

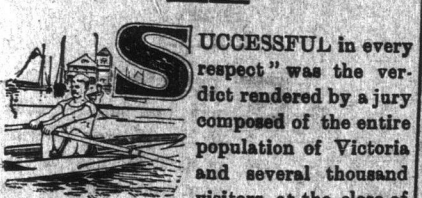
From THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 26th.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Perfect Weather For Her Majesty's Birthday Celebration—A Decided Success.

Crowds of Visitors Present—Highly Interesting Regatta at the Arm.

Baseball Contest—Shooting Tournament—Other Engagements—Grand Programme For To-Day.



SUCCESSFUL in every respect was the day devoted to the celebration of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, which was the first day of the celebration. The weather was certainly perfect—just warm enough to make the shelter of a friendly tree or awning occasionally desirable, but not sufficiently hot to cause distress to those whose business or pleasure exposed to the sun.

The town awoke yesterday morning fully resolved that to get away from itself was the only desirable thing in life. This desire it fully realized before the day was over. Early in the forenoon the multitude already on the streets were joined by a crowd of excursionists brought from Port Angeles by the steamer Garland, and from Roche Harbor and the American Islands by the steamer Harry Lynn. The Geo. E. Starr (Captain Jackson) was another early arrival, with all her capacity taxed to accommodate the holiday-makers from the Sound who were desirous of celebrating the Queen's Birthday and the establishment of the new steamer connection, at one and the same time.

Among the passengers were a delegation of twenty members of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, each with a badge on his coat bearing the legend "The Seattle Chamber of Commerce at Victoria, May 24, 1894. God Save the Queen," and in addition an American eagle and the words "The Seattle Chamber of Commerce." The delegation was accompanied by the following: Geo. E. Starr, Lester Turner, Melvin G. Winstock, W. E. Boone, E. F. Wiltier, Geo. S. Litz, F. G. Pohndorf, Frank Hardwick, J. N. Jackson, Geo. H. Heilbron, Percy W. Rochester, C. Reichenbach, J. J. McGilvra, T. N. Haller, F. A. Wing, F. Davies, E. F. Sweeney, F. A. Hill, F. McKinnon, E. C. Washburn, A. Heilbron, Geo. B. Kistner, H. C. Henry, Chas. Prosch and R. B. Spencer.

By this time the baseball game out at Beacon Hill park was in full swing, witnessed by thousands of spectators. Just after the game ended, the trap shooting began, occupying the remainder of the forenoon at the Hill. Then came the rush cityward and again the streets were jammed and packed with pedestrians, though not so long. The throng on the streets gradually thinned out to join the steady stream of thousands flowing toward the scene of the day's chief event, the regatta at the Gorge. Near noon, however, the steamer Seattle arrived from Seattle and Sound ports with a thousand passengers who came on the A.O.U.W. excursion. They were accompanied by the steamer Willapa, bringing some 300 more who were unable to get standing room on the Seattle.

The R. P. Rither arrived during the forenoon from the Fraser river with about seventy-five people. She was followed by the City of Washington from Everett, Anacortes and Whatcom with about 250 more. The Kingston brought still another party of 300 from the Sound cities; the Islander had a full list from Vancouver; and the cry is still they come.

On wheels, two and four, by paddle, car and steam, afoot and on horse, they hastened away to where a dropping fire of cheers and an occasional roar of applause told that the regatta was in full swing. From the Gorge to the city more than a mile on each side of the Arm, every available space was covered with constantly shifting crowds. The shore line and the water as far as the eye could reach, was a moving mass of craft of all sizes, shapes and descriptions. Most of them were profusely decorated, and formed, with the background of wooded shore, bright waters, and the gay costumes of the crowds on the banks, a scene wonderfully picturesque. Repeated exclamations of delight burst from the spectators arriving not only from the course first came in sight. In the evening, the theatre and other diversions of life claimed attention, until the tired pleasure seekers disappeared from the scene to gain the rest required to fit them for the excitement of the second day.

IT WAS SEATTLE'S GAME.

