

LOCAL FOOTBALLERS ENTER PRO. LEAGUE

Interest High in Professional Football—Con Jones Starts Ferry Service

A great deal of interest is being taken by the football fans on both the Island and Mainland in the B. C. professional league matter, so much so that it completely overshadows that taken in the Island league. This is no doubt owing to the fact that Lady Smith has the Island championship clinched and also to the efforts of Con Jones, who is going to a great deal of expense to keep up the waning enthusiasm in football.

His latest departure is the hiring of a large launch to take the rosters to and from the Island to the Mainland. Last Sunday between 20 and 30 fans accompanied by a band of pipers set sail from Vancouver to witness the game at Nanaimo between the coast miners and the Calles. An even larger bunch of rosters is expected at next Sunday's match between Lady Smith and the Calles, on the former's grounds.

Not only are enthusiasts expected from Vancouver, but also from all parts of the Island, as from this city especially, as more than half of Lady Smith's line-up consists of local players. The following are the names of the Victoria boys who are on the team: W. McGuire, Joe Bayley, A. Muir, S. Youson and D. Dougan. Dougan, in speaking of the match last Saturday between Lady Smith and Vancouver, which was won by the latter, said it was the best game he has ever taken part in. Vancouver won, not because of any superior play, but because of Lady Smith's inability to shoot properly at the critical moment.

CHIEF DAVIS AND THE BOY.

Little Henry Promises Not to Play With Matches Again.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Henry George Brown, aged 8 years, had an exciting afternoon Tuesday. He set fire to Mellor Bros. paint store and placed several thousand dollars' worth of property in danger. He went through considerable mental agony, as the result of his act getting beyond his control, and later on he was marched before the long fire chief who looks two miles high, with these words: "You brass buttons up and down his front. The boy with the single tail name has come through it all bravely. He promised not to do it again, and passed a good night."

Little Henry was occupied at the rubbish heap behind Mellor Bros. store with a box of matches. Suddenly one of the matches which little Henry had dragged across the rough, black ignition strip on the floor began to light. Like the jungle animals the "red flower" fascinated little Henry, and he placed it in the inflammable rubbish, where it grew several feet high, and soon had the Kingston street warehouse in danger. Having seen the fire well started little Henry went home. When the fire chief arrived the neighbors' children pointed to little Henry and said "he did it." Henry was wrapped in distress and was overcome. With the knowledge that he had a paint store and \$1,000 worth of plate glass in danger, the fire chief did not waste time on Henry but extinguished the flames. Later in the evening Henry George Brown and the fire chief of Victoria held an interview in the chief's office and, had the occasion not been connected with the fire of the afternoon, little Henry would have enjoyed his trip immensely, but there was a certain solemnity and form about it that irritated. He promised not to play with matches again.

FIRST BALL PLAYER ARRIVES ON SCENE

Husky First Baseman Gets to Town—Clementson Has Good Reputation

Tuesday afternoon the first Victoria's professional baseball squad landed in town. Idlers watching the arrivals from the Seattle boat may have noticed a tall, strapping young fellow with a genial smile on his face, as he gazed in a speculative manner on the town which may or may not give him a start in what he desires even more than success in professional life, a baseball career. Cliff Clementson is his name and "all-round athlete and good fellow" is the description that suits him best.

Clementson hails from the University of Washington, and during a course of two or three years spent in that college has always taken a leading part in sports of all kinds. Among other things he has been captain of the basketball team, which is reputed to be one of the best in America. His chief interest, of course, lies in baseball, and he has been a member of the varsity team ever since he first broke in as a freshman. His room corner of the diamond is first base, and it is that position he expects to hold down on the local nine. His reputation in covering the initial sack is much like that of Chase, who, it will be remembered, caused such excitement among the fans in Victoria some years ago.

The college boy should have no difficulty in landing the ball over the fence occasionally, as he has a name for being a tremendous hitter and is as husky as they make them. He tips the scales at 176 pounds, 12 1/2 feet 2 inches in height and broad in proportion.

Householder fully expects the young fellow to be on the team, for, to use the manager's own expression, "he looks mighty good."

LOCAL NEWS

The W. C. T. U. home committee gratefully acknowledges donations for February from Mrs. Spencer and Miss Smith.

A meeting of the Daughters of Pitt was held at the Royal Jubilee hospital on Monday. The Misses Sylvester were welcomed as new members. Arrangements have been made for a Ciderella dance to be held in the new Alexandra club building on April 21. Tickets are now on sale.

Building permits were issued on Tuesday by the building inspector to the Lee Benevolent Association for alterations to building on Fisgard street, to cost \$600; to V. Johnson, dwelling on Home street, to cost \$2,750; to Chung Wo, alteration to building on Cormorant street, \$600; and to James E. Wentworth, garage on Fairfield road, \$125.

