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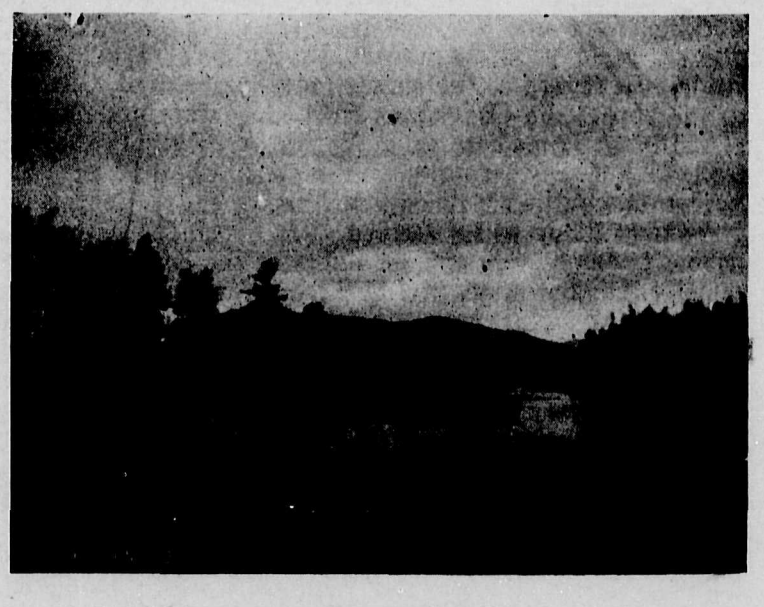
THROUGH THE ISLANDS TO CROFTON.

THE season for excursions and picnics is now at its height, and no more enjoyable trip can be taken than that along the coast and amongst the islands from Sidney or Victoria to Crofton; continuing if desired to Chemainus, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. Comfortable pleasure steamers are available, and a moonlight excursion, especially with a pleasant companion, is an experience that does not quickly fade from the memory. For those who like the longer trip by sea the charms of the coast scenery round from Victoria to Sidney are well known to passengers to and from Vancouver, but they are enhanced by the steamer taking the inner passages up the coast, as she does en route to Crofton. From Sidney the waterway is practically land



Canoe Pass.

locked. A chain of forest-clad or rock-strewn islands girdles the coast, and the tranquil glistening sunlit or moonlit waters gleam like diamond-paved paths between the dark shadows of the wooded island heights or the weird and grotesquely shaped masses of the tide stained and moss-grown rocks. An Indian canoe or a white-sailed fishing boat may be seen here and there, and perhaps half hidden in the woods a settler's home, with the little wooden wharf jutting out from the shore below, or an Indian's patched-up cabin built as near the water as possible.

Soon after passing Sidney the steamer enters Canoe Pass, a photo of which is here produced. Until the very last moment the opening between the islands is not apparent, but a sudden turn of the helm, and the passage is revealed, and the steamer glides narrowly past rocky island and wooded headland, churning the gentle tide rip that would seemingly delay her in this most picturesque water gap. Emerging between the islands the lofty forest-covered hills of Salt Spring Island fall steeply to the shore line and stretch in bays and headlands far to the eastward. A long, low wooded island is pointed out as being the property of a wealthy Chinaman, and the sacks of cordwood along its shores suggest his way of making it pay. Further on to the right a group of islands belongs to Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley, and as the steamer rounds the largest of them, one can view his large residence and extensive clearings with a picturesque background of sheltering trees, and an outlook toward the towering Salt Spring hills. The steamer is now passing the point of Saanich peninsula. Saanich Arm runs deeply away to the left, with low wooded shores, Salt Spring Island arises bluffly on the right, and beautiful Cowichan Bay, with its distant background of mountains looms to view quickly in front. Another turn of the helm, however, and the entrance to Cowichan Bay is passed to the left, and Sansome Narrows are entered. A small, low island, little more than a rock indeed, lies midway in the stream. This was the scene of a gruesome massacre in the days when the Hydah Indians paddled down to war with the Cowichans. They foolishly landed on this island to cook their food, and were forthwith surrounded and massacred by the ambushed Cowichans, who put off in their hundreds from the surrounding shores—so goes the story. To the right on the steep side of Salt Spring Island, Mr. Musgrave's ranch and residence may be seen perched behind a rocky bluff. And now Maple Bay on the left opens out—a little homely nook—whilst on the right, in startling contrast, a deep fissure in the hills, seeming as though Salt Spring Island were here cut in half is really only a narrow inlet of water, known as Burgoyne Bay, and is the port of a considerable inland island settlement. Leaving it to the right and still skirting Salt Spring, beneath the hills and bluffs, where valuable mines are now being developed, the steamer winds from one point of beauty to another, until the shores widen out, and to the left Osborne Bay may be seen with the brand new houses of Crofton and the smoking smelter, and the golden and copper gilt mountains of Mt. Sicker and Mt. Brenton in the background. From here the view is superb. The peaceful settlement of Vesuvius Bay lies across the water, in which whales and seals may be seen disporting themselves, or perhaps the Crofton racing yacht "Copper Queen," may be taking a spin to stretch her canvas; and away to the north, where Salt Spring Island ends, Kuper Island begins, and the names of the other picturesque islands through which the trip may be continued if desired, is legion.