S.A.C. Rab, Rah, Rah! S.A.C. Rab! Rah! Rah! Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. This combination of sweet sound, made yesterday and last evening musical in Victoria, in the first place because the members of the association found it good to be here, and in the second because they had won their match with the James Bays in the morning. It was a win in a walk, too, but the Bays don't feel by any means "sore" for the game was one of the most gentlemanly and harmonious ever recorded in the history of amateur sport in this Province. Although the visitors had spent the previous night on a crowded excursion steamer, with no chance for sleep, they put up a remarkably strong game, piling up fifteen runs to the two outsiders for the Bays, their play being practically errorless, while they also pitched a beautiful game for Seattle, showing a fast inshoot, very difficult to find, and pitching steadily all through; Cobb (Harvard) supported him in faultless style, without a semblance of a passed ball. In the outfield the visitors accepted every chance, the work of their shortstop being especially noticeable.

In spite of the apparent deparment in the score, the Bays did not play ball by any means. The great trouble lay in the fact that they did not work together; there was too much selfish play, and this, with the fact that Hogan, the home pitcher, was decidedly off color, lacking steam, accounts for the defeat. The play of the home combination was redeemed by sporadic brilliancy, but the nine were not to be depended on to work together. Schultz, who had been playing fine ball at first, went into the box for the last four innings and held the visitors down well. There were no bases stolen while he was out. Borthwick was working together; the latter caught well, and Franklin also did yeoman service. A feature of the game was the entire absence of coaching, and the very

satellary umpiring. Following is an epitome of the score:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
James Bays	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Seattle A.O.	3	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	11

Summers.

Seattle—Runs, 14; hits, 16; errors, 4. James Bays—Runs, 2; hits, 6; errors, 4. Struck out by Thornton, 8; by Schultz, 2. Batteries: Seattle, Thompson and Cobb; James Bays, Hogan, Schultz and Borthwick.

THE REGATTA.

A perfect craze for boating seemed to have seized the city yesterday. By ten o'clock the harbor was alive with small craft, while on the streets one met at every turn people on their way to the water front. The regatta on Victoria Arm was the attraction, and that was the destination of the numerous boating parties that one after another stowed away in launches, skiffs, canoes and outriggers, and took their way across the harbor towards the Gorge. The boating and canoeing men were at work bright and early, putting the finishing touches to their preparation for the day, and by eleven a raft at the James Bay boat house was well laden with the racing craft in readiness for the tug to come along and tow them to the scene of their triumphs and reverses, with of course a plentiful supply of provisions to stock the reception tent that the hospitable James Bays had pitched as their headquarters in which to entertain their visitors.

When everyone was ready down came a message from Secretary Boggs announcing that the Seattle, which was to tow them up to the course and was also to take up the Mayor and other distinguished personages, was ashore. However, it did not take long to press the Spinnaker into service, and by noon she started with the raft in tow and a score of small boats trailing close behind. All along the harbor front were small steamers loading up with passengers, and it required careful sailing to keep clear of the multitude of canoes, skiffs and launches that were all bound in one direction—the Gorge.

The Mary Hare, that was to replace the Seattle as a conveyance for the Mayor, fared no better than her predecessor, for just below Point Elliot bridge she went aground and had to wait for the turn of the tide. Further up, the Royal Arthur's pinnace, towing a long string of men-of-war's boats to take part in the naval races, stuck fast in the mud too and had to wait and murmur and not. It was nobody's fault—the tide happened to be remarkably low, but it soon rose high enough, and everything went well as the pinnace and launches that were all bound in one direction—the Gorge.

Along the shore on either side of the course little groups of pleasure seekers dotted the landscape, while the boats were flying in all directions. Here a big family group in a spacious and safe skiff, might be seen; or a little party of men in a motor launch, or a young man perched at the helm of a gorgeously cushioned boat, while his lady leaned back luxuriously in her comfortably backed seat and smiled sweetly at his efforts.

The weather was as lovely as could be desired, and the sun shone on a scene as picturesque as could be wished to see. Above the green tree-clad sides of the Gorge the sky spread azure blue, while the dark waters of the Arm were bright with varied colors—moss white awnings, Japanese umbrellas, and the holiday attire of the occupants of the many boats. Across from the starting post, a gay line of bunting extended, and added to the brilliancy of the effect.

By the kindness of Admiral Stephenson, two pinnaces from the warships were on hand and placed at the service of the regatta committee, while a number of officers and petty assistants to help out the proceedings, and scores of jolly blue-jackets lent a willing hand to put out buoys, fix up the line, and do the multitudinous work incidental to the regatta. During the day the proceedings were enlivened by the fine music of the R. C. B. G. band, which was stationed close to the starting point.

