In Reply to Prest Wilson

Committeeman McTaggart Tells of the Dispute Over a Settlement

Board of Conciliation Issue a Statement Upon the Situation

Montreal, Aug. 20.—The Canadian Pacific trackmen's strike took a new turn today, when Committeemen McTaggart gave out a statement regarding President Wilson's alleged strenuous efforts to prolong the strike in spite of the conciliation committee and of the hardships which have been suffered by the families of the strikers. At the outset of his interview Mr. McTaggart said:

"On Thursday last I left the room when I found that Wilson was bound that the report of the conciliation committee should not be accepted, and as I left I told the members that the action was a resignation from the committee, and I should not return to sit with them. Then it was so engineered that a trumped up charge was made, and I was 'expelled' from the committee.

"I want to say, now that I have the opportunity, that as a member of the committee which has carried on the negotiations with the C. P. R., that the strike would have been over long ago had it not been for the presence of Mr. Wilson. From the very first he has done everything that he could to continue the strike for the glory of Wilson, and I am glad that things are now being taken out of his hands so that the members may have a chance to get matters settled and get back to work before the snow comes. Mr. Fredericks and I were both in favor of a settlement."

There has been a good deal of gossip over the vote taken on the proposals made by the conciliation committee which were rejected on Thursday last, Mr. McTaggart says that he is not at all sure that a vote was ever taken. He knows that he was not there at the time, and knows that Mr. Fredericks was not there.

"I have also reason for believing that Mr. Johnson was not there," Mr. McTaggart said, "and if he was not, then who passed the motion? Mr. Lennon, a splendid man, but acting too much with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Stoute, the secretary, and two others. Now I do not think that with the influence that Mr. Wilson brought to bear that that can be called a decisive vote, and it be turned round at any moment. Does it not stand to reason that unless there be an ulterior motive that the committee would not turn down the proposal of five brother organizations whose good graces they are trying to get and to keep. Certainly not. The proposition would have been accepted with honor to all parties concerned, but it did not suit Mr. Wilson.

"A word about the statement made in a morning paper that the committee had been aware for some time that I had been negotiating with the company. It is false as it is malicious. If I had it would have been but justice, for I have read letters sent to members of the committee from fathers and mothers praying for money to keep them from starving. I have heard the most piteous appeals made that it is possible to imagine, and yet the president of the organization has striven to avoid a settlement so that his own aggrandizement might be greater in the end. I ask if that is honest? I swear to you that it is true."

F. Fredericks, who represents the Eastern division, said that he was glad to say that he was going home tomorrow morning, and that he did not know whether, if any one, would replace him. Asked as to stories of wanting for certain necessities while he has been in the city, and in the hospital, he said that it was true, and that several times he had to borrow money for certain things. He said that he was glad to get away from the trouble and discord.

Mommitteeman Johnson was asked as to whether or not he was in the room when the conciliation committee's proposal was rejected. He said he thought that he was; then he said that he was not sure then he said that it had been agreed that no one should talk to reporters; then he did not know when it was adopted, whether it was in the day or in the evening, and lastly he said that it didn't matter very much whether he was in the room at the time or not.

Following the McTaggart statement the conciliation committee issue tonight a statement in which they say Mr. McNicoll offered the committee what they, the conciliation committee, believe to be a fair and reasonable basis of settlement.

They quote the proposition suggested last week, and they continue as follows:

"In view of the above we felt that we had secured for the trackmen a fair and reasonable settlement under the present conditions of the strike situation, as we considered the terms secured for the trackmen were equal to those obtained by some of the older organizations in their first efforts to effect a settlement.

"While we regret that the trackmen's committee could not see its way clear to accept of the result of our labors, we feel that nothing more can be accomplished by the board of conciliation in the way of effecting a settlement, and some members of the board have departed for their homes.

"Notwithstanding the statement made by President Wilson, the board of conciliation did arrange with the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the acceptance of its services and continued afterward to meet and discuss the basis of settlement with Mr. Shaughnessy until he left the city, after arranging for us to continue on with the second vice-president and general manager, who had arrived in the meantime. Although President Wilson has asked to have the matter in dispute settled by arbitration, we notice in this morning's press that he publishes an ultimatum in the way of certain conditions, which he says the company must grant to the trackmen before he will consent to call the strike off."

(Signed) Chas. Pope, chairman, B. of L. E.; Geo. K. Wark, chairman B. L. F.; W. H. Allison, chairman of R. T.

In view of all this, it is believed that the committee will be pleased to come to terms in spite of President Wilson.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Only Part of Machinery for Increasing Goldstream Plant, Received.