Railway men in the interior are circulating a petition asking Premier McBride to choose Thomas D. Caven, M. P. for Cranbrook, as minister of railways. Mr. Caven has spent a lifetime in railway work, which is his specialty. He is a strong supporter of the railway. The movement was started by the Cranbrook members of the Order of Railway Conductors, and has been endorsed by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

At a meeting of the members of the Camosun Club, the latest addition to Victoria's clubs, the following officers were elected: President, W. P. Marchant; vice-president, H. P. Wille; secretary-treasurer, S. Thompson; committee, William Galt, George McIntyre and J. H. Griffiths; auditor, E. A. Gallop. In addition, the club now has a membership of 113.

Holders of lots under agreement are again reminded that they cannot vote as householders, the legal opinion being that while they are paying taxes on the property they are not entitled to pay the \$2 road tax and the city is not legally empowered to accept the same from them. It is proving a hard case for the officials who have the preparation of the lists of licence holders and householders in hand to convince applicants for registration of their peculiar status at the forthcoming civic elections.

The regular meeting of the Emmanuel Baptist Young People's union, held on Monday night, was another success. Between sixty and seventy young people came to hear Rev. W. Stevenson explain "how men get their wives," which proved a very interesting subject. The meeting was an excellent close to the winter session of the union, the most successful one in the history of the church. Next Monday will be the election of officers for the ensuing year. All members are urged to make a special effort to be present.

An exceedingly useful and carefully-written paper on "The Steam Engine Indicator and its Diagram" was prepared some time ago by Mr. W. Winterburn and read before the Association of Marine and Stationary Engineers of Victoria. It was subsequently sent to the Institute of Marine Engineers of London, which Mr. Winterburn is a member, and read there. The appreciation of the members of these bodies is shown by the fact that they have prevailed upon Mr. Winterburn to publish the paper, which has been done in neat pamphlet form.

In the police court on Wednesday H. W. Wells, charged with stealing a bicycle, and the fire chief of Victoria held an interview in the chief's office and, had the occasion not been connected with the fire of the afternoon, little Henry would have enjoyed his trip immensely, but there was a certain solemnity and form about it that irritated. He promised not to play with matches again.

The monthly meeting of the executive of the S. P. C. A. was held in the office, room 22, Green block, Tuesday, inpector Risse reported the following cases, amongst others, dealt with during the month of February: Horses in bad condition and ordered to be taken home and owners cautioned; Chinaman using horse unfit for work and having been cautioned, summoned, convicted and fined \$15 and costs of interpreter; beating horses, 1; cats left in store without food, 1. Regret was expressed that owing to lack of funds cases of cruelty to the animals could not be investigated, and it was hoped increased subscriptions would enable the committee to carry on this necessary work.

A good attendance of members of the local branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses was recorded at the regular monthly meeting, held at the city hall Tuesday evening. Mrs. Robertson, the president, was in the chair. After silent prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and passed; also the treasurer's report. A general feeling of hearty appreciation of the new nurses' service was reported from the several cases under her care. Miss Kennedy's report for the month of February was as follows: Number of maternity cases, 5; total number of night cases, 3; visits paid during the month, 46. All the cases were paying patients, the fees being from four to six dollars each per week for the whole number of visits paid. There are two new cases in hand, one being a surgical case. Mrs. Hay, the secretary, reported having 38 copies of a pamphlet regarding the work of the V. O. N. to the medical men of the city and chemists, asking their help and co-operation in making the Order known and the nurse of use amongst needy cases. Mrs. R. E. Brett was asked to become a member of the committee. An account was read of the annual meeting of the Order in October, presided over by Countess Grey. The Home committee for the month, consisting of two members, who will be glad to give any information or help, are Mrs. Harper (phone No. 434), and Mrs. Alistair Robertson (phone No. 1283).

BENCH SHOW WILL BE BIGGEST EVER

Hall Not Yet Secured—Everything Else in Readiness—Prize List

Everything is now in readiness for the Bench show to be held in Victoria on March 30 and 31 and April 1. From the number of entries already received the show promises to be the largest ever held in Victoria. A place for holding the show has not yet been arranged for, but the committee fully expect to secure the drill hall. The following are the special prizes offered:

The Canadian Kennel club offer four medals for the best of the following breeds, open to members of the club: Best Setter or Pointer; best Spaniel, any breed; best Collie, any color; best Terrier, any breed.

Times, cup, for best sporting dog; Percy Richardson, \$25 pipe, for best St. Bernard dog or bitch; C. Wenger, cup, for best St. Bernard in open class; A. A. Clayton, cup, for best Great Dane; V. C. K. C. medal, for best Scotch Deerhound.

W. J. Wilson, goods, value \$250, for best Chesapeake Bay Retriever; H. D. Helmcken, cup, for best in limit class; C. B. Redfern, cup, for best in opposite sex; H. B. & Co., book on dogs, for best in open class; Brown Jug, cup, for best in limit class; Weller Bros., cup, for best in Novice class.

