

CHRISTMAS TRADE HAS BEEN GOOD

NO FALLING OFF IN THE BUSINESS DONE

The Market Prices Show Very Little Change From Those of Last Week—The Quotations.

The present week will mark the close of what is essentially the holiday trade. With its completion business resumes the regular trade.

The wholesale and retail trade during the Christmas week is reported to have been quite up to that of former years.

Dealers have expected no diminution in the output, and in many instances merchants have reported that the sales have been increased over that of the past years.

With Christmas coming on Sunday it is explained that the holiday trade in the grocery stores was extended over the preceding week, instead of being confined to two or three days immediately before Christmas.

The markets this week show very little change from the prices quoted last week. Oranges have been reduced in price, and lettuce has taken an advance in rate.

The retail prices are as follows:

Table listing market prices for various goods such as Oranges, Lemons, Apples, etc.

LOCAL SYSTEMS IMPROVED. B. C. Electric Railway Company's New Generator Operates Satisfactorily—Street Lighting.

Since the installation of the new 1,000 K.W. generator at the Goldstream station the B. C. Electric Railway Company has been able to give a much improved lighting and railway service.

The new plant generates sufficient electricity for the local lighting system. In fact there is now more power available than the city power house has made necessary for the city council to either approve of an appropriation for enlarging the local plant or to handing the contract to an outside company.

INTRODUCING STOCK. Imported Animals Brought Out From Eastern Canada By G. H. Hadwen.

G. H. Hadwen, of Duncan, has returned from a trip to Ontario and Quebec. He brought out with him a choice lot of horses and cattle which have been sold in this province.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring a circular logo and text describing the medicine's benefits for kidney ailments.

VANCOUVER WON THE RUGBY MATCH

WHICH WAS PLAYED AT TERMINAL CITY MONDAY

Victoria Defeated by Three Tries to Nil—Local Players Put Up a Fine Game.

The championship Rugby match between Victoria and Vancouver at the Terminal City on Monday was won by the latter, the score being three tries to nil. Members of the local fifteen lined up against the Vancouver stalwarts on Monday morning at Brockton Point.

From the start the contest was exciting. The Victoria team justified what has been said by the Times as to its increased strength. They put up a splendid struggle against the formidable team that had been collected by Woodson of Vancouver.

Before the whistle blew, however, Vancouver managed to score, Springer carrying the ball over the line. The attempt to convert was a failure.

In the second half the light was even more hotly contested. Victoria tried again and again to penetrate the Terminal City defence only to be repulsed. When the Vancouver fifteen worked the ball towards Victoria's goal the latter defence proved equal to the test.

The above is a picture of the team mentioned after a hard league game with the Chilliwack eleven. Among the players Victoria enthusiasts will notice at least one familiar figure—that of Ed. Whyte, formerly one of the mainstays of the Victoria team.

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Refurnished and Thoroughly Renovated—They Now Present a Most Attractive Appearance.

Transformed to an almost incredible extent, equipped in a manner which can only be described as sumptuous, the quarters of the Pacific Club, which have been in the hands of the architect and contractor for the past several weeks, are now ready for occupancy.

Inspection shows that the transformation has affected the most minute details. The walls have been tinted, the ceilings repapered, the floors recarpeted, the rooms refurnished and rearranged, not in a monotonous tone of color, but with a variation that is charming and refreshing.

The hall also is tinted a dark red and into the various rooms. The bar has been refurnished with new oak fixtures, and in general finish is similar to some of the other rooms.

The two billiard rooms have also been newly equipped, as well as the two card rooms. New lavatories have been installed, and even the kitchen shared in the general improvement.

The officers of the club are: Joshua Kingham, president; Jas. Peterson, vice-president; J. P. Falls, secretary; committee of management, J. J. McEwen, J. Savanah, H. Ross and the three first named officers.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Feature of Last Term Was Unusually High Regularity Percentage.

The principal feature of the last school term was the unusually high percentage of regularity. The average monthly enrollment was greater than that of the corresponding term of last year.

Following are the figures for the average number attending, average daily attendance, and regularity percentage:

Table showing school attendance statistics for various schools and districts.

As the government per capita grant is based on the daily average attendance, an increase of 200, if carried throughout the school year, means an increase of the grant earned of \$2,000, as compared with that of last year.

The month of December usually shows a greatly diminished gross attendance, as compared with the other months of the fall term. This year, however, the numbers were well sustained throughout the whole term, and in point of regularity at least, the record is as good as the average for the term.

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Table listing prices for various vegetables like Potatoes, Onions, etc.

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