It was wonderful how the crowds of boats along the course, with the crowds of spectators, the usual annoyances of a regatta, by the thoughtless rowing along the course when a race was in progress, and half the delays in starting races were for this reason, as the course had to be cleared before a race could be sent off.

The races did not commence until a quarter past two, but the crowd was good-natured and amused themselves in various ways to pass the time. The only thing in the shape of an accident occurred some time before the races began, the over-turning of a canoe in which were two luckless bankers of the under tinner's crew, as the result of the sudden turner was the loss of an ankle and the water was splashed over the heads of the swimmers. They were rescued without trouble, and seemed to have enjoyed the fun as well as the spectators.

At the starting bridge, where the crowds of Point Bowen and Capt. Gaudin, with coxswains Commander Stokes, and Lieut. Major Rawstone and Lieut. Burns, R. M. A., besides several other gentlemen, and the Secretary, Dallan, of the J.B.A.A., who helped to make matters run along smoothly.

A steam pinnace of the Royal Arthur was used by the judges, who were Lieut. Nicholson, R. M. of the Royal Arthur, and Lieut. Chadwick, R. N., of the Hyacinth. The clerks of the course, Mr. Hayden, H. M. Dockyard; and Mr. D. Cartmel, R. N., had also a Royal Arthur pinnace kindly lent for the occasion.

At the Citizens' reception barge, moored a short distance from the starting point, Mayor Tansie and the reception committee dispensed hospitality to visitors from outside places and tried to make them feel at home. The James Bays also kept open house in a marquee, with their well known hospitality. The races as a whole were an immense success, and the utmost good nature was shown among the various contestants. The naval races especially proved of immense popularity, the regatta entering with the greatest vim into all the events and they pulled splendidly. The Indian and Kioctohmen races were capital and made an attractive feature of the day.

It may be mentioned in passing that the polo launch under Superintendent Hussey was on the course during the day and officers were placed handy where they could be used if needed. The crowd was a well-behaved one, however, and nothing unpleasant occurred during the day to mar the general harmony.

THE RACES.

The initial event was a thoroughly exciting one, the competitors being seven stalwart crews of Indians, representing as many localities, and two of the crews, all of which were of eleven members each, being from the United States. The programme named a race for 30 foot canoes as the first, but for this the most important contest of the 40-foot canoes, which stood eleventh on the list, was substituted. As the seven boats waited, lined up for the starting signal, the spectators sized up the contestants, and

those in the immediate vicinity seemed to favor the Spanish eleven, who had a newly painted and shapely canoe, and displayed other evidences of their consciousness of merit. They had the right of the course, said the other boats in their order were those of the Dungeness (U.S.), Nanaimo, Cowichan, North Saanich, Port Mellon (U.S.) and Kuper Island Indians. The start was a splendid one. The signal shot had no sooner been fired than the Saanich and Nanaimo crews dashed to the front, but their advantage was small, and the seven crews passed out of sight of the starting bridge pretty well together. Their course was from the Gorge to Deadman's Island and return. The home rowers produced no excitement until very near the finish, when the Kuper Islander, who had been closely following the quick paddling of the Saanich, by a magnificent spurt closed the gap and secured the scant lead of three feet just as the finish line was reached. Saanich was second, Nanaimo a very good third. The reward—\$5 per paddle to the first crew and \$2 to the second—was immediately paid, and the appreciation of the winners was expressed in a fervent, "Thank you, gentlemen; God bless you," which evidently impressed the Secretary.

The Peterboro canoe race, single blade, "for the championship of British Columbia," was not the exciting affair which might have been expected from its title, for those who had entered from Vancouver, at the last moment declined to take part, and E. C. Mackenzie and E. Munro of Victoria were the only contestants. The former was an easy winner.

The professional sculling race, for twenty foot boats, was next on the programme, but no one appeared to compete in it. The single scull championship was therefore next determined. W. Scott and E. Mallandaine, the well known representatives of the James Bays, were the contestants for the honor, which was won by the former. At the outset the contest was spirited, but the redoubtable Scott fully demonstrated his superiority before the tiring buoy was reached and he finished pretty much as he pleased.

The first of the series of Navy races more than made up for any lameness in connection with its predecessors. The first was for ten-oared outriggers, over the full course from the star's barge round Deadman's Island and return. Crews from H.M.S. Hyacinth and Royal Arthur and from the Royal Marine Artillery stationed at the West Point barracks entered. The last attracted general attention, by reason of their blue Army uniforms, which with smart forage caps they wore until taking up position at the starting point, when their tunics came smartly off and revealed the distinctive blue rowing jerseys.