Victoria Transfer, cup, for best puppy bitch; T. P. McConnell, trophy, best puppy dog; T. Withers, cup, best aired from Arbutus kennels; Irish Setters; J. A. Robb, cup, best in show; Dickinson, cup, best opposite sex; Goodacre, cup, for best in limit class; E. G. Maynard, cup, best in Novice class; Scott & Peden, \$5 cash, for best puppy dog; Baxter & Johnson, goods \$5, for best puppy bitch; Gordon Setters; Little & Taylor, cup, best puppy in show; Cuthbertson & Co., umbrella, best in Novice class; B. Williams & Co., \$3.50 hat, for best in limit class; F. L. and Mrs. Wolfenden, cup, for best in show; Pointers; Challoner & Mitchell, cup, best Pointer in show; G. P. Butcher, cup, best opposite sex; H. B. Ella, trophy for best in limit class; Phoenix Brewery, \$5 cash, best opposite sex, limit class; J. Hickford, dog crate, for best Novice dog; D. Jones, Capital Joiner shop, dog crate, for best Novice bitch; Irish Water Spaniels; J. W. Whitney Co., cup, for best in show; Field Spaniels; Drake Hardware Co., collar, for best puppy; Dr. Hamilton, medal, for best in show; Clumber Spaniels; Hon. Richard McBride, cup, for best in show; D. Campbell, \$2.50, for best Novice; Hall & Co., Central Drug Store, goods \$2, for best puppy; Cocker Spaniels (Black); Harvey & Briggs, trophy, for best dog in open class; Dr. Garsche, cup, for best bitch, open class; S. Jones, Dominion hotel, \$2.50, for best limit bitch; M. & H. Fox, goods, best limit class; Capital Barber Shop, \$2.50, best in Novice class; H. Harris, Clarence hotel, \$2.50, for best puppy; Setfielder & Johnson, cup, for best brace of puppies, any color; D. Jones, dog, best 4 Cocker Spaniels, any color in show; J. W. Creighton, cup, for best Cocker any color class. Donor not to compete. Other Cocker Spaniels, Solid Color; Best open class, Bickendike, cup; Hon. W. R. Ross, \$5, for best in limit class; Wm. Blackmore, \$5, for best in Novice class; Hawkins & Hayward, goods, \$2.50, for best puppy; Cocker Spaniels (Parti-colors); W. H. Wilkerson, cup, best dog in open class; D. Stewart, \$5, best bitch in open class; Colliers; Colonist, cup, best Tri-color; V. C. R. C., cup, best Sable and White; C. H. Hawthornthwaite, \$5, for best any color; Mrs. J. G. French, trophy, for largest entry of colliers; Duncan Greaves, medal for best Tri-color in Novice class; Fox Terriers (Smooth-coated); Pither & Leiser, cup, best dog; W. H. Pennock, cup, best bitch; Mr. Large, trophy, for best limit dog; Collier, goods, for best limit bitch; Fletcher Bros., \$5 goods, best novice class; Houston & Co., goods, best opposite sex in Novice class; T. Shortbit, goods \$2.50 for best puppy dog; W. Terry, goods \$2.50 for best puppy bitch; Wire Hair Terriers; L. Pither, cup, best puppy dog; Cecil Roberts, cup, best novice dog; A. C. R. \$5 for best limit dog; T. Stokes, cup, for best open dog; R. Hansen, cup, for best puppy bitch; Standard Stationery Co., trophy for best open dog; A. T. Goward, cup, for best limit dog.

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EXPECT WORD FROM NEW BUCKET DREDGE

Sailed From 'Frisco on Sunday After Refilling Bunkers—Due Thursday

Word is expected from Tatosoth within a couple of days announcing the successful completion of the dredge. The vessel, built in Scotland for the Dominion Government to be used in Vancouver harbor, has passed in at Cape Flattery. The vessel arrived at San Francisco last Friday to replenish its bunkers and left the Golden Gate on Sunday on the last leg of the 15,000 mile voyage. She will take about four or five days to make the passage from 'Frisco to this port.

The dredge was built by William Simons, Glasgow, and is 435 tons register. It is of the bow well bucket ladder type, constructed of steel and built under Lloyd's rules to Class A steel dredger, principal dimensions: Length between perpendiculars, 199 ft.; breadth moulded, 36 1/2 ft.; depth moulded, 13 1/2 ft. The driving gear and bucket chain is designed for dredging hard ground; the buckets are 24 cu. ft. capacity, with solid cast steel backs and links the cutting lips and all wearing surfaces are of manganese steel. The gearing for driving the chain, which is of cast steel, is arranged to give two speeds which are suitable for the material to be dredged.