The new water wheel machinery for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's Goldstream plant, which has been on order from the Pelton Water Wheel Company since the beginning of this year, has at last begun to arrive. It is not all on the ground, the heavier parts such as the fly-wheel and shaft still remain on the wharf at San Francisco waiting to be shipped. The delay in receiving this machinery has seriously handicapped the Tramway Company as the lighting load is rapidly increasing and it has been found necessary to run the steam plant as an auxiliary during the summer months, in order to handle the business. Even the installation of this new plant will shortly have to be again augmented, judging from the way the number of consumers is being increased. The electric light is being installed throughout the Work Point barracks, and a number of arc lamps are to be used to light up the grounds and buildings. This will mean an increase of over 500 lights alone. It is also probable that a large addition will be made to the number of lights in use at H. M. naval yard, Esquimalt, and also that the company will be asked to extend its lines to the naval hospital. Such a rapid increase in the number of consumers augers well for the future of the company, and is evidence that the number of those who recognize the undoubted superiority of the electric light over all other lights is largely on the increase. The company in order to place the light within the reach of even the poorest citizens have made arrangements with the local wiremen so that the price per opening is now down to a basis that is lower than in any other of the coast cities.

FIRE CHIEFS.

Papers Read at Tacoma—Next Convention in Victoria.

Thomas Deasy, of Royds & Deasy, returned on Monday, from Tacoma, after attending a four days' convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs. The papers read were both interesting and instructive, and included the following:

"The appointment by the government of the United States and Canada of a commission to investigate means of reducing fire losses," by ex-Chief Thomas Deasy, of Victoria, B. C.

"Benefits and Advantages of Modern Fire Proof Construction," by Chief Ralph Cook, of Seattle, Wash.

"An Appeal to the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs," by Christopher Clark, Northampton, Mass. (Authority on matters of fire prevention.)

"Chemical Engines and their Advantages," by Chief David Campbell, of Portland, Oregon.

The Mayor of Vancouver sent a telegram to the association inviting them to hold their next convention in that city. Chief Carlisle and Chairman Woods were present to press the claims of their city; but Mr. Deasy put forward arguments in favor of Victoria, and succeeded in inducing the members to give their votes in favor of the place he represented. The association doubled its membership during the past year, and it is expected that every chief on the Pacific Coast will be present when the meeting is held in this city.

Mayor Campbell and Chief Poyns of Tacoma gave every attention to the entertainment of the chiefs.

RETAIL MARKETS.

There were very few changes reported in the markets this week. Corn, whole, has risen in price, while cracked corn is also more expensive. The hot weather keeps the meat trade very quiet, and no changes have been made. The retail quotations follow:

Grain—	
Wheat, per ton	$30
Corn, whole, per ton	$35
Corn, cracked	$36
Oats, per ton	$35
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	45
Rolled oats, B. & K., per lb	4
Rolled oats, B & K. per 7-lb sack	35
Feed—	
Hay, baled, per ton	13@14
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	$23 to $26
Bran per ton	$21 to $23
Ground feed per ton	26 00
Vegetables—	
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	$1.75
Cabbage, per head	2 @ 3
Cauliflower, per head	5 @10
Onions, per lb	3
Carrots, per lb	1½@ 3
Tomatoes, per lb	10@12
Green Pease	5
Beet root, per lb	3
Lettuce, per head	5
Turnips, per lb	1½@ 3
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	35
Eggs (store) per dozen	25
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	20
Butter—	
Cowichan creamery, per lb	30
Fresh Island butter	30
Delta Creamery; per lb	30
Best dairy, per lb	25
Fruits—	
Cocoanuts, each	10@15
Lemons, California, per doz	25@30
Lemons, small, per doz	20@25
Apples, 4 lbs for	25
Naval oranges, per dox	30@40
California figs (black), 4 lbs	25
California figs, (white), 3 lbs	25
California apricots	8 @10
California peaches	10
California plums, 3 lbs	10@12
Raspberries, per lb	12½
Blackberries	12½
Pears, 3 lbs	25
Black currants	8
Island cherries	12@15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowl, each	75@$1 00
Dressed Turkeys, per lb	25@30
Fish—	
Salmon	8 @10
Cod, per lb	8 @10
Halibut, per lb	8 @10
Smelts	8 @10
Flounders	6 @ 8
Crabs, three for	25
Meats—	
Beef, choice, live weight, per lbN	4 @ 5
Lamb, spring, fore quarters, each	$1 00
Lamb, cut up, per lb	20
Lipton's bacon	24
Lipton's ham	20
Veal cutlets	10@15
Hams, Canadian, per lb	18
Hams, American	18
Bacon, Canadian, per lb	20
Bacon, American, per lb	20
Bacon, rolled	16
Bacon, long clear	15
Beef, per lb	10@18
Mutton	10@15
Pork, per lb	10@15

DR. CARL PETERS.

Curious Discoveries on the Mashonaland Frontier.

From London Leader.

