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**PRO BONO PUBLICO.**

In making our bow to the public, we feel that, compared with our contemporaries, we occupy a peculiar and enviable position. We have no political doctrines to advocate, no party questions to thrash out, with a multitude of words and waste of good ink and paper. Neither have we any quarrel with the Government, and are indeed on excellent terms with the Opposition. It is not our intention to attempt to solve the Eastern question in our editorial column, or yet to touch upon the finer issues of "Bimetallism." Nor do we wish to stir up ill-feeling by speculating on the secret history of the Columbia & Western Railway fiasco at Ottawa. We will not even hurl our anathemas at the City Council, pointing with the finger of scorn at the crupine appearance of Pender street and the volcanic condition of Georgia street. We are not bemused by the Magistrate's riders of the City.

Happily, it lies with us to perform a pleasant duty, in which the cares of business and the conduct of public affairs have no part. To us has been intrusted the happy task of recording the inauguration of Vancouver's Jubilee Fair, and to invite our fellow citizens, young and old, to throw care to the winds, to don their gala clothes, and give their hearts to merry-making. For weeks past a band of ladies and gentlemen have worked patiently and unceasingly to provide right royal amusements for their fellow citizens at this holiday period. No efforts have been spared, and no difficulties seemed too formidable to be overcome by them, and now, upon the grounds of the Hotel Vancouver there is to be seen as pretty a sight as ever met the City's gaze. Picturesque booths and snowy tents, bunting of every color, and a thousand swinging lamps decorate the grounds. A constant and inventive variety of amusements greet the visitor, and when wearied with sight-seeing, what pleasanter relaxation can be desired than to sit at one of the little tables scattered around the grounds and sip a rarely flavored ice cream, made and served by gentle hands?

Space forbids us to expatiate on the various features of the Fair. The programmes and notices in our columns speak for themselves. Nor, in truth, have we time to spare, for already the voice of the office boy can be heard in open revolt, and the faces of the compositors wear a mutinous expression. Indeed, it must be confessed that we ourselves are itching to change our working clothes and wash the ink-stains from our fingers.

**The Secretary's Nightmare.**

The Secretary sought for a few moments rest, Wearied out by the work she had done, But a horrible nightmare sat perched on her chest And she dreamt that the Fair had begun.

The Vanishing Lady could nowhere be found, Her works had gone wrong it was clear; The Jubilee Minstrels were wand'ring around, Whenever they ought to appear.

The Boys' Brigade led by a young Captain Kidd, Swept down on the Supper depot: The amount that they eat, and the tricks that they did, Would have paralysed Barnum's great show.

Then a horrible case of wife beating took place, And the scandal could not be concealed, When the spectators saw poor old Punch in disgrace, Lead away by the police from the field.

Aunt Sally got mad from a blow on the head, Struck, she said, by some ill-mannered brute, And vowed she would faint unless she was fed, On a barrel of ice cream and fruit.

Then trouble arose in the Gipsy's tent dark, When the Seer declined to state clear, That the prospect was good for the road to the Park, Being fixed by the end of the year.

Then the Fat Woman sat on the weighing machine, 'Till it burst with a shocking report, And the Skeleton Man the fence squeezed between, And the Dwarf with the gate-keeper fought.

From the band-stand an uproar most awful arose, Which knocked out the new "Gramophone," For each player had started with zeal to compose, A Jubilee march of his own.

Here the Secretary woke and opened one eye, To see if the morning was fine, And she heard at her door the horrible cry, "Get up, it's a quarter to nine."

Some of the prominent Government officials have been made recipients of Jubilee honors. It is said on the street that Jack Bowell had a close shave.

What objection can you give to the proposal that another month shall be added to the Calendar and called Victoria? Because it is sure to be a month of long reign (rain.)

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