MINING NEWS.

WORK AT THE LENORA MINE.

Mining and development work are proceeding on this property at full pressure. Daily shipments to the Tacoma smelter have been continuing steadily, and the new large No. 3 engine is now repaired and making daily shipments to the Crofton smelter. Nearly two hundred tons of ore a day are going down the hill on the railway, and it is proposed soon to start shipping from the immense ore dump, which is roughly calculated to contain 40,000 tons or ore.

THE TYEE COPPER CO.

The ore body in the Tyee mine is now developed to a length of about 800 feet, and the ore dump has grown from some 7,000 tons at the time of the annual general meeting in July (report of which may be found in our columns) to 8,000 tons, now ready to be shipped as soon as the aerial tramway shall be completed. The wire is all laid out and needs but stringing on the forty towers, which are to support

its length of 3¼ miles. It is the longest line of its kind in America. The bin at Stratton's Crossing siding on the E. & N. railway will hold nearly 500 tons of ore. Into this the buckets will discharge automatically. The receiving bins at Ladysmith are almost completed and will have a capacity of 1,000 tons. A good deal of the masonry and brickwork for the smelter works have been laid and the buildings are framed. The connecting rail track with the E. & N. railway has been laid to the smelter site, and already three car loads of machinery have been unloaded. The work is all being done under Mr. Kiddie's personal supervision with Mr. F. Sherbourne (of the contracting firm of Smith & Sherbourne, who held the chief contracts for the erection of the Crofton smelter), as foreman.

MINING AT QUATSINO.

The Yreka Copper Company have certainly lost no time in pushing their promising property on Comstock mountain. Less than five months ago they sent up their first batch of miners. Since then they have made a camp, built a wharf and ore bins, opened up their mine and made two shipments of ore to the Tacoma and Crofton smelters respectively. Not only that, but they have just given out a contract to the B. C. Riblet Company, of which Mr. R. N. Riblet is representative, to construct for them an aerial tramway 4,400 feet in length from the mine workings to salt water. Maerial for this goes up the coast this week on the "Queen City," and the time within which the contract is to be completed is understood to be 90 days.

THE ENGLISH CLAIM, MT. BRENTON.

Development work on the English claim, Mt. Brenton, is progressing with very satisfactory results. A tunnel has already been driven for 106 feet, and a further contract has just been given out to crosscut to the side walls. Mr. J. G. Richards, of the Bank Exchange, Victoria, and Mr. Creeden, of the Mt. Sicker Hotel, are interested parties in this property.

NOTES.

Mr. A. F. Gwin, of the enterprising mining firm of Messrs. Clarke, Gwin & Lea, has been inspecting a property at Harrison Lake, near the Hot Springs. He leaves for the West Coast to-night. Mr. N. S. Clarke, of this firm, is in California, where he will make enquiries and inspect various smelting plants, with a view to the erection of smelting works on Quatsino Sound ere long.

