

OAK BAY CLUB FIRST REGATTA

AUSPICIOUS EVENT
SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Motor Boat Races Were Very
Successfully Carried Out
Before Spectators.

It is a long time since Oak Bay has put on such a gala affair as that assumed on the opening of the newly formed Oak Bay Boating Club on Saturday afternoon. Over one hundred craft, sailing, power and rowing were in the bay near Turkey Head, and many of them were flying the colors of the new club. The scene was indeed a striking one and it marks the return of Oak Bay to her old time popularity as a resort for those on pleasure bent.

The feature of the occasion was the motor boat racing. About thirty power boats took part in the races, all of which were conducted on a handicap basis. These were on the whole very fairly arranged although rather naturally there were some complaints. Some of the owners of the larger craft fanned that 25 minutes was more than they could be expected to make up in a seven-mile race. The closeness of the race, however, showed that the work was well done.

The new club house was gallily decorated for the occasion with bunting and evergreens, and was much admired by everyone. Its rustic appearance, artistic arrangement, and soft coloring added very much to the general appearance of that part of the municipality and is a landmark a long distance from shore, where the large Union Jack may be plainly seen. The whole municipality is to be congratulated on having such an institution which will increase the popularity of the district and be good business from every point of view. The members of the municipal council when they purchased the small waterfront properties in that district, little thought that within so short a time the property would be utilized by a public institution which would be of such benefit to the whole community.

An interesting feature of the day was the launching of a punt, the first after the opening of the new institution. While the band played the little cannon was fired, and the boat was at the same moment set free, rushing downward, carrying the caretaker and W. L. James with a great splash into the water. The firing of the cannon was done by Mrs. S. R. Newton, wife of the president of the club. The institution was then declared by Mr. Newton to be formally open.

The first race was won by a launch owned by J. MacBeth, but number 20 was not far ahead, number 25 owned by B. Clark coming close behind. Then followed D. M. Eberts' neat little launch and the others came close one after the other. The start of this race caused as much interest as the finish for there were crowds of people at the beach, lined along the causeway, and at other vantage points. The only boat that found difficulty in getting away was that owned by Fire Chief Watson. It, however, left the harbor before the last of the racers. J. A. Hinton made an excellent start and no hitch occurred.

There was a misunderstanding as to the course in the race among the amateur built motor boats, G. P. Weller's fine little craft being the only one that kept the proper course. He was awarded the prize, but with true sportsman's instinct refused it, demanding that the race be run again in order to give the others an opportunity to contest it. This time he did not win, the prize being carried off by P. Clark's "Marie."

The following is the complete list of prize winners:
From Victoria harbor to Oak Bay, 15 minutes' handicap—1st, J. D. McBeth, arrived at 3:04; silver cup presented by Oak Bay Yacht Club; 2nd, P. Clark, 10 minutes, arrived at 3:05; C. & M. cup.
The remaining races have not yet been officially decided. It is expected that the following will be found to be the winners after the handicaps are worked out.

Second race, for amateur built boats—1st, P. Clark's "Marie."
Third race, for launches 21 feet and under—1st, P. Clark's "Marie"; 2nd, D. M. Eberts' Number 17.

Fourth race, for power boats between 21 feet and 35 feet—1st, R. Porter & Sons' "Maid of the Mist"; 2nd, Capt. Hughes' No. 19.

Among the visitors from the city were practically the whole of the members of the Victoria Yacht Club, many of them with their boats, and also the lifeboat which, manned by a Y. M. C. A. crew, rowed all the way around and back, a wearisome pull, and one that shows just what sort of stuff the boys are made of. They were greeted with a cheer when they arrived at Oak Bay.

TOURIST WORK.

Application Made for Space in Window of Rooms.

The Tourist Association decided at a meeting of the executive yesterday to advertise for a man of mature years at a small salary who will keep the rooms of the Tourist Association open evenings, and also help the assistant secretary during the day time. In this way it is thought the rooms may be kept open all the time without any great outlay.

