

THE VELOCIPEDS.—The velocipedes have been "exercised" on Beacon Hill. The two wheeled vehicle is rather difficult to manage, and but two riders have been found as yet sufficiently well-balanced to maintain their equilibrium for any length of time. These made very good time around the race course. The greatest speed at which this class of velocipede has been driven is a mile in three minutes. For a short distance, it is claimed, a French velocipede kept up with a locomotive running at full speed near Versailles. The average—over a smooth and comparatively level road, such as that leading to Esquimalt town, is said to be a mile in four minutes. At that rate a skilled velocipedian would go from Store st., Victoria, to Selleck's wharf, Esquimalt, in something less than twelve minutes. We have ordered a half-dozen of the two-wheelers for use by the carriers of the Colonist. The three-wheeled velocipedes are intended for ladies and children and may be utilized in a variety of ways by persons residing some distance from town; besides, velocipedes never require to be fed.