Dr. Carl Peters, the well known explorer, who returned to London on Sunday after an extended journey from the Zambesi to the Sabi rivers, has brought home news of some interesting archaeological discoveries on the frontier of Mashonaland, a little west of the Tura district.

One of these is a small female figure of undoubted Egyptian workmanship, which experts believe to date back to at least 2,500 years before the Christian era. It is a figure of an isis, the principle goddess worshipped by the Egyptians, and bears a number of hieroglyphics which have not yet been deciphered.

The doctor said he came home by way of Paris, and in the Louvre he found something similar.

The discovery was made in a place called Punt, which he believed was identical with Ophir. When the Egyptian power began to wane the Phoenicians got hold of the place and changed the name to Ophir.

There had also been found in Injanga 35 copper and six silver coins, and on one of the properties upon which he had pegged out claims a couple of stones bearing inscriptions. These would be deciphered in due course, and he trusted that a scientific expedition might be sent out to make further investigations on the spot.

Two old forts, probably belonging to the Portuguese, were also found, but the most interesting discovery of all, perhaps, was some underground slave pits, the entrances to which were 20 feet below the surface.

LET 'EM GO WRONG.

Buller's Quaint Advice to Officers in the Field.

From London Leader.

In his remarks on the operations which have taken place during the past few days by the troops at Aldershot, Gen. Sir Redvers Buller stated that, speaking generally the old criticism held good that troops knew how to do, but not what to do.

Officers should recollect that the main condition in the exercises was to inculcate the study of ground, and officers and men who most endeavored to apply these tactics to the different natures of the ground they were acting upon, would take the best advantage of the instruction offered.

As to the cavalry and its work, after criticizing the operations in Salisbury, Sir Redvers stated that, broadly, they seemed hardly to grasp the fact that the duty set before them in covering an advance was not a duty for each separate squadron, but a duty that had to be performed by the whole force acting in concert and with mutual co-operation.

The mounted infantry worked well, and of the artillery he said there was a tendency among officers commanding mixed forces to push their artillery too far forward at first. Artillery could not win a battle alone, and ought to be regarded principally as a support to other arms.

So far as infantry was concerned, there was a natural tendency in moments of danger to crowd together. Everything possible should be done at drill to overcome this.

Concluding, General Buller stated that instructions at field days would be more complete if officers allowed those under them to go wrong if they were going wrong and then take the earliest opportunity of pointing out on the spot why and how they thought they were wrong, instead of trying to prevent the error at the time.

SILVER-LEAD.

History of the Search for This Ore on the Island.

In connection with Messrs. Smith & Wood's discovery of a ledge of silver-lead ore near Cowichan lake, full particulars of which were published in the Colonist, the following letter has been received from that veteran prospector, W. A. Robertson:

Sir: In 1884 James Shields and myself discovered lead galena float on the headwaters of the Gordon river, on the mountain south of Cowichan lake, about two miles from the lake and about 1,500 feet elevation above the lake. In the spring of 1885 we went to the same place again, accompanied by J. C. Gerow, the late Mr. J. C. Blacket and John Scouse. We prospected for the ledges, and Blacket and Scouse sunk the shaft on a ledge of some kind, as it was decomposed rock, and had a small percentage of gold and silver in it. Harry Smith says the shaft is 300 feet away from the ledge. There were no ledges in sight any time I have been there, except a small one in the creek. I went there five years ago with Mr. H. Croft, and we staked out four claims as near as we supposed the right place to cover the ledge, but nothing came of it. Four years ago I staked the same claim again on the understanding that some parties in Victoria would help to prospect them, but nothing came of that either. We had several assays of the rock we found, but the ore was of such low grade no one cared to spend any money in their development. If Mr. Smith has found the ledges, I think they are well worth prospecting, as I believe there are several ledges there, as I found float of several different kinds of quartz. In respect to silver-lead, I discovered silver-lead on the Kokisilah river in 1865, over 30 years ago. We organized a company here in Victoria known as the Sterling Mine Company, and several thousand dollars was expended in development; but the silver depreciation coming on put a wet blanket on our mine. Mr. John Braden also found extensive ledges of galena on the Gordon river. I believe there are several localities where silver-lead has been found.

W. A. ROBERTSON.

"Hey, there!" shouted the park policeman. "Keep off th' grass! Watch out f'r that wheel! Hi, put that bench back where ye got it, an' move on! Don't walk on them flowers! Keep y'r han's off that statue! Hey, git off th' grass!" "Henry," sighed the girl with the red shawl, "didn't we come away from home and forget our balloon?"—Denver Times.

ROBERTSON'S PLAN.

Dominion Dairy Commissioner Looking After Canadian Exports.

From Montreal Witness.