An application for space in one of the windows of the rooms was received. It was the purpose of the firm making the application to display its Victoria-made wares for advertising purposes. It was left in the hands of the Mayor to ascertain if such action would interfere with allied lines of business, after which action will be taken thereon.

The secretary reported that a large number of booklets had been distributed among the delegates to the K. of P. Steps were taken to ascertain what it would be wise to do in order to assist in entertaining the Dominion Educational Association which is to meet in this city in July next, and of which Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, is president. The matter will be taken up on the return of Mr. Robinson from the east.

DEBATE CONTINUES ON ELE TION BILL

ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE
CAUCUS TO-MORROW

Manitoba Wire Pullers in Ob-
struction Farce Arrive in
Ottawa.

Ottawa, May 18.—Premier Roblin arrived in the capital this morning following on the heels of the Hon. Robert Rogers, who reached here on Saturday. Both came full of fight, and resolved to urge R. L. Borden not to yield one iota on the election bill issue. Mr. Borden met Premier Roblin at the Russell hotel this morning, and it is to be presumed the necessary amount of stiffening was injected into the Conservative leader by the bosses behind the present obstruction of parliamentary business.

Mr. Borden announced at 1 o'clock to-day that the situation had not changed. The debate on the election bill continued this afternoon with both sides holding firm. W. Gallinger taking up the argument for the government, and J. G. Armstrong for the opposition.

A Conservative caucus will be held to-morrow morning at which the question will be threshed out as to whether or not to carry on the present uncompromising fight to the bitter end. The feeling is growing among some opposition members that the danger of overdoing the present obstruction and the fear that when the public sees the real issue now dividing the two parties, and appreciates the fairness of the offer made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the demand for fair play and reasonableness made to the opposition may become too strong to resist.

The Dominion government steamer Lillooet, built for the hydrographic service on this coast by Bullen Bros., is having a trial run to-day.

Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, who went to Great Falls, Montana, to bring back into Canadian territory Patrick Mullen, charged with the murder of Angelo Orlando, an Italian, returned from Fernie last night. He made the round trip and completed the departmental business connected with extraditing the accused and taking him to Fernie, in one week. Sergt. Murray says that Mullen at first demurred at returning, but upon being shown that it was the intention of the provincial police to have him brought back, on the advice of his friends, finally waived extradition and consented to return.

EXCURSIONS TO SEE BATTLESHIPS

PRINCESS VICTORIA WILL
GIVE DOUBLE SERVICE

Captain J. W. Troup Tells De-
tails of C. P. R. Schedule
in These Waters.

(Special to the Times).
Vancouver, May 18.—Because of the C. P. R. rate war with the Inland Navigation Company between Victoria and Seattle, the C. P. R. triangular steamship service between Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle this summer will be on such schedule that the Princess Victoria will leave Seattle in the morning, and the time of her arrival in Vancouver will be late in the afternoon, or four hours and forty-five minutes later than was the case last year.

This morning Capt. J. W. Troup arrived from Victoria and held a long conference with E. J. Coyle, relative to rate war affairs and the running of a special service from Victoria to Seattle during the visit of the American fleet on Puget Sound.

In reference to the latter matter it was decided that the Princess Victoria should be placed on a double service from Victoria to Seattle on May 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th. The flyer will leave Victoria at 1 p. m. and 1:30 a. m., and leave Seattle at 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Capt. Troup, on receiving information this morning as to the C. P. R. summer trans-continental express service, gave a forecast of probable schedule of Princess Victoria on the triangular route, the times of the sailings and departures from the several ports being governed by the fact that the company intends to prosecute the rate war between Victoria and Seattle to the end.