From their athletic appearance it became evident that the Royal Marine Artillery were on the occasion to prove very formidable rivals to the Naval crews. The trespassing of pleasure boats upon the course drove the three outriggers astern, and a foul between the Hyacinth and the Royal Arthur resulted almost immediately, being repeated just beyond Cartmel Point, where the first named crew got well clear of the second, and added distance by turning far into the bay on the left. In the meantime the Hyacinth boat, which though ceasing a foul itself had been responsible by crowding the other, was being steadily ahead. The Marine Artillery rowers were more than made up for lost distance before the turning point was reached, and led throughout the homestretch, finishing about fifty yards ahead of the Hyacinth's with almost as much water between that boat and the Royal Arthur as between the latter and the Peterboro.

The double blade paddle race for Peterboro canoes brought out three crews from H. C. Macaulay, J. H. Senkler and D. G. Kurta. The course as for all canoe races was from the star's barge to a buoy half a mile away and return. Macaulay almost at the start took the lead, paddling a clean easy stroke, but was overtaken and passed by a while Senkler pressed him close. Kurta was outclassed but made a fine struggle. The canoes finished in the order named.

Rowing men had looked forward with very great interest to the senior four-oared race, to all amateur clubs on the Pacific coast, but scarcely knew what was meant by the old time rivals of Victoria and Nanaimo, the representative crews of the Burrard Inlet Rowing Club. The latter appeared to be an exceedingly likely crew, more heavily armed than the Victoria champions, and the fact that they had very freely stated their opinion that the result of the contest during their two days in the water made it plain that they had no lack of confidence in their own ability. The crews were thus made up:

James Bay. Burrard Inlet. J. C. Bailey, bow. H. R. McRusell, bow. G. H. Wilson, 2. H. W. Kent, 3. J. Watson, 4. J. Watson, 5. D. O'Sullivan, stroke. A. K. Henderson, at/rke.

Positions were drawn for as the two crews took their places for the start, near the Point Bowen bridge, and fortune favored Victoria by virtue of the way in which they preferred the left hand side. The course was from the bridge, beside the Sisters of Deadman's Island, and to the Gorge, a distance of a mile and a half. The boats got away well together, but Burrard Inlet at the outset bore away to starboard, far out of the proper line, and thus lost distance. The James Bays, however, rowing steadily and steering a good course pressed the other, and a short distance they too turned off into the bay their rivals were so needlessly navigating, and when they reached Snowden's Point about the half-way landmark, they had a comfortable lead, the visitors being a short distance more behind. The James Bays drew steadily to the front, they passed through the Narrows, and amid tremendous applause the old reliable "Dan" set the strong steady stroke which brought them across the line the proud winners once again of an honor envied by every oarsman in the Province.

The twelve-oared outrigger race brought out three boats—Royal Arthur, stokers, Royal Arthur seamen and Hyacinth seamen. Away they went with a rush, the coxswains leading forward and urging on their men with voice and gesture. As the Island the Royal Arthur seamen turned star, with the stokers second, and the Hyacinth behind. The lead was kept in the same positions to the finish.

The junior four-oared race was an event of very great interest to all the members of the James Bay club, to which it was confined in the absence of any entries from the mainland, for the crews had been steadily practicing for several weeks, and no previous occasion had offered for showing their opinion. As the senior race, the course was from the bridge to the Gorge. The crews consisted of the following:

J. D. Taylor, bow. H. B. Haines, bow. J. C. Bailey, 2. H. W. Kent, 3. T. C. Boulton, 4. J. Watson, 5. G. E. Jorgensen, stroke. E. E. Billingshurst, at/rke.

The Jorgensen crew, who looked considerably heavier than their opponents, had drawn the inside or left hand course, and this saving in distance at the outset helped to compensate for the lead which the Billingshurst crew had in the better start which they made, and which helped materially to place them the half length or so which they were ahead when Deadman's Island was passed. At Snowden's point Jorgensen's crew having made up this loss and secured more than a length to the good took the water of the other crew and thus had the most direct course for the hardly contested race through the Narrows, midway in which a party of pleasure seekers paddled rowed into Billingshurst's boat, which thus lost more than a length. The others pushed on steadily, and won with two or three lengths of clear water between the boats. The race was perhaps the closest of the day, even to the time of the foul with the pleasure boat above referred to.