Professor Robertson, commissioner of agriculture, has hit on a method of ensuring careful transportation of produce novel to the commercial world. Four men have been instructed to watch the handling of Canadian goods at British ports, and seven at Canadian ports. These will report to the department, which has decided to punish the steamships whose officers persist in carelessly handling produce by advertising them by name all over Canada. The fact that Professor Robertson has been threatened with libel suits if he pursues this course will not deter him. "I will publish them and stand the suit," he says, and these reports will be published after next week. Professor Robertson is very much against the practice of shipping on consignments, as is done in the case of apples to a very large extent. Nearly all the cheese is sold outright to the English buyer, who takes care of it at once on the other side. Consigned goods, on the other hand, are often allowed to lie out on the British docks exposed to the sun, while a deal is being arranged between the commission men and the merchants. Professor Robertson quotes as the two great commercial commandments: First—Thou shalt deliver goods as they are represented to be. Second—Thou shalt deliver goods in the best possible condition. This is not now done in Canada, especially in relation to the apple trade. There is too much poor fruit and bad packing. Professor Robertson deserves great credit for his untiring efforts to get farmers to realize their opportunities and duties.

ANCIENT MINING TOOLS.

A most interesting discovery has been made in the Fife coal pit. During operations by the Wemyss Coal Company at an old disused pit at the Blair Burn, in order to prevent flooding, the overmen this week discovered a large number of miners' tools, such as were used some 300 years ago. The shovels are all made of wood, some of them being as good as the day they were made; the picks and mells are iron, the pinches are wood with iron points. One of the gentlemen stated that there are huge blocks of coal lying about all cut out with the pick, so large as to puzzle the present-day collier how the old miners accomplished the task of cutting them out; the pick handles are of great thickness, approaching almost to the thickness of the props used for supporting the roof at the present time. There is a tradition that the only mine was flooded, causing the death of many of the miners, and the condition of the mine and the fact of so many tools lying about the seams points to the truth of the story.

THE REGIMENT WON.

Militiamen Defeat Victoria C. C. at Beacon Hill by 84 Runs.

The Fifth Regiment Cricket team badly defeated the Victoria team at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, the regiment scoring 129 runs against 45 made by their opponents. For the regiment, A. McLean and G. D. H. Warden, who went in when the regiment opened their innings, and punished the bowling of Menzies and Barraclough, played a very good game. The former scored 22 before he was bowled by Martin, and the latter 19 before his wicket was put down by the same bowler. W. T. Williams scored 16, L. S. V. Pork, 15, and C. McLain, 13. For the Victoria, Barraclough played the best innings, securing 15 before he was bowled by York. The bowling honors of the match fell to Martin, who took eight wickets for 45 runs, and Menzies took one for 19, and Howe one for six. The Victorias will play Nanaimo at Nanaimo on Saturday next.

No Damage.—The fire department was called to James Bay at 1 o'clock this morning for a fire in the tool house at the rear of Mr. Joseph Hunter's residence on Birdcake Walk. The damage was very slight.

Capital Gun Club Shoot

J. C. Maclure Captures the Peters' Trophy With Comparative Ease.

Victoria Baseball Team Plays at Terminal City on Saturday.

There were fourteen entries in the shoot for the Peter's Cartridge Company's trophy at the grounds of the Capital Gun club on Sunday. The shoot was at 40 birds, twenty unknown angles and twenty reverse traps, unknown angles and use of both barrels. The shoot was won by J. C. Maclure, with a score of 32. W. N. Lenfesty, who has won the trophy twice and had only to win it another time to hold it permanently, was second, with a score of 28. In the first twenty, Borde, Maclure, Minor and Lenfesty tied with 14 each, and in the second twenty Maclure only had to break 18 to win. As will be seen, the scores, which follow, were not up to the usual standard of those who took part:

J. C. Maclure, 32.
W. N. Lenfesty, 28.
G. Ross, 26.
C. W. Minor, 24.
J. H. Mansell, 22.
H. Borde, 21.
W. Williams, 21.
G. Penketh, 20.
J. Phillips, 19.
H. Cathcart, 18.

After the trophy shoot there were three events for merchandise prizes open to the members of the Capital Gun club only. In the first of these 15 singles, W. N. Lenfesty was first; G. Ross, second; N. B. Gresley, third, and W. A. Smith, fourth. The first prize in the next event, 10 singles and five reverse, was won by G. Ross, H. Cathcart second and N. B. Gresley third. In the third event 15 singles the first prize was won by W. N. Lenfesty; second, G. Ross; third, W. A. Smith, and fourth, H. Cathcart.

TENNIS AT COWICHAN.

Result of Saturday's Games in the Tourney at Duncan.