She will leave Seattle at 8 a. m. and arrive at Victoria at 12 noon, leave Victoria at 12:45 p. m., arrive Vancouver at 4:45 p. m.; leave Vancouver at 6 p. m., arrive Victoria at 10:30 p. m.; leave Victoria at 2 a. m. and arrive in Seattle at 7 a. m.

On that schedule of the Princess Victoria the steamer Charmer will leave Victoria at 1 o'clock in the morning on the run to Vancouver and she will sail from this port on her return to Victoria at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Charmer will make a special run from Vancouver next Sunday in connection with the Empire Day celebration in Victoria. She will leave Victoria at 1 p. m. for Vancouver, and, returning, will leave here at 11:30 p. m.

At midnight, June 14th, the summer trans-continental train service of the C. P. R. will go into effect. Pending the gaining of some knowledge of the probable amount of trans-continental traffic during the summer the fast Trans-Canada express will not be placed in operation.

Last season this fast through train was not inaugurated till the end of June, should the traffic warrant the running of again express again this year, it will be put on about the end of June.

According to the new time bill, train 97 which reaches Vancouver from Montreal at 1 p. m. now will arrive at 10:45 a. m. Train No. 1, which at present runs from Montreal only as far west as Calgary, will come through to the coast, arriving in Vancouver at 8:15 p. m. daily. East bound express, No. 96, which now leaves at 3:15 p. m., will depart at 5:15 p. m., and train No. 2 will depart at 8:15 a. m.

The death occurred yesterday of John Henry, the 16-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rudd, at the family residence, Washington avenue. The funeral took place this afternoon from the late residence to St. John's church. Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard conducted the services.

Percy Richardson returned home from Cowichan Lake yesterday after spending the week there in company with his sister and Capt. Cullin. The fishing was pretty good at times, but most of the trout were taken with a spoon. They ranged all the way from one to four pounds. Mr. Richardson reports that there are not many people at the lake, but he thinks in about a week or two the fishing will be excellent.

The new fishery overseers appointed by the local government received instructions yesterday from Hon. W. J. Power and were started on their labors.

CONQUEST OF THE AIR.

Professor Bell is Delayed by Bad
Weather in Making Trial With
Aeroplane.

Elmira, N. Y., May 15.—A special to the Star-Gazette from Hammondsport yesterday says showers, which had softened the track yesterday, prevented the intended flight of Prof. Alexander Bell's aeroplane. Lieut. Selfridge, of the United States signal corps, is here, detailed by the government to watch the progress of the experiments and report the feasibility of utilizing the aeroplane in warfare. Within the next few days it is expected Prof. Bell will attempt a flight with his new machine.

VREELAND CURRENCY BILL.

Washington, May 15.—The Vreeland currency bill, agreed upon by the Republican caucus, was yesterday put through the House under a special rule by a vote of 184 to 145. Fifteen so-called insurgents of the majority party voted with the Democrats, who went on record solidly against the measure.

Three valuable violins are being shown in the windows of Fletcher Bros.' music store on Government street, whose total value is \$765. The most interesting of the trio is a genuine Wan. Forster, made in England over 100 years ago and considered by experts the equal in tone quality to the most famous Italian models. These beautiful instruments were specially selected by a famous European violin expert, and are guaranteed absolutely genuine.

WATER EXPERT ARRIVES HERE

ARTHUR L. ADAMS WILL
CONFER WITH COUNCIL

Matters in Connection With the
New Distribution System
Will Be Taken Up.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Arthur L. Adams, of San Francisco, the expert engaged by the city council to superintend the installation of the new distribution system for the waterworks, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon and will meet the council this evening when various matters relating to the work will be gone into. Since his arrival in the city, Mr. Adams has been looking into the matters generally, including the work in progress on Smith's hill reservoir. He will likely remain here a week in order to become familiar with local conditions and arrange plans for the carrying on of the construction of the reservoir on Smith's hill, as well as of laying the new distribution pipes and the improvements to Elk lake, etc.

