

The Great Peace Programme

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The Great Peace Celebration in Vancouver on July 19th was so fully described in the daily press that it needs but little description here. The parade was splendid. The procession was nearly two hours passing a given point. The floats were beautiful.

In the afternoon a vast crowd gathered for the open air thanksgiving in Stanley Park. His Worship Mayor Gale presided, and the speakers were Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Bishop de Pencier, Commander DeWet (divisional transport officer), Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.P.P., Major-General A. D. McRae, M. Chevallier (French consul) and Mr. I. N. Linnell of the American consulate.

Commander DeWet spoke for the Navy, and praised also the mercantile marine. Bishop de Pencier recited "In Flanders Fields," and touched briefly upon the great lessons of the war. Hon. T. D. Pattullo reminded his hearers of responsibilities that must come with peace, and added that even in their rejoicing they should remember the fallen who had made it possible.

Mrs. Ralph Smith spoke as a representative of womanhood, which the world over had such cause to rejoice in peace.

M. Chevallier said that he had waited for forty-nine years to celebrate a victorious peace such as this.

Mr. Linnell said the hearts of American citizens were with them in the splendid celebration.

Major-General McRae spoke of the gratitude of the soldiers.

Mayor Gale, in closing, thanked the surrounding municipalities for the part they had taken in the celebration. The musical part of the programme was under the conduct of Prof. G. P. Hicks.

At night there was an open-air dance, a water carnival and a display of fireworks. The whole celebration was a brilliant success.