Play in the second day of the tennis tournament at Cowichan began at 10 a.m. and continued till dark on Saturday. A bounteous lunch was provided by the ladies of the club. The matches played during the day were well contested in every case, more especially in the singles, Mrs. Leather being defeated by Miss Maitland only after a hard fight. The great match of the day was in the gentlemen's doubles between Shaw and Musgrave and Lomas and Rivaz, the latter winning. They had had a hard fight also with Kingston and N. Musgrave just prior to their meeting Shaw and Musgrave. They won, however, and are the champion doubles this year. The match between E. Shaw and R. Musgrave and A. H. Lomas and C. Rivaz was the climax to a grand day of tennis. It was an exhibition of clever play seldom witnessed on these or any grounds in British Columbia. Although both sides had been playing matches all day under a hot sun, they showed no signs of weariness. Rally after rally was the order of the day, no lobbing, each stroke sent in with a vim and determination which won round after round of applause from the spectators. Towards the end of the second set the light failed somewhat and in order to equalize matters each side changed over frequently. Shaw and Musgrave owing to their great length of reach and brilliant back hand work, returned many a ball apparently impossible. Rivas and Lomas played better than ever they did before. The game was so even that it took 14 games to settle the first set, Lomas and Rivaz winning by 8 to 6. They lost the second set by 4 to 6, but in the third they pulled themselves together and by Lomas' serving and Rivaz's clever placing they finally won the set and match—6 games to 2.

LADIES' SINGLES.

Mrs. J. Maitland, rec. ½ of 15, beat Miss Prevost, rec. 15, after a very hard fight—6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Mrs. Leather, owe ½ of 15, defeated Miss H. Robertson, scratch, by 2 games in the third set, the score being 6-5, 5-6, 6-4.

Miss Maitland, scratch, after a hard fight, won the match from Mrs. J. Maitland, rec. ½ of 15, by 5-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. Leather, who had to give her opponent ½ of 15, fought it out with Miss Maitland in the finals, Miss Maitland winning the first set 6 to 4, lost the second, winning only 2 games to Mrs. Leather's 6, but in the third set Miss Maitland scored 6 games to her opponent's 4, and thereby winning the match and the trophy given by the club.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

A. H. Lomas, owe 15, defeated C. Kingston, rec. 2-15—6-4, 6-4.

D. Livingstone, rec. 30, defeated L. Smythe, owe 15—6-1, 6-3.

L. Knox, rec. 30, defeated A. Lomas, owe 15—6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

D. Livingstone rec. 30, defeated L. Knox rec. 30—6-0 6-1.

R. Musgrave, owe 15, defeated F. Prevost, rec. 15—6-3 6-2.

E. Shaw owe 15 defeated J. Musgrave, owe 15—6-3, 6-4.

R. Musgrave owe 15, defeated E. Shaw, owe 15—2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Next Saturday the finals of this series will be played between R. Musgrave owe 15, and D. Livingstone, rec. 30, and bids fair to be a close match.

MIXED DOUBLES.

A. Mutter and Miss Ransome v. E. C. Musgrave and Miss Livingstone won by the former by default.

E. Shaw and Miss Maitland, owe 15.2, defeated W. N. Musgrave and Mrs. Knox, scratch, 6 games to 2. 6 to 3.

L. Smythe and Miss H. Robertson v. Frank Kingston and Miss Musgrave, won by Miss Robertson and partner—2-6, 6-5, 6-2.

R. Musgrave and Mrs. Mayo, owe 15.1, v. F. Prevost and Miss Alexander, rec. 15, won by the latter—1-6, 6-3, 6-5.

D. Livingstone and Miss Robertson, rec. ½ of 15, defeated Mr. and Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall, who owe 15, by 6 games to 3, 6 to 0.

A. H. Lomas and Miss Prevost, owe ½ of 15, defeated W. Rolston and Miss Roslston, rec. ½ of 15, by 6-1, 3-6, 6-5.

O. Smythe and Miss I. Holmes, owe ½ of 15, v. F. Prevost and Miss Alexander, rec. 15, won by the former—6-3, 6-3.

The games to be played off next Saturday will be:

E. Shaw and Miss Maitland, owe 15.2, v. L. Smythe and Miss Robertson, owe 15.1, the winner to play A. Mutter and Miss Ransome, rec. 15.

D. Livingstone and Miss Robertson, rec. ½ of 15, v. A. H. Lomas and Miss Prevost, owe ½ of 15, the winner to play O. Smythe and Miss Holmes.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Miss I. Holmes and Miss Margaret Livingstone, rec. 30, defeated Miss Robertson and Miss Mutter, rec. ½ of 15, only after a hard tussel in which each side won a set and finally winning the third by one game: score 6-3, 4-6, 6-5.

