CALEDONIAN GAMES A HUGE SUCCESS

Splendid Programme Presented at Annual Field Day of St. Andrew's Society

There have been other celebrations when sons of Auld Scotia have held their annual revels but none, in the history of the local St. Andrew's Society, which has ever approached that held Saturday at Oak Bay Park, when the annual athletic games under the auspices of the society were given. Ideal weather, an exceptionally large turn-out of spectators, big entries in each of the long list of events and the utmost enthusiasm on the part of the thirteen hundred Scotsmen and friends in attendance all combined to make this year's event without parallel in the history of Victoria.

The committee in charge had worked unceasingly for several weeks making all arrangements for the event and that they succeeded even beyond their fondest dreams was indicated by their happy smiles and the general approbation expressed by those who attended the event. The programme of sporting events, dances and music was a lengthy one, in fact it was at first thought that there would be great difficulty in bringing off the entire list, but the judges and committees in charge wasted no time and each event was pulled off without the slightest hitch. The crowded grandstand was treated to a list of sports and events which it is doubtful has ever been equalled here before and certainly never better conducted with a view of giving the spectators the true worth of their money.

All Enjoy Themselves.

Needless to say the true Scotsman was delighted and his enthusiasm was so contagious that the many who could not boast of the Land of Heather as their home, or the home of their forefathers, waxed just as enthusiastic and just as thoroughly enjoyed the day's programme. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the first events were contested, until nearly 7 o'clock, when the crowds dispersed, there was not a single dull moment. In fact like the modern circus, there were two and sometimes more, events being contested at the same time, but in the large grounds of the Oak Bay Park there was ample room to pull off several events at one time without interfering with the pleasure of the spectators. On one or two occasions the enthusiasm of the crowd became somewhat troublesome and it required the united efforts of the judges to clear back the applauding spectators, but no hitch occurred. P. J. Riddell, the indefatigable president of the St. Andrew's Society, wore a large-sized smile as he received the compliments of many on the success of the occasion and he was emphatic in declaring that the 1908 celebration was never equalled in the history of the Society.

Visitors from Outside.

On every hand were the bright Highland costumes, while the skirl of the pipes and the dancing figures of the tartaned contestants made it evident beyond all doubt what nationality was indulging in this great annual event. A feature of the day's events was the presence of a contingent of Brither Scots from Vancouver and New Westminster, the first time that outside contestants have taken part in the games of the local society, and that they were heartily welcomed and their triumphs enjoyed was indicated by the applause which they won when their success in several of the events was announced.

Hearty appreciation was shown by the spectators of the various sporting events, but it was the exhibition of Scottish dances which brought out the enthusiasm and the bagpipes contests which evoked the gretest applause. In the dancing events the chief honors went to little Grace Robertson, a pretty lassie of some ten summers, whose decisive wins in the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance made her the heroine of the hour. In contest with half a dozen other children she won the unanimous decision of the judges, by the spirit and abandon with which she danced the famous dances and her efforts were repeatedly applauded. In the Highland Fling she met a worthy opponent in Gilbert Arams, of New Westminster, a youngster who also received the ecomiums of the elder Scots.

Lassie Gains Honors.

In the Sword Dance she also made a decided hit and while she twice touched the crossed swords the general excellence of her performance brought her honors, Olive Hill capturing second place in this dance, while well deserved praise was given to each of the other children who contested. Besides capturing the prize in the two above events, the young girl was also given first prize for the best dressed girl in Highland dress, Miss Hill taking second prize.

In the bagpipes competition, two open, and the third for members of the society only, Pipe-Major Donald McIvor, acclaimed as the finest piper on the coast, took first prize in each event, though he was pitted against such pipers of repute as J. C. Begg and J. Paul, of Vancouver, Begg winning second prize in the competition of strathspeys and reels, and N. P. McDonald, of the local pipe band, securing a like honor in the competition for members only. In the competitive march event, D. Cameron, of the local band, secured second place.

Entertainment for Irishmen.

