergt. J. Anderton	30	27	30	87
Co. Sgt.-Maj. Caven	32	26	29	87
Mr. A. R. Langley	28	33	25	86
Sergt. G. S. Carr	32	27	26	85
Sapper J. Harvey, R. E.	25	28	31	84
Q. M. Sergt. Winsby	26	29	29	84
Gr. R. J. Butler	28	27	27	82
Q. M. Sergt. Clark, R.E.	28	24	29	81
Corp. Shute, R. E.	24	26	30	80
Gr. R. Parker	24	28	26	78
Gr. G. W. Neill	24	24	27	75
Corp. W. H. Spurrier	24	27	22	73
Gr. R. T. Strachan	26	27	19	72
Gr. J. H. Newberry	27	24	20	71

LACROSSE.

CENTRE MAN EXPECTED.

Officials of the Victoria club are confident that the aggregation they have gathered together this year will be able to hold their own against either the Vancouver or New Westminster twelves. The names of the new players and their reputations were given in these columns several days ago. These, it is expected, will be augmented by one of the best Eastern players who has been made a liberal offer and from whom a reply is looked for to-day. This player will be of inestimable value to the locals, because he is a centre man and has all the speed, cleverness and staying power necessary to hold down the redoubtable Turnbull, of New Westminster. The locals will have first-class men to fill every other position, but hitherto there has been some anxiety over who it is best to place at centre, an important position, especially when the opposing player is as dangerous as the one who occupies that position in the Royal City twelve. Regular practices commence this week, and full attendances are expected three times every seven days. The executive realizes that the best twelve players it is possible to secure would make but a poor showing with no training, and this important feature will not be overlooked. It is expected that all the locals will be in the pink of condition by the 24th of the month, when they play the opening league game with the Vancouver twelve at the Caledonia grounds.

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TRYING TO PROVE AN ALIBI IN CASE

THE DEFENCE PUT UP IN MURDER TRIAL

Judgment Was Given in Insurance Action by Mr. Justice Drake This Morning.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The case of Rex vs. Wong Gow and Wong On is still in progress. The defendants are charged with the murder of Man Quong, late manager of the Chinese theatre. It is expected that a conclusion may be reached to-morrow. The defence is now attempting to prove an alibi. The jury were kept all day yesterday in charge of the sheriff, attending church in a body.

The examination of Chin Sam was concluded this morning. In reply to W. J. Taylor, K. C., witness said he had gone for a policeman on the morning of the fight because Lee Lim said there was a fight in the theatre and a policeman was needed. Lee Yim said he would wait for witness.

R. H. Pooley was the next witness. He testified that How Fat Ching had been employed at his father's house. He worked there about three months and slept in the Chinaman's house for about eighteen months. He spoke English very well for a Chinaman.

Wong Jung was a room-mate of Wong On at Tim Kee's place. He heard of Man Quong's death on Sunday evening. Witness was in his own room on Saturday night from 11 o'clock. There were in the room Wong On, Ah Sue, Ah Yim and Quong Gi. They smoked for a while and then got supper. This took until 12.30. Wong On went out to call a friend to supper. He was out about ten minutes. Wong On came back alone in about ten minutes and shortly afterwards his friend arrived. It took till about two o'clock to get supper through. They did not go out again. A policeman came to arrest Wong On before morning and woke them up. Witness did not know why he was arrested at that time.

The case is in progress again this afternoon.

Supreme Court.

The case of Morgan vs. British Yukon Railway Company, which was to have been heard to-day before Mr. Justice Drake, was postponed until Wednesday at 11 o'clock in consequence of W. J. Taylor, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff, being engaged on the murder trial.

R. Cassidy, K.C., who appeared for the defendant company, complained of the delay, as it was a serious matter for his company, who had important employees awaiting the trial who should be in the north at the present time.

His Lordship assigned the costs of delay to the plaintiff.

Mr. Cassidy also gave notice of a motion in connection with the empannelling of the jury which will come up for argument at 10.30 preceding the time set for the trial.

Mr. Justice Drake also gave judgment in the case of Barrett and Turner vs. Elliot & Holland. This was an action for the recovering of the amount of the insurance policy paid by the plaintiffs upon the ground that the policy was to be from a company licensed to do business in Canada.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs, on the ground that it was not proved that the company was not licensed to do business in Canada, and that the action was brought long after the money had been paid according to the contract. He held that money paid on an executed contract could not be recovered.

ACCIDENT AT DENMAN ISLAND.

To the Editor:—Referring to the paragraph in your issue of May 1st of the painful occurrence to one of the crew of the steamship City of Nanaimo at the wharf, Denman Island, I beg to say that the unfortunate young man was Arthur Percival Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lockley Jones, of Feltham road, Mount Tolmie P. O., who, while in the execution of his duties, was so unfortunate in having h's left foot cut off above the ankle by the landing cable, through no fault of his own. He now lies in the Cumberland hospital after undergoing amputation, and is so far progressing slowly but favorably, considering the nature of his case.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lockley Jones beg to thank all those parties who have made inquiries as to his condition, also to the matron and doctors in the hospital for their skilful attention to the injured young man, now disabled for life.

R. LOCKLEY JONES.

Feltham road, Mt. Tolmie P. O., Victoria, May 9th, 1904.

—"On Friday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Frank Campbell, of Victoria, was married to Miss Mabel Dowdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dowdell, of Harris street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. Newton Powell. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in blue silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. She was attended by Miss E. Kelly, and the bridal party was supported by Mr. F. Dempsey."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

BORN.

COCHRANE—At Vernon, on May 2nd, the wife of Maurice Cochrane, of a daughter.
MANNING—At Vancouver, on May 3rd, the wife of E. J. Manning, of a daughter.
HARDIMAN—At Vancouver, on May 4th, the wife of P. H. Hardiman, of a son.

MARRIED.

FOWLES-TOWLAN—At Whonnock, on May 2nd, by Rev. A. Dunn, Henry Fowles and Miss Margaret Towlan.
POUNDER-BROWN—At Vancouver, on May 5th, by Rev. W. E. Pescott, Mark Pounder and Miss Sarah Jane Brown.
CAMERON-MACRAE—At Rossland, on May 5th, by Rev. M. W. Mackinnon, Angus Cameron and Miss Mary Macrae.
CAMPBELL-DOWDELL—At Vancouver, on May 6th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, Frank Campbell and Miss Mabel Dowdell.

DIED.

BANCROFT—On the 7th inst., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bancroft.
KNOX—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 7th instant, Alexander Cecil Rogers, eldest son of Fanny E. and the late John A. Knox, a native of County Down, Ireland, aged 27 years and 3 months.
TRUDGEON—At Vancouver, on May 6th, Israel Trudgeon, aged 57 years.
WEST—At Vancouver, on May 5th, Mrs. L. F. West, aged 49 years.