The bucket ladder is suspended on an independent shaft, works in an iron bow well and is capable of cutting the dredge to deliver the spoil as required. The dredging machinery, depth of 50 ft. The dredging machinery and bucket chain are designed for dredging 1,000 tons of free material per hour. Shots are provided on each side of the dredge to deliver the spoil as required, and are worked by independent steam gear. All the necessary mooring and warping winches are of the rapid current type for dredging in rapid currents.

The dredge is propelled by two sets of compound surface condensing engines, and the speed on trial trip in deep low conditions was 10 knots. The engines are arranged to drive direct on the screw shafting or to operate the dredging machinery. Steam is supplied by two Scotch boilers having a working pressure of 120 lbs.

Evidently the dredger has met with some heavy weather during the long trip, as it was expected to arrive here about the end of February. It was launched on November 7 last year and left on the seventeenth of the same month for this port via the Horn.

REALTY MARKET SUSTAINS ACTIVITY

Big Business Being Done in Residential Quarters of the City

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The unprecedented activity in the realty market of Victoria and district, which the beginning of the present year heralded in with such a blaze of triumphant trumpets, is not likely to show any abatement until well on in the year. Many of the cautious people refrained from parting with their money in the belief that the first rush would prove but a transient movement. Time, however, has proved that belief to be utterly unfounded and those who were influenced by it are now regretting their timidity.

As a matter of fact it is no longer in the nature of things that the realty market should flag. Every conceivable circumstance is combining to keep the progressive movement going. The happenings of the past few weeks have clearly shown that Victoria is in a transitional stage. She is in the act of casting off the old conservative mantle that produced inertia, even conservatism, and is beginning to realize her own possibilities at the expense of a little timidity.

That is the tale that is being retold daily throughout the city. The life force of the city is at last manifesting its power, and it will develop proportions hitherto unthought of despite any efforts on the part of knockers. Never a day passes but an extraordinary amount of business in real estate is transacted. As a matter of fact only a portion of what is done ever filters down to the public ear, for the simple reason that in many cases the purchasers as well as the sellers do not wish the transaction to be made public. Then, again, many of the leading real estate firms do not care to have their sales given publicity.

In spite of this "conspiracy of silence," however, the fact is apparent that in a real estate sense the city is booming. Moore & Johnson are doing a brisk business not only in home lots but in large deals. Just yesterday they sold two lots on the corner of Penwell and Burdette for \$16,000, and they are momentarily expecting to close another deal for \$25,000. In the meantime they have disposed of a twenty-acre farm at Saanich for \$3,000.

L. W. Bick had one of the best days ever yesterday in the residential lot line of goods, of which he keeps a select variety in the Gorge View area. He closed a number of sales.

Some heavy business has also been done by John Greenwood. A twenty-foot lot on Blanchard street, at present occupied by the Victoria Glass Works, is being sold for \$18,500. Yesterday forenoon a large lot on the corner of the Wilkeson road, just off the Burnside road, for \$4,000.

These are only a few of the items. They might very easily be multiplied at will.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Delegate to Pacific Coast Convention—P. H. Scullin Leaves.

P. H. Scullin, who has been here for some weeks organizing the Victoria branch of the Canadian Industrial Peace Association, left Tuesday for San Francisco to attend the Pacific Coast Industrial Peace Association. Following that he will return to Canada to continue the work of organization.

Victoria branch will be represented at the convention by A. J. Brace, Rev. H. A. Carson being alternate delegate. At a meeting of the local directors a resolution of appreciation of Mr. Scullin's work was passed on the records on motion of A. J. Brace, seconded by Bishop MacDonald. It was announced that the arrangements for financing the movement were proceeding satisfactorily. Mr. Scullin, in leaving the city, expressed his sense of gratitude for the way in which the movement has been taken hold of here and the many kindnesses shown to himself and his party. The local organization work will be continued by E. R. Turner.

RATE WAR LIKELY.

Blue Funnel Line Alleges Rebating by Nippon Yusen Kaisha—Now in Formulation.

Tacoma, March 7.—Because of alleged rebating by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which operates in connection with the Great Northern Railway, the Blue Funnel Line is ready to take action that may result in a gigantic rate war on the Pacific. News to this effect was received here today in private advices from New York.

According to the advices the rate war is now in process of formation and will shape the affairs of the trans-Pacific conference bureau. All the lines between the coast and the Orient will be affected and the rate on flour may be depressed to \$1 a ton. The rate is now \$2.

The attitude of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which operates in connection with the Milwaukee system, is unknown here but it is believed by the marine and shipping men that it will meet any cut by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Trouble has been brewing among the lines to the Orient for several months. The chartering of a number of steamships by the Bank Line to carry flour to the Orient is regarded as one of the contributing causes to the prospective upheaval. It is charged that the Bank line has made a rate lower than that made by the conference bureau