When seen by a reporter, for the Times, Mr. Adams said that he had not yet had time to form any opinion as to when the new system including the reservoir might be expected to be ready. There was no reason of which he was aware why the work on the reservoir should not be pushed forward as fast as the city desired to do so.

Its usefulness would not depend upon the completion of the pipe system. If the reservoir were ready to-morrow it could be used to advantage with the present system of pipes until such time as the other was ready, although it would require the new piping to get the full benefit from it. Of course, it remained with the city to say how fast this work should be carried on but he did not expect that it would be ready for use this year, although it should in the ordinary course of events be in use early next year. As to the new piping system, he could not even offer a conjecture as to when it would be ready for service. The pipes, as all were aware, were not to arrive here before September and it would take quite a long time after that to complete the undertaking.

Mr. Adams will exchange views with the council and will look into things generally in order that he may be in position to advise the city regarding the various phases of the work under way.

YACHT CLUB HAS
PURCHASED PROPERTY

New Building Will Be Erected
on Site Acquired at
Once.

The Victoria Yacht Club is to have a new home at once. A lot has been purchased the water front between Pendray's Point and Raymur's Landing, and the work of erecting a club house will be commenced immediately. The new lot will have a frontage of 60 feet, and will be very convenient and in every way adapted to the needs of the club.

For a long time the executive has been driven from pillar to post in its efforts to secure a suitable site. It had agreed to purchase several different properties, but when it came to concluding the result had been very annoying to those who have had the management of the work. Now, however, that a site has been secured and that a new club house is assured the future looks brighter.

The first club cruise will be held on Saturday, June 6th, to Albatross Head, starting from opposite Temple's float, Erie street. A number of yachts will go out on this first trip. The fleet will start at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The regular meeting of Victoria Camp, Woodmen of the World, takes place this evening. The ceremony of initiation will be performed by J. A. Ramplin.

Among the floral offerings at the funeral of the late John Shaw yesterday was a wreath from the employees of E. G. Prior & Co., where the deceased was formerly employed.



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ADDITIONS TO BASEBALL TEAM.

PEDEN WILL JOIN
WILLE'S PLAYERS

Twelve Chosen to Play Against
University of Washington
Next Saturday.

The Victoria ball team had a splendid work out in their practice game against the J. E. A. A. intermediate nine yesterday morning at Oak Bay. Strengthened considerably by the addition of Rithet and Schwengers, the team is now a strong one in all departments, and if the showing made by the boys yesterday morning goes for anything, the nine will give future opponents a hard go. Seven innings were played, in which the players got all kinds of good practice, especially at batting and base running. For Victoria McIlmurray pitched the first four innings and Surplice the last three. Surplice was very effective with men on the bases, and hits of both pitchers were few and far between. The support given by both the in and outfield was perfect, not one error being made by the team, Schwengers at second accepted five or six chances, Plummer had but two and Lang but one, while Rithet took care of everything that came his way.

Watlett made one beautiful catch of a long fly in the outfield, Burnes and McIlmurray having nothing to do. Schwengers led at the bat, getting three cracking good clean hits. Burnes got in a three-bagger, and almost every other member of the team got a hit or two.

Peden for the Bays pitched fine ball during the four innings that he occupied the box, his control for a south paw being splendid. On the strength of his good showing he was asked to pitch one of the games against the Williamette team next week, and also to take his turn in the box with the senior team in the future. With a little more training Peden should become a most successful pitcher, as he has speed to burn, fair control and a varied assortment of curves. Plummer, himself an old pitcher, will take him in hand, and promises to make a first class twirler out of him.

The Bays have the making of a good team, and should make a strong showing for the intermediate league cup.

In Greg they have a most promising young catcher, who has an arm of steel and knows how to use it, as was shown by his throwing to bases.

The infield is good, but the outfield apparently needs strengthening.