Enthusiastic Irishmen were also given an opportunity of witnessing the excellence of their national dance, the Irish jig, an evenly contested event, being participated in by W. McKay, J. O. Henderson, of Vancouver, and A. Matthews, of New Westminster, to the pipe music of Pipers Begg and Paul. All three dancers were costumed in the regulation Donnybrook Fair apparel, with the time-honored shillelah, and executed the dance in proper style. First prize went to W. McKay and second honors were taken by J. O. Henderson. A sailor's hornpipe was also well executed by the same three gentlemen with the same results. Another dance number, which met with hearty appreciation, was the Reel of Tulloch, danced by A. Matthew, W. McKay, J. O. Henderson and A. Adams, with Piper Beggs accompanying. The two first captured the prizes in the order named. At the conclusion of the dancing Miss Maggie Hill, the local champion dancer, gave an exhibition, Chan-trews, and was enthusiastically applauded for her graceful movements.

Lengthy List of Sports.

The sport events were all well contested. In the open events several of the best sporting talent of the city entered. Two of the events, the boot race and the old men's race, were dropped from the card, owing to no entries being received, and for a time it looked as if the married woman's race would also have to be dropped, but Mrs. Cavin and Mrs. Duncan faced the starter after considerable persuasion, and furnished the one dead heat of the day. Both ladies claimed the prize, but the judge's award was finally rendered on the chance of a spinning coin, Mrs. Cavin being awarded first place.

In the 100 yards dash, open to members of the society W. R. Smith led all the way, with P. Ormiston close behind, the field being strung out in the rear.

The 100 yards open dash furnished an excellent race and was done in the good time of 10 2-5 seconds, Valo, the local sprinter, getting first place, but being pushed all the way by McInnes, with Nason, Garss and Todd close up.

In the obstacle race Hall led all the way to the barrels, but unfortunately for his chances, attempted to work his way through a barrel in which the head had been left. By the time he picked out another and got through, Clark and Sproule had distanced him, finishing in the order named.

In the 220 yard dash, the mile event and the 440 yard dash, open events, the starts were bad, but the time made was comparatively good. The mile event, the chief one on the card, was handily won by Frank Baylis, who led all the way round and finished a clear thirty yards in the lead, with Lineham second.

The hammer- throwing, shot putting and the jumping events were all closely contested. In the first two competitions, Manson and Elliott shared honors ,and in the long jump and high jump Gowen took both events, while Warburton captured the hop-step-and-leap event with a jump of 41.9½ feet. The B. C. record is forty-three feet.

Wrestling Bouts.

Not the least interesting event on the day's card was the wrestling match (Cumberland style), which resulted in A. Manson winning the bouts, after having a hard tussle with J. Hastings, a member of the local police force. Manson was pitted first against James Murray, and threw him in short order, while Hastings and McLean required two bouts before the winner was decided, the first fall being indecisive. It took three falls before Hastings and Manson decided their bout, the former securing the best hold and making the throw, but Manson was too quick upon his feet and succeeded in turning Hastings in the air and bringing him to the ground. Alexander McLennan, who refereed the bouts, gave general satisfaction.

At the conclusion the St. Andrew's Society pipe band, under Pipe-Major Donald McIvor, rendered several selections and was given an ovation, while Drummer Smith, hailed as "the best drummer this side of the Atlantic," was a source of delight to the enthusiastic Scotsmen.

Football Competition

The football competition in which five teams, the J. B. A. A., Shearwater, Thistles, Caledonians and Esquimalt clubs entered first class teams was closely contested.

The first match was between the Shearwater and the Thistles, and it may be said to have been the surprise of the competition for the manner in which the Thistles made the more experienced Shearwater players go. In fact, the match was so evenly contested that the Shearwater only got the verdict by having more corners to their account, the result being Shearwater 2 goals, 3 corners; Thistles 2 goals, 1 corner.

The second game between the J. B. A. A. and the Caledonians proved to be a ridiculously easy win for the Bays for whom Brightman, Todd and Peden played splendidly. The score was J. B. A. A. 9 goals, 1 corner; Caledonians, nil.