The 30-foot Indian canoe race was a rattler. The entries were: Chemaino (2), Nanaimo, Cowichan, Saanich and Songhees. Right down to the turn the canoes held well together, the paddles working like flashes in the sunlight. Round the island they came, and on the buoy for home the Cowichan crew went to the front and won, followed closely by Nanaimo, with Saanich third.

In the single-bladed six-oar Naval race there were the Hyacinth's whaler, Royal Arthur whaler, Royal Arthur galley, Royal Arthur first gig and second gig. The race was a capital one, but unfortunately the first and second gigs fouled each other just as they were about to drop out, when it became a fine chance of winning but for its mishap. Then the Royal Arthur whaler took the lead and turned the island first with the Hyacinth second, and first gig third, and in that order they finished.

The junior single-bladed two-mile course—were contested by H. R. Macaulay, J. D. Schultz and J. Adam. Adam took the water first but the three boats kept pretty well bunched till the island was reached, when Adam, who had the race well in hand, turned first with Macaulay second and Schultz third. The latter dropped out and Adam finished three lengths ahead of Macaulay.

The kloochman's race, which had three entries, was, after an interesting and close race, won by Saanich, Victoria second, Nanaimo third, and almost a dead heat.

The four-oared race restricted to the James Bay club brought out the winners of the junior event in substitution for one of the crews entered, and at the last proved unable to participate, and the contestants thus were as follows:

W. H. Wilkerson, bow. J. D. Taylor, bow. G. E. Jorgensen, stroke. G. M. Roberts, 2. W. H. Wilkerson, 3. C. Boulton, 4. F. Widdowson, stroke. G. E. Jorgensen, stroke.

The Widdowson crew, which had been picked to be matched against the representative juniors of last year, was generally agreed to be the stronger, and the fact that the contest was additional reason for supposing that the fresh crew were destined to lead the way. This they did, going to the front very soon after the start, and maintaining that position to the end, though their opponents showed commendable perseverance and kept near enough to make a late work to the end and their victory. Both crews in the end suffered from the thoughtlessness of the public, as the boats were being momentarily fouled in the Narrows, and the winners being brought to a dead stop a few yards from the finishing line by a boat coming square across their bow, which the following crew, who happened to be on the same line, had also to ease up to avoid collision.

Macaulay and Shatcross, G. F. Askew and J. Watson; H. O. Alexander and J. H. Senkler; A. Gore and E. Munro, were the other entries in the Peterboro canoe tandem. Alexander and Senkler swamped near the start, but good race was made by the other three. At the turn Shatcross and Askew were leading, were almost swamped by the wash of a launch, but nevertheless won a good second, Munro and Gore third.

The Peterboro canoe race for four paddlers, canoes of any length, brought out three crews, as follows:

D. O'Sullivan, bow. E. Munro, bow. G. F. Askew, bow. H. Wilson, 2. J. Watson, 3. J. Watson, 4. J. Watson, 5. D. O'Sullivan, stroke. A. K. Henderson, at/rke.

The O'Sullivan crew at once took a slight lead, which they increased considerably as the other crews fouled off. The Peterboro crew passed the line next, but the judges reported that they had not gone through the necessary formality of turning force down, and the second place was therefore declared to have been taken by the Finlayson four.

The all-oarsmen naval race was an exciting one. There were four entries: the Royal Arthur stokers, Royal Arthur outrigger, Royal Arthur galley, and Royal Arthur second gig. The second gig made up for its misadventure in the day and won handsomely, with a bow and bow race for second the galley and the outrigger, the latter gaining that position. The stokers were fourth.

As the time was getting late the extra events, with the exception of the greasy pole, were dispensed with. Seaman Birch, the Royal Arthur, walked off with the pig that hung at the end of the pole after his fifteen or sixteen predecessors had ignominiously failed to get anything but a ducking.

AT THE WICKETS.

The chief event on the card for this morning, for sport-loving visitors at all events, will be the meeting at the Hill at 10 o'clock of the Westminster eleven and the Albion eleven. The Royal City men arrived over last evening and are a strong aggregation, capable of holding their own with any team on the Coast. The Albions will play: F. W. Thomas (captain), A. C. Anderson, H. Outhbert, C. Frost, J. C. Jones, G. A. Malby, H. Martin, C. Schwenger, R. H. Swinerton, Q. H. Worden, and F. G. Fowkes.