The senior team will practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and by Saturday all hands will be in readiness for the game against the University of Washington team. The visitors have a snappy team who have been playing together for some time, and during the past two weeks have been touring the states of Washington and Idaho, playing all college and university nines, and have met with considerable success. They will no doubt give the local team a good hard game, but the boys feel confident they will win out.

The team for Saturday's game will be Surplice and Robertson, Rithet first base, Schwengers second base, Lang third base, Plummer short stop, Watlett left field, Burnes centre field, McIlmurray right field.

"Bob" Peden will take on Monday's game and Surplice will go in on Tuesday.

All of these games should be good ones, and it is hoped that the fans will be on hand in force to cheer the boys on to victory.

J. H. McConnell, of Sweeney & McConnell, left on yesterday's Princess Victoria for Seattle, where he will complete the purchase of a new press to take care of the firm's increasing business.

Yesterday a permit was issued for the erection of the new building for the Aged and Infirm Women's Home, at McClure and Collinson streets. The estimated cost is \$19,000, the architects are Hooper & Watkins, and the contractors Dinsdale & Malcolm. A permit was also issued yesterday to W. C. Van Munster for the erection of a residence on Fairfield road at an estimated cost of \$1,500.

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FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

ASSUMING VERY
LARGE PROPORTIONS

Twenty Thousand Boxes of Ap-
ples Expected From Salt
Spring Alone.

The apple growers of Salt Spring Island have made arrangements to handle twenty thousand boxes of apples this next fall, and with that end in view are erecting a packing house for the fruit. This is over and above the pears, plums, prunes and other fruit grown in the district.

A short time ago James Drummond, the manager of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association, visited that section when a meeting was held, and all the growers of any importance decided to join the association and subscribe for a number of shares in the concern. Meetings have also been held at all the principal points tributary to Victoria, including Keatings, Duncan and Gordon Head. Visits will also be made to Pender and Maine Islands and Saanich.

Practically all of the growers have now joined the association, and it is thought that the other few will join in the very near future. The association is working hand in hand with the wholesale merchants, whom they will supply with the goods. The difference between the present arrangement and that formerly in force is that, under this arrangement the prices are fixed by the association which prevents competition between the different growers. The association will also take a hand

in seeing that the law in regard to grading, packing and marketing is strictly enforced, by calling the attention of the inspector to all lapses in this regard.

The new quarters at the foot of Yates street are only temporary, as the place is not large enough. There is a jam plan which has to be erected somewhere in a convenient place to take care of the unmarketable product of the orchards and gardens in the district.

The B. C. Electric Company are trying the experiment of putting in ties which have been treated with creosote. The test is being made on the upper part of Fort street, where the ties are being replaced. The trial will be all the more perfect from the fact that a portion of the line there was supplied with ties which had not been treated with creosote.

The remains of the late John McKean will be sent forward some time next week to Eureka, Cal. They will be accompanied by the widow and son and be interred in the family plot.

The funeral of the late Mrs. John Taylor took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Government street, to Ross Bay cemetery, where interment took place. Rev. H. A. Carson officiated. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends present and many beautiful flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: F. Adams, W. C. Holt, J. E. Thomas, J. T. Deaville, S. W. Harey and G. Leonard.

BORN.
MACDONALD—At 738 Belton avenue, on the 11th inst., the wife of W. H. MacDonald of a daughter (still-born).

BROMLEY—On the 11th inst., at Stoke Hall, Newark, England, the wife of Lieutenant Arthur Bromley, R. N., of a daughter.

DIED.
COONESS—At the family residence, No. 223 Johnson street, on the 14th inst., Stacey Cooness, a native of New Jersey, aged 95 years.

RUDD—On the 14th inst., at the residence of his parents, 3070 Washington avenue, John Henry, only beloved son of John Henry and Arabell Rudd, aged 10 months 14 days.

WATCHING FINISH OF RACES ON SATURDAY AT OAK BAY CLUB HOUSE.