This left Esquimalt, J. B. A. A. and the Shearwater in the contest. The J. B. A. A. and Shearwater tossed up to decide which should enter the final. The Bays won the toss, leaving the Shearwater and Esquimalt to play off to meet the Bays in the final. Esquimalt, however, quite failed to live up to their reputation although it must be admitted that this was partly due to the plendid play of the navy boys who ran out rather easy winners by four goals to nil. This left the Shearwater and James Bays to fight out the final, but as the Shearwater team was now in need of a rest, Referee Lockley announced that he would not start the final game until 5 o'clock. At that hour Referee Lockley called out the teams amid not a little excitement as the finalists are probably the most popular teams in Victoria and district. The game started at a great pace considering the heat and broiling sun, but to a good judge it was at once apparent that the Bays attack were not willing to face the big navy back Clarkson in front of whom the renowned Teddy Connor was breaking up every movement the Bays attempted and he was flanked by R. Collier who worked like a Trojan and passed beautifully. At half time there was no score. In the second half the navy boys were again the superior five, though the Bays put up a fine defence. Herchin and Shank playing good ball, but Brightman and Todd could not get going at all and Peden rambled a little too much. About midway through the second half the navy boys gained a corner, following this up by a goal, still the Bays played hard, but retired beaten by 1 goal 1 corner to nil.

The line-up of the teams in the finals was:

Shearwater—Clarkson, Findlay, Connor, Collier and A. Collier.

J. B. A. A.—Shanks, Todd, Kerchin, Brightman, Peden.

A large number of parties, after the events had concluded, spent an hour or two at afternoon tea, having brought with them well filled baskets and rounded out a day full of entertainment with the real picnic spirit.

The officials and judges were as follows: Committee, P. J. Riddell, president; J. Taylor, first vice-president; E. C. Todd, second vice-president. Field marshal, J. G. Brown; starter, A. J. Brace; time keeper, Capt. Dallain; judges of sports, William Henderson, George Jay, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Dr. G. L. Milne, P. J. Riddell; joint sports secretaries, E. C. Smith and A. G. Smith; judges of piping and dancing, John McKenzie, William Henderson, James Johnson, G. C. Smith, James Taylor.

Events and Winners.

The full programme of events, with the winners in each, is given below:

Girls' race, 12 years and under—First prize, $1.50 order, St. Andrew's society, Blanch Caven; second prize, $1 order, St. Andrew's society, Margery Watson.

Boys' race, 12 years and under—First prize, $1.50 order, St. Andrews's society, Cecil Hand; second prize, $1 order, St. Andrew's society, James Eddie.

Girls' race, 15 years and under—First prize, $1.50 order, St. Andrew's society, Margery Watson; second prize, $1.50 order ,Fletcher Bros., Blanch Caven.

Boys' race, 15 years and under—First prize, baseball gloves, Peden Bros., A. Clark; second prize, $1 order, St. Andrew's society, Guy Caven.

Married ladies, event—First prize, five pounds of tea, presented by W. B. Hall, Mrs. Caven; second prize, $1.50 goods, presented by R. Norrison & Co., Central Bakery, Mrs. Duncan.

100-Yards dash, open to members of the society only—First prize, two bottles of Scotch, presented by A. McAfee, W. R. Smith; second prize, one bottle of Scotch, presented by the Windsor grocery, P. Ormiston. Other entries: E. Houston, P. McLean, J. Ewing. Time, 12 3-5 seconds.

Open race, 100 yards—First prize, medal, given by St. Andrew's society, B. Valo; second prize, medal, presented by St. Andrew's society, R. McInnes. Other entries: F. Nason, E. Todd, A. Carss. Time, 10 2-5 seconds.

Obstacle race, open—First prize, cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, J. Clark; second prize, ham, presented by R. Porter & Sons, A. Sproule; third, R. Hall.

220 yards dash—First prize, cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, R. McInnes; second prize, medal, presented by St. Andrew's society, F. Nason. Other entries, J. Green, A. Carss, P. Christopher, J. Findlay.

220 yards race, open to members of the society only—First prize, eight bottles of claret, presented by Pither & Leiser, W. R. Smith; second prize, four bottles of claret, presented by Pither & Leiser, P. Ormiston; time, 28 seconds.

Broad jump, open—First prize, medal presented by St. Andrew's society, N. Gowen, 19 feet 3½ inches; second prize, medal, H. Warburton, 18 feet 8½ inches. Other entries, W. J. C. Armstrong, 18 ft. 2 inches; A. Carss, 18 ft. 8 inches; F. Nason, 17 ft.; W. G. Mitchell, retired.

Putting 16-lb. shot, open—First prize, cup presented by St. Andrew's society, Thomas Elliott, 35 feet, ¾ inch; second prize, medal, presented by the society, Andrew Stewart, 31.7. Other entries, Hector McLean, 31.7; A. Manson, 30.10; J. Carter, 26.1.

