

## TENNIS COURTS OPENED SATURDAY AFTERNOON LAST

The new tennis courts on Third Street were duly opened as announced last Saturday afternoon. There were quite a number of people on hand to enjoy the opening games and during the afternoon and evening the two courts in readiness were kept busy. Many of those present who were at first a little skeptical as to the successful working of a clay court, were delighted with the results obtained after a game or two, and declared them much faster and superior in many ways to the ordinary grass courts.

At a meeting held after the evening games in the Public Reading Room it was decided to appoint Mr. Dennis a committee of one to prepare a set of by-laws to govern the members and the working of the club generally. Several other matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization were discussed at length, and perhaps the most important resolution adopted during the meeting was the one relating to the raising of the membership fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

There are now on the secretary's list forty-eight names, all of which have requested their names to be placed there, but comparatively few of them made the necessary deposit of

\$1.00 called for when the club was organized. It is therefore now necessary for all those who are still desirous of becoming members and wish to do so at the proposed membership fee of \$2.00, to immediately pay up the amount, as the resolution adopted states plainly that as soon as there are fifty paid up members on the list the membership fee shall be raised to \$5.00.

The club, of course, is in need of money as there has been a large expense in connection with the preparing of the grounds and the purchasing of the other necessary equipment.

It is the intention of the club very shortly to put on their first tournament, which will either be a handicap arranged to suit all players, including beginners, or it is quite possible that a beginners tournament will be put on to include only members who have never before played the game. The committee are at present considering this matter and the latter proposition depends almost entirely on the number of this class of members who join the club.

### A FAVORABLE STATEMENT

The statement which the General Manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada has just placed before its shareholders, will be good reading to them, as it is to all who are interested in Canada's commercial progress.

Despite the wise caution, which the conservative, progressive management had to exercise during the year, even more than usually troublesome, profits were practically the same as those of 1912.

The \$1,218,964.45 realized, shows 17.8 per cent. on the average capital employed during the twelve months; the Bank's capital now stands at \$7,000,000, and its rest at the same figure.

The Merchants Bank of Canada has been an important factor in the development of Western Canada, and its branches are scattered very generously throughout the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

The increased capitalization will doubtless enable the Merchants to still further both assist in this development and be helped by it.

The president and his co-directors have good reason to be satisfied with the showing made, while the public will see once more that with good management, and the extended knowledge and division of risk which a Bank like the Merchants achieves through its numerous and widely scattered branches, enables it to make good progress even in certain sections conditions are quite unfavorable.

## ON THE SIDE By "Bee"

A local weather prophet informs us that when Mount Baker is on view, for a certainty we shall have rain.

We believe it too, for last winter some splendid views were had of the mountain and considerable rain fell during the spring months.

What with spreading oil on the roads and on the stagnant waters on the side thereof, the cutting of hay on our public thoroughfares and incidentally the harvesting of same by a shrewd Celestial, it is safe to predict that there will not be a solitary fly in Sidney next Christmas.

It has not been generally known that Sidney has been the scene for a moving picture drama, but those of our citizens who were fortunate enough to be in the vicinity of Beacon avenue and First street last Saturday evening were privileged to witness

the finish of the great wheelbarrow race in which the villain of the piece is unceremoniously thrown on to a barrow and wheeled through the public streets. While nobody objects to views of our picturesque little town being shown on a screen, it is apt to be embarrassing to certain respected citizens on account of the makeup of the leading actors who in form and feature were exact replicas of two well known Sidneyites.

It was true the wharf needed a new gangway, and now that some necessary repairs have been done making a landing much easier, a party was heard to say that all the gangway needed now was a new wharf. Some people never are satisfied.

The comment which appeared in these columns last week on the manner in which the blasting operations were carried on during the opening of Bazan Avenue, while finding favor with the majority of people in Sidney did not altogether meet with the approval of the person responsible for the fusillade of stones, etc., as he contends that the article was a slur on his ability as a dynamite artist. As it was not the intention of the "ignorant scribe" to cast reflections on any particular individual but merely to comment on the proceedings generally, the wielder of the pen promised the irate man that the matter should be put in another light exonerating him from any blame.

In course of a conversation, however, it transpired that while all means were taken to warn the public that charges of dynamite were to be exploded, loads of brush and timbers were not used to break the force on account of the expense of procuring and hauling to the job.

This certainly puts the affair in another light, and what is more, makes it worse than before. The man in charge has had years of experience in handling high explosives and his ability is not to be questioned, but the fact remains as was stated last week, and while regretting very much that offence should be taken, we consider we are doing our duty by calling attention to anything and everything pleasant or unpleasant that affects the public or our town itself.

## THE CHURCH SERVICES

### ANGLICAN CHURCHES.

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion at St. Andrews.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity.  
7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer at St. Andrews.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Services will be held in Berquist's Small Hall each Sunday at 7.00 p.m. Sunday School at 2 p.m.  
Rev. W. G. W. Fortune Pastor.

### METHODIST CHURCHES.

Minister in Charge—Rev. J. Wesley Miller B.A., B.D.  
Sidney, on Third Street:  
Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
Morning Service at 11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m.  
Choir Practice on Friday at 8 p.m.

North Saanich:  
Sunday School at 2.30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service at 7.30 p.m.

South Saanich:  
Sunday School at 2 p.m.  
Sunday Service at 3 p.m.