Mr. A. J. McLellan, late contractor and superintendent of the Lenora-Mt. Sicker railway, has left for the Clayoquot district on the West Coast to start on the construction of a tramway about three miles in length for the Pacific Copper & Gold Co., who operate what are known as the Seattle group. Good paying ore is being mined on these properties, and early shipments are in view.

Mr. W. C. Spicer, of the Yreka Copper Co., goes up the West Coast to-night on the "Queen City."

Mr. W. Buxton, foreman of the Lenora mine, is, we regret to say, suffering from bad health, and is spending a few days in Victoria recruiting.

The Mt. Sicker & Mt. Brenton Mines, Ltd., have withdrawn their treasury stock from the market. They have a cash balance of $25,000, after having paid for their new machinery, and this amount is ample to continue development and mining work until the Crofton smelter is ready for shipments.

Active work is proceeding on the Copper King mine.

Mr. E. C. Musgrave, mine superintendent of the Tyee mine, has been in Victoria on business.

THE TYEE COPPER CO.'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The third ordinary general meeting of the Tyee Copper Co. was held on the 23rd July at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, Mr. T. H. Wilson (chairman of the company) presiding.

The chairman explained the accounts for the past financial year to April 30th, 1902. Besides two amounts of £9,493 and £8,230 duly authorized by the meeting held in August, 1901, for mine development and purchase of new claims respectively, a total amount of £14,814 (say $74,070) had been expended. This was reduced by interest of money on deposit, sales of ore for trial shipment, etc., to the extent of £996, leaving a balance of expenditure of £13,818 (say $69,090). The cash balance on April 30th amounted to £25,490, sundry debtors nil, sundry creditors £209. The total expenditure previous to the period here dealt with, including the expenditure authorized at the meeting in August, 1901, had been £97,169 (say $485,845). During the year the total amount of footage—crosscuts, drifts, main shafts, east and west drifts—was 1,637 feet, and they had stoped out 760 tons one month and 770 tons another month, making 1,530 tons of ore. In next year's balance sheeet a full profit and loss account would be given. He thought all must agree that that the financial position shown was very satisfactory.

Mr. William Gardner, the secretary of the company then made a lengthy statement describing his recent visit to the mine. Everything he had seen went to convince him that their confidence in the mine had not been misplaced, and he congratulated the shareholders on their possession of such rich and promising property. Mr. Musgrave, the mine superintendent, was concentrating his force on the preparation of stopes for supplying at least 100 tons of ore per day for the smelter now being constructed by the company. There were 7,000 tons of good ore on the dump, and on the careful calculation of Mr. Livingston (the general manager) there were 60,000 tons of ore in sight in the workings, or a two years' supply for the smelter. The new machinery was working well, and the construction of the smelter plant making good progress under Mr. Kiddie's capable supervision. In regard to the claims recently acquired, extending to and across the Chemainus river, they were not only possessed of an immediate value for the water rights they controlled, but furthermore the supposition that the Tyee formation continued throughout their entire length was more than likely to be verified. He concluded with a high tribute to the energy and capability of the company's representatives at the mine, Mr. C. Livingston, the general manager, and Mr. Musgrave, the mine superintendent. To Mr. Livingston's character for business ability and uprightness it was owing that the reputation of the Tyee Company stood at the very highest point.

The report was adopted.

It was resolved that the £13,818 balance of expenditure on mine development be placed to Properties Concessions account. The two retiring directors, Mr. T. H. Wilson and Mr. E. B. Livingston, were unanimously re-elected, and the auditors, Messrs. Everett and Whibley, were re-appointed.

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

At the meeting of the Fisheries Commission held in Victoria on Monday last, the evidence taken with regard to illegal fishing in Cowichan river was concluded. The members of the commission present were the Hon. Wm. Templeman and Mr. A. W. Vowell superintendent of Indian affairs; Mayor Hayward, of Victoria, and Mr. S. T. Mann, as legal adviser, were also present.