High jump, open—First prize, medal presented by St. Andrew's society, N. Gowen, 4.7; second prize, medal presented by the society, W. G. Mitchell, 4 ft. 5 inches.

Hop, step and leap, open—First prize, $2.50 order St. Andrew's society, H. Warburton, 41 ft. 9½ ft.; second prize, $1.50 order, L. Tait, 38 ft. 11½ inches. Other entries, A. Carss, 38 ft. 7½ inches; N. Gowen, 37 ft. 8½ ins.; F. Nason, 35 ft. 3½ inches; F. McInnes, 34 ft. 9 inches.

Throwing 16-lb. hammer (wire handle), open—First prize, medal presented by St. Andrew's society, A. Manson, 115.5 feet; second prize, medal, T. Elliott, 94 feet. Other entries, Hector McLean, 76.10 feet.

One mile race, open—First prize, cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, Frank Baylis; second prize, medal, A. Lineham; time, 5.05. Other entries, Charles Baylis, J. Watson, W. J. Mitchell, C. Hands.

Highland fling, open—First prize, society's prize, Miss Grace Robertson, of Vancouver; second prize, society's prize, Gilbert Adams. Other entries, Sidney B. Croll, of New Westminster; Kennedy Adams, Jessie Ross, of Extension, Olive Hill, Katie Urquhart and Ena Urquhart.

Sword dance, open—First prize, brooch, presented by James Johnston, Grace Robertson; second prize, society's prize, Olive Hill. Other entries, Sidney B. Croll, Gilbert Adams, Kennedy Adams, W. Wishart.

Throwing 16-lb. hammer (Scotch style) for members only—First prize, medal presented by St. Andrew's society, A. Manson, 78.9½ feet; second prize, medal, Hector McLean, 74.2 ft. Other entries, T. Elliott, 68.10½ ft.

440 yards race, open—First prize, cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, E. S. Tait; second prize, medal, A. Carss; third prize, two Big Horn shirts, presented by Turner-Beeton company, F. W. Bayliss. Time, 53 4-5 seconds. Other entries, J. McNair, F. Findlay, W. Duncalfe.

Sailors' hornpipe, open—First prize, St. Andrew's society's prize, W. McKay, of Vancouver; second prize, by the society, J. A. Henderson, of Vancouver. Other entries, A. Matthewson, of New Westminster.

Irish jig, open—First prize, medal, presented by Rennie & Taylor, W. McKay; second prize, medal, presented by St. Andrew's society, J. A. Henderson.

Throwing 16-lb. hammer wire handle), open to members of the society only—First prize, challenge cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, A. Manson, 112 feet; second prize, medal, presented by the society, T. Elliott, 95.1 feet.

Throwing 56-lb. weight, open—First prize, cup, presented by St. Andrew's society, A. Manson, 22.11 feet; second prize, medal, presented by the society, T. Elliott, 20.11 feet; other entries, H. McLean, 20.5 feet.

Reel of Tulloch, open—First prize by St. Andrew's society, A. Matthews, New Westminster; second prize, by the society, W. McKay, New Westminster; other entries, J. A. Henderson, Vancouver, A. Adams, New Westminster.

Tossing the caber—First prize, medal, presented by St. Andrew's society, A. McLean, 32.8½ feet; second prize, medal, T. Elliott, 32.3 feet; other entries, A. Manson 32½ feet.

Bagpipe competition marches—First prize, medal, by St. Andrew's society, Donald McIvor; second prize, medal, D. Cameron; other entries, Edward Wishart, N. P. McDonald, J. C. Begg and J. Paul.

Bagpipe competition (strathspeys and reels)—First prize, medal, presented by St. Andrew's society, D. McIvor; second prize, medal, J. C. Begg, of Vancouver; other entries N. P. McDonald, E. Wishart, D. Cameron, and J. Paul of Vancouver.

Bagpipe competition, members only) —First prize, medal, presented by P. J. Riddell, Donald McIvor; second prize, medal, presented by J. Mackie, N. P. McDonald; other entries, E. Wishart, D. Cameron, W. Wishart.

Best dressed girl in Highland dress —First prize, medal, presented by T. Withers, Miss Grace Robertson; second prize, pair of slippers, presented by Christie's shoe store, Miss Hill.