The Circuit Ladies' Aid meets on the Second Thursday of each month.

### CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

Church of Assumption, South-west Saanich—Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Elizabeth, Sidney—Mass every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays in the month, at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Paul, Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island—Mass every 4th Sunday.

The Catholic settlements on Pen-

der and Mayne Islands will regularly be attended to during the week following the second Sunday.

The priests in charge are the Rev. Father M. M. Ronden and W. Cornteraad. Address R. M. D., No. 1, Turgoose P. O. Telephone Y 11.

### SIDNEY GUN CLUB.

The Gun Club held their regular weekly shoot on Friday evening, May 29th. The attendance was small owing to the change of the day for shooting from Saturday to Friday evening. Shooting in the various competitions will commence this Friday evening, June 5th. A large turnout of members is requested.

Capt. Byers who has rapidly been coming to the front as one of the club's best shooters, captured Class "A" button last week, and F. Bowcott won the honor in "B" Class.

One hundred shells has been donated by a club friend for competition which will be arranged by the committee.

### WILL RESIDE IN PARSONAGE

On Monday afternoon Rev. and Mrs. Miller and Master Frank Miller arrived in town to take up their residence in the Methodist parsonage. They expect to get settled this week.

### TROOP ORDERS FIRST SIDNEY TROOP CANADIAN BOY SCOUTS.

S. M. McArtair, Commanding

Headquarters are removed from Henry avenue to Marine Drive.

Subscription—At a meeting held on January 16, it was decided that the troop subscription should be 10 cents per month.

Parades—Friday evenings at eight o'clock.

Age Limit—The age limit for untrained recruits is raised to twelve years. Boys gaining two star rank in the Junior section may be enrolled as scouts at eleven years.

Junior Scouts—The Assistant Commissioner having granted permission it has been decided to raise two patrols of Junior Scouts, or Wolf Cubs, for boys 9 to 12 years old. The training will qualify for second class scout badges.

Uniform for Junior Scouts—Shorts dark blue jersey, belt, troop scarf and uniform cap. No shoulder knot, garter tags or staff.

Appointment, provisional—N. North to be patrol leader.  
W. J. ANDERSON,  
Patrol Leader and Adjutant.

LOST—Will the person who picked up a music book in Berquist's some time ago entitled "Ideal Red Duets," please communicate with the Review Office.

TO EXCHANGE—Large nine roomed house on Dupplin Road, Victoria, just outside city limits, for acreage on the Saanich Peninsula. Apply C. F. Williams, Sidney, B. C.

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## NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SIDNEY AND NORTH SAANICH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD IN BERQUIST'S HALL ON

JULY 1st.

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A. McDONALD,  
Secretary.



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## EXPERIENCES OF CITY MAN

By E. G. Moorhead in the Technical World Magazine, New York.

What chance has the city man on a farm? The average city man, I mean; the one who doesn't know whether its Shropshire hogs or Berkshire sheep; who thinks that Duroc-Jersey is a breed of cows. Supposing that he takes the advice of the political economists, rolls down the top of his desk or locks up his tools and quits the city pavement for the country lane—will it be forever, or only so long as it may take him to get back to town a sadder and wiser man?

I put the question to a half dozen men—men in a position to know and to answer with authority. It is notable that no two of them answered alike.

First, I entered the office of the editor of three well-known farm papers, a man who, born on a farm, graduated from an agricultural college first in a class of seventy-five and, starting with nothing, now owns five hundred and fifty acres of as fine land as can be found anywhere in the Middle West.

"What chance has the city man who knows nothing of farming?" he repeated. "One chance in about a million," he answered, "unless he devotes the first year, or better still, two years, to hiring out as a farm hand to some experienced farmer. The trouble is just this: Farming is a profession the same as doctoring or teaching or practicing law, and the sooner all men learn this the fewer heart-breaking experiences there will be. Even if your city man who yearns for the farm is earning five thousand dollars a year and has ten thousand dollars saved up, let him hire out for a year or two. He'll be lucky to get fifteen or twenty dollars a month and his keep; but he'll learn the rudiments of farming, and without these he will be a veritable babe in the wood. Hire out, rent, and then buy; that's my advice."

I put the same question to a man who is high in the councils of the Southern Rice Growers' Association—a young man who had farming literally and forcibly thrust upon him by inheriting a big tract of land, when he was in college; who got experience, first hand in big chunks, and who made good.

"Travel and read," he answered. "When I decided to abandon my anticipated career as an architect and go into the farming game I devoted two years to travelling and reading. I visited farms all over the country; demonstration farms, where everything was model; individual farms, where men were just barely making both ends meet. Between trips I bought standard text books. I read them, too—every word. Then I subscribed for some good farm papers and read them. It was not until I had put in two solid years cramming on farming, just as I used to cram on Greek and trigonometry in the state university, that I actually went to work. With two years home study and travel, keeping my eyes and ears open all the time, I started farming. The first year I lost money but last year (my fifth) I netted fourteen per cent., which is pretty good for a greenhorn."

I travelled to another state, once more asking my question of every farmer I met. Said one: "Tell your troubles to the state college of agriculture; that's what its for. If you can't take the full four years' course in agriculture, there is usually a two years' course. Always there is a two weeks' short course, crammed full of practical instruction. Attend that, short course; write often to the college, sending samples of whatever weeds may bother you or asking whatever you need to know. The teachers there will help you and gradually, with their help, and almost without knowing it, you will become