A letter was read from Mr. Hartnagel, of the Driard Hotel, stating that the deterioration of the fishing in the Cowichan river was annually disappointing hundreds of people who came from all parts of the world for good fishing, and was thus doing incalculable harm to Victoria

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and the Island. In his opinion, though there might be a difference of expert opinion as to the amount of harm the weirs did, he had always believed that the government had declared their use illegal, and visitors had told him that had they known the use of weirs to be permitted they would not have come. Mr. Burton, on the contrary, from nine years' experience of the river, thought the fishing some years ago the best in the world. In the last five years the fishing had deteriorated on account of the logging, which destroyed the fishing grounds. The weirs were absolutely a benefit instead of a detriment. The weirs checked the steel heads, and in that way afforded good fly fishing. He strongly favoured doing away with netting by the Indians. Mr. C. H. Lugrin said that the effect of enforcing rigorous regulations on the rivers of New Brunswick was of great benefit to the whole community. The Indians who speared salmon and the white settlers had opposed the interference with established rights, but the fishing had improved upon the new regulations being enforced.

Senator Templeman read a report from Mr. Sword, fisheries inspector, recommending that the Indians should still be allowed to use weirs in the Cowichan river. Mr. Mann maintained that the Fisheries Act declared weirs illegal. Mr. Carthew thought weirs or any other obstruction of a stream injurious to fish, as preventing them going up stream to spawn. Detective Palmer had visited the weirs on the Cowichan and found several nets lying along the banks ready for use. He also found a dam on one of the streams running into the lake on the Quamichan reserve. No fish could pass that dam.

This concluded the taking of evidence and the commission adjourned sine die.

THE S. S. "STRATHCONA."

The "Strathcona" was the scene of an unfortunate accident after her return from the moonlight excursion on Tuesday last. The head of the cylinder blew off and three men were injured. The most serious injury was to the engineer, but we are glad to hear that he and the others are all doing well. The S. S. "Iroquois" will now be put on the Nanaimo run, and the S. S. "Mermaid," recently adapted for passenger traffic on Turpel's ways in Victoria, will take the Island route.

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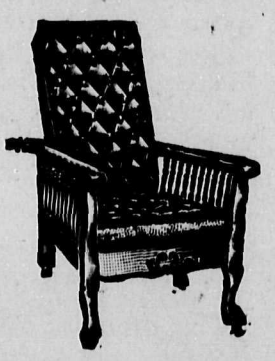

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BUTTE MINING CONGRESS.

The mayor of Victoria has received a letter from the secretary of the International Mining Congress to be held at Butte, Montana, on the 1st to 5th of next month, tendering him a cordial invitation to appoint four delegates to the mining congress. We hope that one at least of the four delegates appointed will be a special representative of the Mt. Sicker district, which, in the light of recent developments, and the proximity of the new smelters at Crofton and Ladysmith, has a claim second to none in this province for special representation. The International Mining Congress will be representative of the greatest mining interests in the world, and the value of its deliberations to the mining industry must be immense. And at no better place could it have been convened to meet this year than at a city, which in the words of Mr. Irwin Mahen, the secretary, contains below its surface "600 miles of development work—a world's wonder!"

THE FISHERIES COMMISSION.

The Fisheries Commission appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine to investigate the complaints made as to the use of weirs and other practices for the taking of fish in the Cowichan river has for the present concluded its sittings. It has sat in both Duncans and Victoria and taken evidence from a large number of witnesses who are personally acquainted with the fishing in the river. Its scope, as Senator Templeman expressly pointed out, was not to come to any decision or to give judgment as to the legality of the use of weirs and other doubtful practices, but merely to gather information to be sent in as a report to the minister for his own guidance.