Best dressed boy in Highland dress —First prize, by St. Andrew's society, David A. Anderson; second prize, white vest, presented by W. & J. Wilson, Horace Ward.

Wrestling match (Cumberland style) —For a cup presented by T. M. Brayshaw, A. Manson.

South American Earthquake.

Tacna, Chili, July 17.—A terrific earthquake occurred yesterday in the provinces of Tacna and Areca, Chili, the southern part of Peru, and Bolivia. There was considerable destruction of property, but no loss of life is reported. The cable between Larita and Lima has been broken and the telegraph line to Bolivia damaged.

Honduras Rebels Beaten Back

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 17.—Yesterday the Honduras insurgents captured the town of Pervenir, on the north coast, and today they attacked Celba, another Atlantic port sixty miles to the westward of Teujilo. At Celba they were repulsed. They also have been beaten in the south and are fleeing back to Salvador.

BISHOP MOREL HERE FROM CHINESE SEA

Diocese Has Population of Over a Million—Back From the Eternal City

Bishop Morel, a Frenchman, who has been stationed for the past twenty-seven years in the important and populous diocese of Canton, China, spent a couple of days at the Bishop's palace in this city prior to the departure of the steamer for the east.

He is returning to his diocese from paying a visit to his friends in France, and making his decennial trip to Rome with the view, in accordance with the universal custom in his church, of presenting to the sacred college an account of the spiritual and temporal condition of his charge.

In Europe and the countries fairly contiguous to the imperial city, the bishops are required to render this accounting every five years, but in more distant regions the term is lengthened to ten.

Bishop Morel has under him some seventy-five priests, twenty of whom are Chinamen, while the remainder are Europeans, the great majority being Frenchmen.

The poulation of the province or district of Canton very considerably exceeds a million, and the diocese, which is co-terminous, includes some 185,000 native Christians, and the very important city of Canton, pronounced by the coolies Can-tonge, a theological college has for some years been established, where some sixty young Chinamen are at the present time being trained by Europeans for the priesthood. A convent also exists, the majority of the nuns being Chinese women.

Bishop Morel, who was placed in charge of this diocese seven years ago, is a comparatively young man, being in his fifties.

China has not as yet been divided into ecclesiastical provinces, nor will any archbishops, with the ordinary bishops as their suffragans, be appointed until such a division of the country is made, and in the meantime as is the universal custom in the same circumstances, the bishops are described as the nominal heads of former and ancient dioceses in the Asiatic east which have become extinct, or as the phrase runs, bishops in partibus infidelium, in regions now in the possession of unbelievers, and each such bishop, in China at all events, is further known as a vicar apostolic.

Bishop Morel called upon Mrs. Moore of this city, who is a Chinese lady, and as he, of course, speaks Chinese fluently, they had a long and very interesting conversation.

MEMBERS WANT A NEW CLUB BUILDING

Tuesday's Meeting of J.B.A.A. Shareholders Will Be Well Attended

(From Saturday's Daily)

Among the members of the James Bay Athletic association the proposed new buildings is the chief topic of conversation. Without exception, they are delighted. In their opinion the management committee has done well in deciding to lay the proposal of the Imperial Trust company before the shareholders with a strong recommendation that it should be endorsed.

It is assured that there will be a large attendance at the meeting called for next Tuesday evening at which the question will be debated. And it is reported that, should there be objection to the suggestion outlined, the advisability of taking steps towards the construction of new quarters by the club on its own responsibility will come up for serious discussion.

The consensus of opinion appears to be that the time has arrived for the J. B. A. A. to provide its members with more up-to-date facilities for the enjoyment of both summer and winter recreation. Some are inclined to criticise on the ground that those in charge, heretofore, have devoted too much time and attention to rowing and not enough to other varieties of sport. The latter claim that by providing a new and more commodious building, it would be possible to materially augment the membership and to go in for more than is at present attempted in the way of athletics.

The prospect of a fine club, situated on this side of the harbor and affording means for the enjoyment of winter pastime as well as those peculiar to the warm weather has enthused all identified with the organization. They evince a willingness to unite, everyone putting their shoulder to the wheel in the effort to carry the project through to a successful issue. From indications it is not improbable that either the Imperial Trust company's proposal will be accepted or some other scheme, having the same end in view, devised and supported by the J. B. A. A. shareholders and the active members.

