

GROUND IS PUT IN GOOD SHAPE

Party of Workers Joined in Clean-up Job on Acropolis Hill Yesterday

As a result of the work of a party of players and fans who put in the entire morning and part of the afternoon at the Acropolis Hill grounds yesterday, the field is now in readiness for the season's games and is said to be in good shape as ever it was at the commencement of a season. The surface was raked and rolled, and the field was marked off. The stands were cleaned up and the field was mowed. The baseball netting has not yet been repaired, but it will not be necessary for some time yet. The work done yesterday puts the field in good shape for the opening of the season's games of the year which are to take place tonight.

WENT OUT TO THE BEACHES

at Metlakatla or Tugwell Beach and Much Sunshine

Despite of the threatening weather, a great many people went to the beaches yesterday and those who went to Metlakatla and Tugwell Island reported that there was not a spot of rain at either of those places yesterday, although the clouds could be seen over Prince Rupert. Those who were on the beach in the afternoon enjoyed the heat, which at that time made it necessary to seek shade.

Port Chat

At 6.30 this evening, Rev. George S. Russell will blow the whistle for the opening of the first Senior Football game of the season between the Grotto and the Sons of England. Fore- at this early date, with of the players more or less own quantities, are rather all and not very many fans indulging in speculation as to the outcome of the season's Both teams have a few at year's players on their lists, but there will be several new men.

Line-ups: S. Gawthorne, goal; Hamilton and A. Roy, backs; G. Waugh, J. M. G. Waugh, J. Jackson, G. Waugh, J. Campbell, J. Andrews, forwards; re- L. Gawthorne, E. Smith, J. Under.

Teams of England will be from the following list of J. Hemmons, Kelsey, Cam- Craggs, Hodgkinson, Parks, Darton, Lambie, Hamilton, Hill, Shaw.

Bayonet will again cele- May 24 this year as has the custom for the past ten Committees have been and have commenced of preparation. There will sports for children and tennis, football and of horse races. The day is rounded out with a big in the evening.

Baseball season was open- kwa last Sunday when and Telkwa met and the best game seen in the valley for two years. a nine won by a score of 9 to 0. The batteries were: Raby, Roberts and Telkwa; Wallace and

A hundred gallon tank has been installed at the tennis for the purpose of sup- water for the court. source of supply for the will be the roof of the mley Hall. If it rains there be lots of water and the will not be needed. If it not rain, there will be no in the tank. So there you

best Moore, logging super- of the Whalen Pulp & Co., and A. R. Tomlinson, auditing, arrived from on the Prince George afternoon, the former Vancouver Bay and the lat- Vancouver. They sail- steamer Prince John Vancouver Harbor where ex- logging operations are being noby the company,

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MEET PATRONS FACE TO FACE

Mail Order Men Prefer to Sell at Long
Distance Rather Than Deal With
People in Their Own Cities

One of the stock excuses of the man
who orders goods from a mail order house
is that there are many things that he wants
that the local merchants do not carry in
stock, and that it is necessary for him to
send away from town to get them.

This explanation may be all right on the
theory that a poor excuse is better than
none, but it fails to pass muster when it is
subjected to a little scrutiny.

Ask the man who offers this as an ex-
cuse for his dealings with the mail order
man why he does not not go to the local
merchant and ask him to order the articles
desired if they are not to be found in the
merchant's stock. The merchant will very
gladly do this, and the merchant and cus-
tomer will both profit. The merchant can
sell you whatever you desire at as low a
price as the mail order house can make you
on goods the same quality and he can make
a small profit.

The customer will profit from the trans-
action, because he will be dealing with a
merchant who stands back of the goods that
he sells, and who is easily accessible in case
the articles purchased do not prove to be
all that the customer had expected.

Give Home Merchant Preference

Why not try this plan the next time you
need something which you cannot find in
any of your home stores? The merchant in
the average sized town cannot carry in stock
everything that all of the people in his
town may want at all times. It would re-
quire a capital many times larger than the
average merchant can command to do this,
but he does the best he can. He ordinarily
does carry in stock at all times many things
for order that he may meet the needs of his
customers to the greatest possible degree,
but there is a limit to his purchasing ability.
He is always ready and willing, however,
to make every effort to meet the demands of
the community. Why not, then, give him
the preference over the far distant mail or-
der man if you must have something which
is not to be found in the local stores? He
will do the business in a satisfactory man-
ner, give you as quick if not quicker ser-
vice and more satisfactory treatment, and
the chances are that he will give you better
values for the money. Finally, whatever
profit is to be made off the transaction will
stay at home and do its bit toward making
the merchant and his town and, incidentally,
yourself, more prosperous.

Does Business in Open

The man who sells goods over the coun-
ter, on the other hand, does business in the
open. He cannot hide behind a corporate
name or talk to a displeased customer from
behind the locked doors of a private office.
He knows that he must face the music in
case he is a party to any transaction that
won't stand the light of day. He knows that
he must satisfy every customer with whom
he may be dealing, or he will lose not only
that customer but probably others who will
soon know all the facts if he does not do the
square thing by any one of his patrons.

There is no reason in the world for any
person to send his money to a mail order
house because he cannot find the article he
wants in his local store. The local merchant
is in business for the very purpose of getting
you what you want. He has the information
that will enable him to get what you want
and to get it as quickly as you could get it
from a mail order house. It is only fair to
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