Mr. C. Schwenger will umpire. In the evening every day interested in the good old English game will be sure to attend the grand fancy dress ball under the auspices of the Victoria C.C. at the Mount Baker hotel, Oak Bay. The Lieutenant-Governor and the Admiral, with their parties, are expected to attend, together with contingents from the Sound, Vancouver, Westminster, Nanaimo, Cowichan and other points. The decorations are unique as well as artistic, particularly so as later athletic clubs have kindly contributed, and a pillar in the ballroom has been assigned to each of these clubs assisting. These decorated pillars will be the rallying points for the particular friends of each club. Among the clubs who have been assigned pillars are the James Bay Athletic Association, the Canoe Club, the Rugby Football Club, the Victoria C.C., the Golf Club. All other arrangements are being completed; the tramway company promise the best service on record; Mr. Virtue will use his best efforts in placing the floor in order; and in fact everything is being done to make the affair a perfect success. To accommodate those attending, the Islander will delay her departure for Vancouver until 8 a.m.

To-morrow the Westminster's will again play at Beacon Hill, the Caledonia grounds

being otherwise utilized, their opponents being the following eleven of the Victoria C.C.: D. Doh, B. H. T. Drake, J. F. Foulkes, A. T. Goward, G. S. Holt, V. Howard, A. G. Smith, W. Wallace, Q. R. Worden and C. P. Wolley.

VICTORIA GUN CLUB WINS.

Good scoring all round distinguished the shooting yesterday at the Beacon Hill traps, and though the Victoria club won, the defeat they suffered was in no way discredit-able to either the Union team or the members of the Tacoma Rod, Gun and Rifle club, who competed against them. Only four men of the latter were on hand, and the match was one of four men teams, though the two extra men of the local clubs being present took their turns at the traps as a combination team. As announced yesterday the match was on twenty-five singles, Blue Rocks, five traps, rapid firing, at known angles. The shooting commenced at 10 o'clock and lasted two and a half hours; there was a strong sun with a slight breeze, but on the whole the match was in excellent shooting weather. Mr. Otto Weiler headed the score, missing but one bird—his fifteenth—and was closely followed by Messrs. H. A. Munro (the combination), C. W. Minor (Union), E. E. Ellis (Tacoma), and W. H. Adams (Victoria), each with twenty-three. The average scoring was unquestionably excellent for team shooting, as will be noted below:

VICTORIA GUN CLUB.	
W. H. Adams	1111-1111-1111-1111-24
H. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-23
E. E. Ellis	1111-1111-1111-1111-20
C. W. Minor	1111-1111-1111-1111-18
Total	1111-1111-1111-1111-85

UNION GUN CLUB.	
C. W. Minor	1111-1111-1111-1111-23
H. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-20
E. E. Ellis	1111-1111-1111-1111-18
F. M. Hewings	1111-1111-1111-1111-15
Total	1111-1111-1111-1111-76

TACOMA ROD, GUN AND RIFLE CLUB.	
H. T. Denham	1111-1111-1111-1111-15
E. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-12
E. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-10
E. E. Ellis	1111-1111-1111-1111-10
Total	1111-1111-1111-1111-47

VICTORIA AND UNION GUN CLUBS.	
J. C. MacLure	1111-1111-1111-1111-19
H. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-19
E. A. Munro	1111-1111-1111-1111-15
J. W. Switzer	1111-1111-1111-1111-15
Total	1111-1111-1111-1111-68

VICTORIA FIREMEN CHAMPIONS.

The Victoria firemen's team return from Nanaimo on the noon train to-day, bringing with them the Nanaimo team for the Saturday morning contest. The Victoria team will consist of T. Patsen (capt.), F. Hinds, H. Pettigrew, E. Patsen, C. Smith, W. P. Smith, E. McDowell, S. Mac, G. Ore, F. Leroy, W. Rendall and W. J. Doney. The Port Angeles team of fourteen men are in town with C. F. Meritt, chief of the department. The competing team will be W. Crockett (capt.), S. Hinch, J. A. Wilson, Will Roy, E. J. Dyke, W. J. Mynt, J. McLeod, Harry Dennis and B. Graham. Report gives this team speed and some of the runs may be looked for to-morrow. In the Nanaimo firemen's tournament yesterday the following were the results:

Championship race (Run of 500 feet, take out second length of hose, exchange places with first length, connect with hydrant, put on nozzle, time to be taken when water leaves nozzle.) Victoria first, Nanaimo second. This victory renders the Victoria team champions of the Northwest in this difficult contest. In the wet speed the positions were reversed, Nanaimo first and Victoria second.