Of the witnesses heard at Duncans, almost all without exception were of opinion that the weirs did little harm, and that even if they were in part detrimental to the fishing the harm done to the district was not nearly so great as would be wrought by arbitrarily doing away with old established rights of the Indians, thus turning the chief landholders in the district into enemies, whereas they are now the best of friends with the white farmers. In Victoria some difference of opinion was expressed. Expert opinion also differed, but the balance seemed to be in favour of the argument that weirs in themselves are not so detrimental to fishing as might appear. On the subject of netting there was absolutely no difference of opinion. The taking of fish with nets was universally disapproved of as being destructive in the highest degree to the fishing in the river. Another reason given for the deterioration of the fishing of late years in the Cowichan river was the passage of logs down the stream, necessitated by the logging operations at and around the lake. The remedy for this last is not easy to find. A good deal of antagonism has been stirred up by the action of the Tourist Association, in appealing to Ottawa to have the weirs destroyed; but beneath it all there is but the main desire to improve the fishing if possible, while at the same time to act justly with regard to established rights, and to safeguard the local interests of the Cowichan district, which would be most immediately affected by any change. The evidence taken by the commission will be very valuable in enabling the Minister of Fisheries to come to a decision in the matter.

The Nanaimo people have held a meeting calling attention to the fact that no survey party has as yet been sent into the field, as promised, to make a survey for a railway line through from that town to Alberni. Is it not time that the inhabitants of the Cowichan district should also stir themselves to find out what steps have been taken to make a survey for the alternative railway route through the Cowichan Valley to Alberni? This was promised to the Cowichan delegation, which many months ago waited on the Premier and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and the survey party was to have been put in the field in June last. We believe that our reeve, Mr. J. N. Evans, has already taken some steps to press the fulfilment of this promise; but in view of our Nanaimo neighbours' activity, we cannot begin to talk about our own aspirations in the matter of railway construction too much or too soon, or to make up our minds that our claims shall not be neglected.

Several residents of Duncans and district have pointed out to us a statement made by a correspondent to one of the city papers that he had seen over twenty deer skins lying at Cowichan station, from which he deduced the fact that the deer had been killed out of season. As a matter of fact these skins might have been seen lying there any time these last six months.

In consequence of a change of publishers and the necessary resetting of advertisements and making up of paper, etc., our issue is unavoidably delayed this week.

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Crofton Up to Date.

THE SMELTER.

The samplers have been steadily at work and the whole of the ore that was accumulated for them has now been disposed of, and new shipments can be treated directly on arrival. Shipments from the Lenora mine have been renewed and will now continue daily. The roast heaps are still burning: one is a heap of about 1.500 tons, the other a smaller one containing some six or seven hundred tons. The fumes from them are not felt to any great extent in the town, as the prevailing winds blow them either directly against the back hills or over the bay. Several carloads of coal have arrived from Ladysmith, but the smelter company are now waiting for coke. When this arrives the "blowing in" need not be far off, unless as a matter of convenience. The water-jacket furnace is practically completed and bricked in, a few connections alone remaining to be made. The new copper jacket furnace, however, and the converters have yet to arrive, and there is a good deal of work being done in the erection of machine and blacksmith shops at the back of the boiler house, and a foundry is to be installed. The company have ordered a yard engine of their own, so as to be independent of the railway company in hauling waggons to and from the wharf, etc. A Fairbanks R. R. Standard Scale has now been placed in position. On to these the carload of ore is drawn, and the weight is taken automatically and tickets stamped with the figures so that no mistake can be possible. On the return trip the empty car is weighed, and the difference gives of course the actual weight of ore.

THE WEEKLY DANCES.

The second of the weekly dances took place last Friday, and was even better attended than the first. Eighteen couples took the floor, six or seven of them coming from Chemainus. Their mode of transport afforded much amusement. They came in a waggon with hay in it, a very merry party, and returned the same way an even merrier one with an enchanting moonlight drive before them. Croftonians hope they will come again. These dances promise to be a great success. Mr. W. I. Deasy, who is working for Mr. Conlin at the Crofton Hotel, instituted them with the help of Mr. Geo. Wilson. To Mr. Deasy, indeed, most of their success is due, he providing the music and being master of ceremonies and general organizer. Refreshments are served, and admission is 50 cents.

OBITUARY.

It is with very great regret that we have to announce the death by pneumonia of Mr. J. Croft at Detroit, Michigan, where he had gone to complete his medical studies. Mr. J. Croft was brother of Mr. Henry Croft, and only some few months ago was staying in Crofton. His career had been an adventurous one, having served in the American army in Cuba and Porto Rico, where he was twice wounded, and in the Philippines and China. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Henry Croft.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bellinger and Miss Bellinger are daily expected in Crofton.