KILLED FIVE PERSONS

Clarksburg, W. Va., July 17.—Frank Johnson, a negro, who was hanged in the Moundsville penitentiary about 6 o'clock this evening for the murder of Mrs. Beulah Martin, colored, it is said made the startling confession to his ministers, in which he admitted murdering five persons.

Following is the list of his alleged victims: Unknown man in 1896 at Blossburg; Edith Hannah, at 81 South Peoria street, Chicago, in 1904; ——— Blue of Shippensville, Pa., in 1906; unknown woman at 132 South Seventh street, Steubenville, O., November 6, 1907; Mrs. Beulah Martin, colored, of Gypsy, W. Va., in March, 1908.

In his confession Johnson says his real name is Edward Walton, and that he was born in Georgia. The crime for which Johnson was hanged today was committed at Gypsy, near here, last March. After shooting Mrs. Martin, who refused to elope with him, Johnson escaped to the hills, followed by a posse numbering 400. Barricading himself in a barn, Johnson defied arrest for two days, and in that time shot and seriously injured three of the posse. The negro was only captured when he learned that the posse intended to blow up the barn with dynamite.

Tercentenary Stamps.

Ottawa, July 17.—A set of new Quebec tercentenary stamps will be presented to the Prince of Wales at Quebec in small gold boxes, enclosed in a case of Morocco leather and inscribed. Less ornate sets will go to Earl Grey, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. R. Lemieux.

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B. C. ENGINEERS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Opening Session Yesterday—Local Members Entertaining Visitors

(From Saturday's Daily)

The grand lodge of British Columbia Stationary Engineers is holding its annual convention in Victoria, the first session having been held at the Knights of Pythias hall yesterday afternoon. An address of welcome was delivered by the grand chief, A. Manson of Victoria, and a gratifying report was submitted by the grand secretary, R. D. Spragge of Vancouver. The latter showed that the organization was in a flourishing condition financially, information which was generally gratifying, judging by the enthusiasm with which the announcement was greeted.

Other officials in attendance were Vice-Chief T. Brown of Vancouver; Treasurer L. Fox of Vancouver and Grand Door Guard F. Jones of Victoria. The delegates present follow: J. Parkes of Vancouver, G. Langworthy of Vancouver, T. Lyons of Vancouver, J. A. McMillan of Vancouver, C. C. Macdonald of Vancouver, G. C. Reid of Vancouver, G. Henderson of Vancouver, J. C. McGregor of Nanaimo, G. W. Mackenzie of Nanaimo, J. Woodrothf of Victoria, G. Morrow of Victoria, W. Hogan of Victoria and D. Chritchley of Victoria.

After the adoption of the aforementioned reports the meeting adjourned and the visiting representatives were entertained by those belonging to the local branch. They were taken for a tally-ho ride, thus being introduced to the beautiful suburban scenery of which Victorians are so proud. They expressed themselves duly impressed and as thoroughly appreciative of the generous entertainment being accorded them.

Today another session will be held at the same place, when, among othes matters of importance, the election of officers will be held. This evening a banquet will take place at the Poodle Dog, when the British Columbia Engineers hope to have an opportunity to become better acquainted.

FLOURISHING DISTRICT

Prairie Country Around Lethbridge Blessed With Fine Crops—Prosperity of the Town

Vancouver, July 17.—"The Lethbridge country is the most wonderful farming country that I have even seen. Really, it is impossible to exaggerate its capacity as a grain-growing country. The town now has a population of 7,000, which should certainly double within the next two years."

Exceedingly enthusiastic is F. C. Hyde, a business man of Lethbridge, who passed through Vancouver today on his way to Victoria. Mr. Hyde declares that the wheat country is going ahead by leaps and bounds. Specially on the subject of the wheat crop, he said:

"Many of the farmers expect to have their fall wheat off and a new crop in by the third week in August. In some cases they are starting now to cut and certainly will have the work well under way by the end of the month. Lethbridge itself is in great shape. A fine new public school, a courthouse, and a Presbyterian church are now in course of construction. A new hotel is being erected and an opera house of brick and stone is projected. The construction of the new bridge, which is to cost two million dollars and adjacent railway work is pouring a good deal of money into the place.