Miss Musgrave and Miss H. Robertson, owe 15, in the finals easily defeated Miss Holmes and Miss Livingstone,

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

W. N. Musgrave and C. Kingston, rec. 15, beat J. Musgrave and F. Prevost, owe 15—6-1, 6-4.

J. Maitland and W. Elkington, owe 15, v. A. H. Lomas and C. Rivaz, owe 15.2, won by Lomas and Rivaz—6-5, 6-3.

L. G. Smythe and G. Mutter, owe 15, v. W. Musgrave and C. Kingston, won by Musgrave and Kingston—6-1, 5-6, 6-2.

Lomas and Rivaz, owe 15.2, beat Musgrave and Kingston, rec. 15, after a close match; score 6-5, 1-6, 6-2.

E. Shaw and R. Musgrave, owe 15.2, v. L. Knox and A. Mutter, rec. 15.2, won by Shaw and Musgrave—6-3, 6-1.

E. Shaw and R. Musgrave, owe 15.2, v. O. Smythe and F. Middleton, owe 15, won by Shaw and Musgrave—6-1, 6-0.

Rivaz and Lomas defeated E. Shaw and R. Musgrave—8-6, 4-6, 62.

THE BARRISTERS' GAME.

Getting Ready for the Legal Fray With Mainland Lawyers.

Every one is looking forward with keen zest to the annual game next Saturday between the Victoria and Vancouver barristers, which has resolved itself into quite the fashionable sporting event of midsummer. The lawyers intend to make it a day of general jollity, if good sport unrestrained merriment and good music will contribute towards this result. Old ball tossers, who have seen the barristers practice, are beginning to confess that their sample will surprise everybody, in fact when they come to be put on their trial for playing ball properly, we will not be surprised if the verdict be guilty. There were rumors of introducing some technical difficulties to bar the way of the visitors, but after yesterday's practice, which lasted fully half an hour, this would appear unnecessary. One proposition discussed at a meeting held last night, was as to the necessity of the Vancouver's being vaccinated before landing, but after a report by one who had seen them practice, the conclusion was reached that they were not likely to catch anything in the game, and the idea was abandoned. Mr. Fred. Peters, K. C., is in a quandary as both teams claim his services, however the wires were working between the manager last evening about his case, and it is probable that it will be settled today without recourse to the courts. Sweet charity will not be forgotten, for with commendable consideration the barristers have arranged that the gross receipts will go to the public hospital, so that all who go will not only have a good time, but will be contributing toward a worthy object.

TO PLAY VANCOUVER.

Victoria Ball Team Will Journey to Terminal City Saturday.

At a meeting of the Victoria Baseball club last evening it was decided to accept the Vancouver club's terms for a game on Saturday next. The boys will practise every evening this week at the hill in order to be in the best possible form for their game against the strong Mainland aggregation. A return game with Vancouver will be played here on the 7th of September.

PREMIUM ON RATS.

The crime of bringing bubonic plague from the stricken parts of India to South Africa and several places in Europe has been imputed to rats. A war of extermination has therefore been declared upon them, and many thousands—innocent and guilty alike—have already suffered the extreme penalty of the law. At Cape Town the authorities have pursued their campaign with such energy that the town is at present practically ratless. A price of threepence, primarily placed upon their heads, dead or alive, caused the rate office at the docks, to be besieged every day, and all day long, with persons anxious to turn their captured rodents into ready money. This continued till rats became so scarce that the reward was raised to sixpence, a very economical one if a single life is thereby saved. As soon as received the rats are taken down to a small hut close by the sea and burnt.

TO WIDEN PICCADILLY.

Extensive Improvement of the Great London Thoroughfare.

From London Leader.

The London county council has decided to undertake the widening of Piccadilly between Hyde Park corner and Walsingham House, a width varying from about 100 feet to 170 feet. Every effort will be made to retain the existing trees, and arrangements will be made for the planting of new trees wherever necessary in order to secure that there shall be foliage along the edge of the new footway throughout its length. On the southern side of Piccadilly, between Park lane and Down street, there is a "rest," upon which porters and carriers can place their burdens. This rest is of considerable interest, for there is little doubt that it was placed in its present position on the footway at the time when much of the carrying trade of London was undertaken by porters. The council has decided that the rest shall be preserved, and arrangements have accordingly been made for placing it on the new foot way in an exactly similar position to that which it now occupies on the existing footway.

FOREST FIRES.

From Nelson Miner.

The forest fires on the west slope of the main lake between Shroader creek and Lardo are still spreading, nearly the whole of the mountain side now being wrapped in flames. At night the view of the forest of fire from the lake is said to be grand, but in daylight nothing can be seen through the curtain of smoke.

DEADLY DYNAMITE.

A Dozen Men Lose Their Lives in Explosion.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 19.—By the explosion of dynamite in the Mohawk and Malone round house at Herkimer tonight, the building was wrecked, and it is believed that at least 12 or 13 men, all members of the New York Central bridge gang, who were sleeping in a car which stood on a side track near by were killed. Five out of 15 men have been accounted for, three of these are dead and one fatally injured. Bricks and fragments of iron were blown several blocks away. All the windows within several blocks were broken and nearly all the plate glass windows in the village were shattered.

