

THE CYCLISTS' DAY.

Midsummer Races at Oak Bay the Great Attraction This Afternoon.

Many Cricket Matches—Naval Men to Spar Twenty Rounds for Points.

At the Oak Bay park to-day the Victoria Wheelmen will give their midsummer race meet with a programme of amateur and professional races and special attractions that cannot fail to interest everyone. Great interest centres in the amateur contests, which will bring together Tyler, Hunter, Moore, Bryant, Cameron, Penwill, Wolf and half a dozen other rising stars, who have not yet had opportunity of trying their relative abilities on a perfect track. Such a course they will have to-day, for it is in the very acme of condition, and good for any degree of speed. The open amateur events will be three in number—a third, a mile and five miles, and these with the novice race for boys should make the riding of the "Simon Pures" a strong feature of the meeting. Bryant, of Wellington, has been named by many experts as the coming provincial champion; it will doubtless be a battle royal in the jump between this provincial crack and Moore, the star of Walla Walla.

Among the professionals the old reliable Davies and Griffiths are here from Everett; Gaffney, of Seattle, has been getting used to the track during a week past and yesterday polished off a quarter in training in 30 1-5. The Sharicks were among the first to enter; J. A. Jones will be on hand to meet them. So will Bartholomew, of Tacoma, the Nanaimo boys and our home talent.

In the professional one mile race Johnson and McGaffney will pace; while S. P. Moody and J. H. Duncan are to go up for the amateur race. The scratch men in the policemen's race are Gilchrist, of the city, and Hunter of the provincial force; Cameron, Conlin and Abbott are expected to make up the field. This contest, like Katisha's left shoulder blade, should draw the crowd from miles away. Post entries will be received for the boys' race, and also for the decorated competition—another new and pretty feature introduced at the suggestion of Vice-President Edwards. The complete race programme for the day will be:

AMATEUR.

- One mile, novice.
- One-third mile, open.
- Boys' race, one mile.
- One mile, open.
- Policemen's race in uniform, one mile.
- Five miles, open.

PROFESSIONAL.

- One-third mile, open.
- One mile, open.
- Two miles, lap race.

During the afternoon the band of the Fifth Regiment will render the following attractive programme:

- March—"The Thunderer" Sousa
- Overture—"Orpheus" Offenbach
- Characteristic Piece—"Guardmount" Eilenberg
- Selection from "A Trip to Africa" Suppe
- Concert Waltzes—"Kralls Balkklange" Lumbye
- Selections from "Der Freischuetz" Weber
- Caprice—"Little Chatterbox" Eilenberg
- Selection from "The Lady Slavey" Kerker
- Characteristic Piece—"Parson Johnson's Chicken Brigade" Johnson
- Selection from "The Gaiety Girl" Jones