AT THE PLAY.

Robt. Drouet's play "Doris," with Effie Ellier as leading lady, was presented at the Victoria theatre last night. As Doris Nane, the divorced wife of the convict Stephen Brand, and school teacher in an obscure village, filled with gossip, Effie Ellier displayed excellent powers, which times to quiet yet intense passion, which carried her audience with her in sympathetic appreciation.

Of the support, Frank Weston as Brian O'Neil the prison doctor, was one of the best, while Robert Drouet as Kenneth Ashleigh the saint, in love with Doris, did good work all through. G. W. Chidlock as Edward Merrigood the old rector, carried a warm "warm" place part with ease and finish. The remainder of the cast is very well balanced, and as a result gave a smooth and pleasing production throughout.

To-night the same company will put on the old and ever popular "Hazel Kirke," and to-morrow evening "A Woman's Power," especially adapted for Effie Ellier by Robert Drouet. Judging by last night's programme this company should command good houses for the remaining nights of their engagement.

CELEBRATION GOSSIP.

A large number of Victorians who prefer a quiet holiday to a busy one among the throng, attended the picnic at Shawnigan lake yesterday. The lumber company and their employees had the affair in hand and made it a complete success. The programme of sports included a ball game, tug-of-war, and numerous other athletic contests and exercises.

Numerous stores and private residences have been prettily decorated for the birthday season, conspicuous being the Pritchard House and Campbell's Corner, upon which Frank Campbell and William Marshall have done much hard work, guided by artistic taste.

The band of chosen braves who were to have given a series of war dances in the market hall last night found themselves as "done up" after the canoe races in the regatta that they decided to rest up, and the hall remained in darkness.

The committee of the James Bay club and lady friends who assisted are to be congratulated on the handsome manner in

which they entertained at their tent at the Gorge during the regatta.

THE CITY.

MANY readers of the COLONIST will be pleased to read a letter from Rev. Mr. Chappel who was formerly well and favorably known in this city prior to his removal to Aoyama, Tokio, Japan.

Mrs. ISABELLA POTTINGER, wife of Mr. George Pottinger, died at the Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon, after a painful illness of nearly three months' duration. The deceased lady was an old resident of this city, having arrived here from the Old Country on a sailing vessel, with her husband and children, in December, 1866. Besides the bereaved husband, there are left to mourn a mother's loss James and Wm. B. Pottinger, of this city; D. R. Pottinger, Kamloops; Thos. T. Pottinger and Mrs. Robert Jones, of San Francisco—all married and with families of their own. A strange coincidence of this sad event was that it occurred on the anniversary of the death of her second son, George, 27 years ago.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Speculation on the New York Stock Exchange Characterized by Firmness.

Bradstreet's and Dun's Reports—No Improvement in Business—Diminutions in Failures.

New York, May 25.—Railway and miscellaneous speculation was characterized by firmness to-day. At intervals the "bears" endeavored to raid the list for the purpose of getting back their contracts, but finally concluded that stocks were too well held to be shaken out by the ordinary methods employed by the professionals and they sent their brokers into the board with orders to "cover." At one time they did succeed in forcing a sugar down to 99 1/2; Chicago Gas to 68 1/2; Prices advanced 3 to 2 1/2 per cent. from the lowest point of the morning and 282,235 shares changed hands. The market closed strong at about the best figures of the day. The net changes show a decline of 1/2 to 3 1/2 per cent. and in the specialities Cordage preferred rose 2 to 3/8. Closing bids: Atchafalpa, 9 1/2; Burlington & Quincy, 7 1/2; Canadian Southern, 69 1/2; Canadian Pacific, 64 1/2; C. C. C. & St. P., 34 1/2; Delaware, Lake Shore & Western, 160; Erie, 124 1/2; Wells, Fargo Express, 123; Great Northern, 102; Lake Shore, 131; Louisville & Nashville, 45 1/2; Missouri Pacific, 27; New York Central, 93 1/2; New York & N. E., 4 1/2; North American, 3 1/2; Northern Pacific, 108 1/2; preferred, 16 1/2; North Western, 108 1/2; Navigation