Mrs. Fotheringham and family have left Crofton on a visit to Butte, Montana. Mr. D. S. Fotheringham went to Victoria and across the Sound with them.

Mr. F. E. Young and Mr. W. H. Yost, of the smelter, have been in Victoria on business during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Conlin, of the Crofton Hotel, and Miss Genevieve Devitt are going over to the Elk's Carnival for a few days.

Mr. Jos. Bye has been visiting across the Sound.

Mr. Geo. Williams, draughtsman on the smelter construction, has finished his work and left Crofton much to the regret of his many friends.

Messrs. Parker Clark and Fred Young have bought out Mr. G. Williams' interest in the "Copper Queen." The racing yacht is now on the ways at the smelter to have her present deck of fir stripped off, and a new one of cedar put in place of it. This will improve her speed and sailing considerably.

The contractors, Messrs. Smith & Sherbourne, are now completely through with their work on the smelter construction, and they have left a very good impression behind them.

Messrs. Craig & Mackintosh, the contractors for the erection of the five new houses on Robert and Queen streets, and the four later ones on Arthur street, are to be congratulated on their thorough and stylish work. A few more such houses, at lower rents if possible, are very badly needed.

Mr. G. Mesher, of Victoria, is contractor for the erection of Mr. C. St. R. G. Master's new house.

At the Osborne Hotel during the week have been registered: Mr. Anthony Anderson, Nanaimo; Capt. S. F. MacKenzie, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craig, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Coulter and daughter; Mr. J. McCulloch, Extension, and Mr. J. W. McCready, superintendent of the Lenora-Mt. Sicker railway.

At the Crofton Hotel have registered during the week: Mr. G. Mesher, Victoria; Mr. A. R. M. Dowie, Vancouver; Messrs. Jack Pauline and Hugh Little, of Victoria, who have just returned from South Africa, having left with the last contingent; Messrs. C. G. Dickinson and J. G. Elliott, of Victoria and Messrs. Parkin Mason and P. Hitchcock.

A fast trotting black gelding is for sale at Mr. Malcolm Elliott's stables, Crofton.

IRON MINES ON WEST COAST.

The iron minese in the Gordon River district, in which Mr. H. E. Newton, of the Golden Eagle mine, is interested, are very promising. His syndicate propose eventually to establish steel works at or near Port Renfrew. To this end they are acquiring properties and developing them to the producing stage.

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The Municipal Council of North Cowichan met on Saturday, the 16th inst. The reeve, Mr. J. N. Evans, presiding, and present Councillors Messrs. Bonsall, Herd, Dobson and Skinner, and Clerk of the Council, Mr. J. Norcross. A petition from several ratepayers was presented, asking the council to keep in serviceable repair the wharf at Maple Bay. Two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for this purpose, and steps taken to have it expended at once. The work on the roads was reported well advanced. Tenders for work on Chisholm's road were called for, and one contract on May's road let to Mr. J. Wiesmiller.

The health officer reported everything satisfactory throughout the district.

The returning officer, Mr. J. Norcross, reported the Duncans waterworks by-law as carried by 44 to 3. The by-law was then reconsidered and finally passed the council, and the clerk instructed to have it registered.

A by-law to prohibit the keeping or slaughtering of hogs in Duncan was introduced by Mr. Dobson, and passed its first and second readings.

A by-law was considered to further define the duties of the reeve and treasurer, and a by-law to establish a road from the Victoria-Nanaimo trunk road to Chemainus river near the bridge was introduced by Mr. Herd, and passed the first and second readings.

The reeve gave notice that he would introduce a by-law at the next meeting regulating the width of sidewalks and the planting of shade trees in Alderlea townsite.

The council will meet again on September 20th.

THE LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club's annual tournament has just been brought to a most successful conclusion. Entries for all the events were numerous, and the play throughout well sustained the high reputation of the tennis enthuiasts of this flourishing institution.