"To the north of the Belly river, towards the Bow, every quarter section has been taken up or purchased and a large proportion of the entire country is under cultivation. There is no doubt but that no district in the wheat country can make a better showing than that of which Lethbridge, Magrath and Sardton are the centres. As a matter of fact, Magrath claims the palm, with an average crop yield of 45 bushels to the acre.

"The irrigation scheme is being extended and a large new tract is being brought in the radius of the plans. This year there was no great need of irrigation, but where the scheme has been judiciously handled the crops have been considerably increased.

"Several good coal properties are being opened. The Diamond company property on the Belly river, six miles from Lethbridge, is about ready for business. A modern plant is being installed, tipples are ready and a village has already sprung up. Shipping will be commenced when the C. P. R. bridge is finished when the output to commence will be one thousand tons. Across the river is the Royal Colliery on which much work has been done. This concern has contracts with Spokane people to dispose of its entire product."

SOCKEYES SCARCE

Small Catches Reported—Fishermen Going Back to Their Spring Salmon Nets

Vancouver, July 17.—The catches of sockeyes on the Upper Fraser fishing grounds were so poor on Wednesday night that many of the fishermen put out their spring nets again. The reports from the different points are as follows:

Bellingham—Point Roberts got 1,900 fish; Boundary bay, 3,100; Cherry point, 5,600; Lummi, 2,300; Salmon banks, 5,300, and about 200 from West beach. The seiners did very little on the Salmon banks on Wednesday.

Anacortes—Only lifted one trap on Wednesday; got 9 tons of springs and 500 sockeyes from West beach.

Vancouver Island Traps—Very few sockeyes have been taken in the traps and it seems evident that there is no body of fish moving.

St. Mungo—Very few fish. Averaged about 9; men still fishing with spring nets.

Vancouver—Boats averaged about 12; high boat 44; low boat, 5. No boats in yesterday morning.

Brunswick Camp—Average, 19; high boat, 80; total, 198 fish.

British America—Boats did poorly; only got about 600 fish. High boat, 32; average, about 14.

Imperial—Boats averaged about 15. Only got about 1,000 fish. No boats in yesterday morning.

Struck by a Train.

Hamilton, July 18.—Morley McAllister was probably fatally injured last night by the rig in which he was driving being struck by a train.

LICENSE BY-LAW WILL BE TESTED

Oak Bay Council Trying to Enforce Regulations Applying to Vehicles

(From Saturday's Daily)

A group of automobile owners will appear before Stipendary Magistrate Henderson, of Oak Bay, chanrged with disregard of the recently enacted bylaw providing that those plying vehicles for hire through that district shall pay a specified license. This regulation is to the effect that $15 shall be contributed to the treasury of the municipality before the 1st of July of each year in order to obtain the privilege of operating a tally-ho, automobile, or other vehicle through that section regularly with passengers. If this is not done within the time limit stated it is stipulated that the levy shall be raised to $25.

Only three of those at whom the law was aimed have complied with its provisions. Hence the action which will be started by the councillors this morning. The latter are determined that their bylaw shall be stringently enforced in every particular. Being confident that it is within their power to make those whom they claim derive direct advantage, through the keeping of the Oak Bay roads in good condition, contribute something towards such maintenance they intend pressing the issue.

The automobile people, on the other hand, are just as determined. They are strongly of the opinion that the Oak Bay council are acting outside their jurisdiction and in their own words they don't intend to allow themselves to be imposed on. Ever since the provisions of the bylaw were made public there has been marked indignation among those affected. As a result they decided that they would stand shoulder to shoulder in resisting the measure, even if it came to court. This is the stage that it has now reached and should both sides maintain the stand that they have so vigorously announced it is likely that the case will be fought to a finish.

MR. GOMPERS DENIES

Report That He Had Asked Independence League For Mr. Bryan Was Incorrect

Erie, Pa., July 17.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, said to a reporter of the Associated Press that there is absolutely no truth in the published reports that he had cabled Mr. Hearst, leader of the Independence League, urging the editor to use his influence to prevent the League from nominating its own candidate for president and to urge the League to give its support to W. J. Bryan, the Democratic nominee. Mr. Gompers said: "I read in the newspapers that I am credited with asking Mr. Hearst to support Mr. Bryan and that Mr. Hearst has made reply to me through the press. Now I did nothing of the kind. I don't know where the message Mr. Hearst claimed to have received came from. I did not send it, nor any other message to Mr. Hearst."