UNITING THE TOWNS.

Grand Forks and Columbia Want to Be Known by New Name.

Grand Forks, Aug. 19.—The amended by-law providing for the amalgamation of Grand Forks and Columbia passed Thursday night by the respective city councils of both cities. It will be submitted to the ratepayers on the 28th inst. If carried, the enactment will have to be approved by the provincial legislature before it can become effective. The by-law provides that the amalgamated cities shall be named or styled Amalga. Another condition is that the waterworks, fire and electric lighting systems of Grand Forks shall be extended to its neighbor. The proposi-

as champion ... the belief that an influx of population will never take place until the rival cities end their fights. Citizens will have an opportunity of giving expression to their opinions at a public meeting to be held on the 23rd instant.

Council of Women.—The local council of women will hold a meeting at the city hall tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

Committee Meeting.—A meeting of the sports and races committee in connection with the fall exhibition will be held at the city hall on Monday evening.

Case Remanded.—The hearing of the charge against Dan Mills of assaulting a Chinaman was called in the city police court yesterday, but remanded until Monday.

Band Concert.—The Fifth Regiment band gave a concert at the Oak Bay hotel last evening, a large number going out to enjoy the music and the balmy weather of that popular resort.

Lost a Necklace.—While a lady was going down to board the steamer Charmer last night for Vancouver, she lost a pearl necklace valued at $48. Search was being made early this morning for the lost necklace.

Again Remanded.—The "cow case," as the case of Thomas Alexander, charged with keeping more than the allotted number of cows within the city limits, has come to be known, was yesterday remanded for another week by Magistrate Hall.

Heating Apparatus.—The department of public works, Ottawa, is calling for tenders for supplying and placing in position heating apparatus in the public buildings at New Westminster. Tenders will be received up to August 31. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of William Henderson, superintendent of public works for the province.

Military Supplies.—Col. Grant, commanding the troops at Esquimalt, is calling for tenders for the following supplies for the use of the troops at Esquimalt and military outposts for the year commencing October 1, the tenders to be in by September 6: Bread, biscuit and flour, meat, forage and Paillasse straw, hospital supplies (groceries, milk, fowls, vegetables, etc.), coal, wood, oil and wick, washing and repairing bedding, etc.

Inquiry Closed.—Judge Harrison, the commissioner appointed by the government to inquire into the charges against the officials at the New Westminster jail, returned from the Mainland last evening, together with Sergt. Murray, of the provincial police, who represented the government at the inquiry. As stated in the telegraphic despatches, the inquiry has been closed and the commissioner will now prepare his report to be presented to the government.

At Kanaka Ranch.—The choir of the First Presbyterian church held an enjoyable picnic at Kanaka ranch yesterday. About fifty picnickers left by the 1.30 car from the city and proceeded to Little Kanaka Ranch, where games were held, and ladies and gentlemen took part in foot races, three-legged races, and the usual programme of sports which while away the time at such gatherings, and after a tempting tea, at which over fifty sat down, the remainder of the evening was given over to a concert, the programme of which was contributed by members of the choir. The picnickers returned to the city about 10 p.m.

Prize List Issued.—The prize list has just been issued from the presses of the Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, which has been compiled and published by Frank A. Mackenzie for the B. C. Agricultural Association, will doubtless attract considerable attention, for the book is a good one, and replete as it is with illustrations and interesting matter over and above the data pertaining to the competitions in the various classes at the exhibition, it will be widely read. Some ten thousand copies have been printed, and they are to be widely circulated. As there is among other articles an interesting descriptive essay on Victoria and vicinity, this widespread distribution of the well-printed book, will be of especial value to this city. The main features of the prize list, and the full list of special prizes offered for competition appeared in detail in the Colonist several weeks ago.

Sale Worth Attending.—On page eight of today's issue a column and a quarter advertisement appears, in which the articles to be sold at the auction sale of Hon. J. H. Turner's furniture at his residence on Pleasant street, next Wednesday, are described by the auctioneer. Drawing-room, hall, library, bedrooms, kitchen, lawn and stables—in each and every department of the residence the articles to be sold are grouped in their class and placed comprehensively before the eyes of any intending purchaser. The auctioneer calls special attention to this sale as comprising the finest and most varied effects that have been sold at any auction yet held in the province. Much of the furniture has been in use for several decades, although it shows little sign of its long usage. Catalogues are being issued, which are on sale at 25 cents each—which money is to go towards the fund being raised for a maternity ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital—and only holders of catalogues will be admitted to the sale.

OUT IN FAR-OFF MANITOBA.