On the concluding day the prizes were presented by Mr. Maitland-Dougall. Mrs. Pimbury was to have made the presentations, but unfortunately the weather was too damp for her to venture out. Mrs. F. H. Maitland-Dougall accompanied her distribution with appropriate speeches, and was heartily cheered at its close. Before the meeting dispersed three cheers were also given for Mrs. Pimbury, and for the Hon. Sec., Mr. F. C. Rivaz, who, since his appointment, has been so persevering in his efforts to further the interests of the club.

The following are the complete results of the play throughout:—

Open Events.

Ladies' Doubles (prizes, a silver bonbon dish, and a silver clothes brush—Mrs. Burton and Miss Maitland-Dougall beat Mrs. Leather and Miss Musgrave.

Gentlemen's Singles (prize, a silver mounted flask—Mr. R. E. Barkley beat Mr. E. W. Shaw.

Gentlemen's Doubles (prize, a silver pencil case and a silver cigarette holder—Messrs. R. E. Barkley and R. St. G. S. Master beat Messrs. R. Musgrave and C. F. Rivaz.

Handicaps.

Ladies' Singles (prize, silver vase)—Miss C. Robertson (scratch) beat Mrs. Maitland-Dougall (owe 15); Miss H. Robertson (owe 15) beat Miss Maitland-Dougall (owe 15); Miss Robertson (owe 15) beat Miss E. Fox (rec. 15-2); Miss J. Holmes (rec. 15) beat Miss M. G. Skinner (rec. 15-2.)

2nd Round—Miss H. Robertson (owe 15) beat Miss C. Robertson (scratch); Miss J. Holmes (rec. 15) beat Miss Robertson (owe 15).

Final—Miss H. Roberson (owe 15) beat Miss J. Holmes (rec. 15.)

Ladies' Doubles (prizes, silver vase and silver frame), 1st round—Miss Maitland and Miss C. Robertson (owe 2-15), bye; Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall and Miss Robertson (owe 2-15) beat Miss Fox and Miss Alexander (rec. 15-2); Mrs. Knox and Miss H. Robertson (owe 2-15) beat Mrs. Leather and Miss Prevost (scratch); Mrs. Elkington and Miss Mutter (rec. 15), bye.

2nd Round—Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall and Miss Robertson beat Miss C. Robertson and Miss Maitland-Dougall. Mrs. Knox and Miss H. Robertson (owe 2-15) beat Mrs. Elkington and Miss Muttere (rec. 15).

Finals—Mrs. Knox and Miss H. Robertson beat Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall and Miss Robertson, 6-5, 6-3.

Gentlemen's Singles (prize, silver cirgarette case)—E. W. Shaw (owe 15) beat O. Smythe, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; R. E. Barkley beat R. St. G. C. Master, 6-3, 6-3; H. F. Prevost beat J. Maitland-Dougall, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; G. R. Mason beat G. Mutter (rec. 2-15), 6-0, 6-2; C. F. Rivaz beat F. M. Middleton (rec. 15), 7-6, 6-2; A. H. Lomas beat C. L. Kingston (rec. 15), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2;F. Kingston, walk over; W. Smythe, bye.

2nd Round—E. W. Shaw beat R. E. Barkley (owe 2-15), 6-5, 6-1; G. R. Mason beat H. F. Prevost, 6-5, 2-6, 8-7; A. H. Lomas beat C. F. Rivaz, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2; W. Smythe beat F. Kingston (rec. 15-2), 6-2, 6-3.

Semi-final—E. W. Shaw (owe 15) beat G. R. Mason (scratch); W. Smythe beat A. H. Lomas (scratch).

Final—E. W. Shaw beat W. Smythe.

Gentlemen's Doubles (prizes, 2 pewter cups); 1st round—A. H. Lomas and C. F. Rivaz (owe 15-2) beat N. Musgrave and C. Kingston (rec. 15);O. Smythe and G. Mason (scratch) beat E. W. Shaw and P. Williams Freeman (owe 15-2); R. E. Barkley and R. St. G. C. Master (owe 15-2) beat J. Maitland-Dougall and F. Prevost (scratch); W. Smythe and G. Mutter, bye.

2nd Round—O. Smythe and G. Mason (scratch) beat C. F. Rivaz and A. H. Lomas (owe 15-2); R. E. Barkley and R. St. G. C. Master (owe 15-2) beat W. Smythe and G. Mutter (scratch).

Finals—O. Smythe and G. Mason (scratch) beat R. E. Barkley and R. St. G. C. Master (owe 15-2).

Mixed Doubles (prizes: lady, silver mounted perfume bottle; gentlemen, silver mounted shaving brush) 1st round—Mrs. Knox and H. P. Williams Freeman (owe 15) beat Miss I. Holmes and O. Smytne (scratco); Miss Fox and C. L. Kingston (rec. 15-2) beat Mrs. J. Maitland-Dougall and G. R. Mason (scratch); rest byes.

2nd Round—Miss Maitland-Dougall and R. E. Barkley (owe 15-2) beat Miss Prevost and A. H. Lomas (scratch); Mrs. Knox and H. P. Williams Freeman (owe 15) beat Miss Robertson and J. Maitland-Dougall (owe 2-15); Miss Musgrave and C. F. Rivaz (owe 15) beat Miss Fox and C. L. Kingston (rec. 15-2); Miss C. Robertson and F. Prevost (scratch) beat Miss H. Robertson and G. Dickson (owe 15);

Semi-finals—Miss Maitland-Dougall and R. E. Barkley (owe 15); Miss Musgrave and C. F. Rivaz (owe 15) beat (owe 15-2) beat Mrs. Knox and H. P. Williams Freeman Miss C. Robertson and F. Prevost.

Final—Miss Musgrave and Mr. C. F. Rivaz beat Miss Maitland-Dougall and Mr. R. E. Barkley 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

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LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. W. E. Blythe has been in Victoria on business.

Mr. S. Hastings Odell, private secretary to the Hon. J. D. Prentice, visited Duncans on Sunday and is spending this week "camping out" at Cowichan Bay.

Mrs. James Norcross, of Willow Bank, Somenos, has been paying a visit to Victoria.

Mrs. J. H. Peterson, of Port Townsend, has been in Duncans visiting her sons. She brought another son and daughter with her. Mr. P. C. Peterson left with her for Victoria on Monday en route for the Sound.

Miss Ruth Ford, teacher at the Glenora ("God's country") school, has gone to the college at Vancouver to finish her studies for a higher teacher's certificate. Her sister, Miss Ethel, is taking her place.

Mr. Sam Robinson commenced work on the construction of a new house for Mr. Parker, of Westholme, last Monday.

Mr. W. Grassie, eldest son of the blacksmith, has arrived from the upper country, where he has been engaged as foreman of a mine and smelter.

We are glad to see Mrs. F. Nelson out and about again after nearly two months' illness in bed.

Mr. F. Nelson, proprietor of the Quamichan Hotel, has removed the stables closely adjoining his new house, and has erected instead a row of shelter sheds for horses and vehicles at the further side of the hotel yard.

Mr. H. Grieve, well known in Duncans, latterly as the proprietor of the old Quamichan Hotel, has taken the Imperial Hotel, Victoria, and is making a really comfortable house of it. His cuisine was tested at a large dinner given by the Victoria Cricket Club to the visiting Seattle team, and was pronounced excellent.

A NEW LODGE AT MT. SICKER.

(From our Correspondent.)

A branch lodge of the Order of the Woodmen of the World was recently inaugurated here under the able organization of Mr. W. O. Aubin. It has, as a send-off, already 30 members, and others are coming in. The "Woodmen of the World" are a very popular and far-reaching brotherhood, and this is one of the many institutions which bring men together in that social sphere of sympathy and fellow feeling which is good for all. Something of this kind was badly wanted in Mt. Sicker and the Woodmen have taken a step in the right direction. Lamming's Hall has been chosen pro tem for their meeting place, weekly, on Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Old members of other lodges will receive a hearty welcome, and would-be new members can make their desires known to our worthy clerk, Mr. Alexander, or to any member of the order. The new lodge is very aptly named "The Welcome Lodge."

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