The wheat is falling now,
And the strong, perspiring farmer,
Stops to wipe his fevered brow,
While the tramp sees there the notice:
"Wanted 20,000 men."
And observes, as on he passes:
"Well, I'll just drop round again."

CHARACTER IN MEDICINE

There is character in Dr. Chase's Ointment—just such character that has made Dr. Chase esteemed and admired the world over. Dr. Chase's Ointment has stood the test of time and remains today the only actual cure for piles and itching skin disease. It is the standard ointment of the world. You can rely on it just as you rely on Dr. Chase's Receipt Book, because you know that it is backed by the sterling character of Dr. Chase—America's Greatest Physician.

'FRISCO STRIKE.

Mr. F. Elworthy, secretary of the board of trade, returned yesterday from a trip to California. He says except for the sight of a policeman occasionally on a truck, a visitor to the city would not know that anything unusual was happening. The dirty streets which prevailed for a few days while the street sweepers were on strike also indicated that there was something wrong, but men were soon found to take their places and work in that department of the city went on as usual. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company are using every endeavor to move their steamers and have re-established their schedule, having missed but one trip. To do this, however, they are paying their men 60 cents an hour, and say they are losing $2 a ton on every ton of freight handled. A petition is being circulated in San Francisco, and an effort will be made to get 10,000 signatures, pointing out that the workingmen are taxed to pay for police and fire protection for the rich, and asking as an offset that the city guarantee work at $2 a day to all men who can prove that they have been residents of the city for two years.

...y Vessels On the Way

Quite a Fleet Now Bound Here to Load Lumber Cargoes.

Another Salmon Ship Arrives—Puebla Reaches Port From the South.

Another of the fleet of salmon ships has arrived to await until the salmon pack is complete before commencing loading for England. The Cumbermere has reached Port Townsend from Callao, and will be towed from there to the Fraser to await loading. She makes the third vessel of the fleet to arrive, the Blythesood being at Esquimalt, the Largo Law at Vancouver, and the Red Rock, now 137 days out from Liverpool, with a general cargo, is expected here.

There is quite a fleet of vessels en route to the Royal Roads for salmon and lumber and with cargo for this province. The Battle Abbey is due from Honolulu, which port she left on July 20th for Esquimalt, where she is to be hauled out for repairs before proceeding to Burrard Inlet to load lumber. The Republic, which left Honolulu about the end of July, is also expected shortly to load lumber. When she was last here she arrived one Sunday morning about a year ago in company with the Empire, which has been destroyed by fire at Mahukona, and the Ardnamurchan and Fiery Cross.

There is quite a fleet en route to load lumber at Burrard Inlet mills. The steamer Salfordia is to come there next month to load part cargo of lumber, and five sailing vessels are under way being chartered to load lumber. The ship Ivy is coming from Shanghai; the schooner Sehome is coming from Honolulu to load for Iquique; the Benjamin Sewell left Shanghai in the early part of July en route here; the ship City of Hankow is en route from Hololulu to load for Port Pirie, and the bark Rose, now en route from Freemantle to Shanghai is to come from the Chinese port to load at Burrard Inlet.

The steamer Crusader is expected at Vancouver about the end of September from Java with a cargo of five thousand tons of sugar for the British Columbia sugar refinery, and the Matterhorn is bringing a cargo of nitre from South America. Another cargo ship has also been placed on berth at Liverpool for Victoria, R. Ward & Co., announcing the charter of the Italian ship Macdiamid, which arrived at Liverpool on July 15th, from Rotterdam to load for British Columbia. Besides the Red Rock now about due, R. P. Rithet & Co. have also the Garsdale, now 75 days out from London and the Alexander Black, now 116 days out from London, en route here with general cargo.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

City of Puebla Reaches Port From the South—A Tale of Threatened Collision.

Steamer City of Puebla, Captain Jepson, arrived from San Francisco yesterday afternoon after a good passage, which was pleasant and devoid of interest. Because of her delay in sailing owing to the strike at San Francisco, her passenger list was much smaller than ordinarily, only 140 northbound passengers, of whom fifteen saloon passengers and several steerage, debarked at the outer wharf. The Puebla brought a fair cargo, and landed an average amount of California fruits and general merchandise for Victoria consignees, whose names are given in another column.

For a few hours after clearing the Golden Gate, fog was experienced and, according to an unconfirmed report published by the evening paper, a disaster is said to have been narrowly averted. A south bound craft is said to have crossed the bow of the Puebla at exceedingly close range. The steamer was brought to a stop, says the evening paper, and thus a collision was averted. According to a number of passengers who called at the Colonist office to deny the truth of the this story, one of whom was F. L. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, who returned by the City of Puebla from a vacation spent in California, somebody's dream factory seems to have been working overtime or an impressionable reporter must have been listening to