

An Historical Event, Recalled by a Pioneer.

THE SHOW OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

FINE COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

Best Exhibit in History of Horticultural Association—Keen Competition and Many Competitors.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The third annual show of the Victoria Horticultural Association was opened in the drill hall this afternoon at 3 o'clock. There was a large attendance, and it was the opinion of everybody that the society had succeeded in eclipsing all previous exhibitions. The members are to be congratulated on having secured the army ground for their show as it enables the exhibits to be shown to the very best advantage, and gives the spectators plenty of room to move around and admire.

Secretary Jas. Bland, of the association, told a Times representative that the entry list this year exceeded those of the past, appreciably. Competition in the various classes is keen, and the quality of the displays is excellent. The exhibit

will be shown by the public in a large attendance throughout the exhibition.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

There was a large attendance at the flower show in the drill hall last evening. The beautiful exhibition of flowers aroused the admiration of the spectators, who have nothing but the warmest praise for the very creditable display. A glance at the appended prize list will show the successful competitors. In a class Major Dupont carried off the palm, the Jubilee greenhouse winning second. In class B Mrs. Henry Croft won four prizes, three firsts and one second. The judges were: L. Russell, Jubilee gardens; A. Ohlson, Oakland nursery; and P. T. James. Following is the prize list:

Class A—Florist.

Best collection of greenhouse plants arranged for effect, to cover 150 square feet, exhibitors to have selling privilege after judging—plants not to be removed until end of show. First prize, silver medal and diploma; second prize, \$10. First prize, Major Dupont; 2nd prize, Jubilee Greenhouse.

Roses, best named collection, shown singly in vases, \$5—2nd, Flewin Gardens.

Class B—Pot Plants (Amateurs Employing Labor).

Begonias, tuberous, single, best 10—1st, Mrs. Croft; 2nd, Miss H. L. Pemberton. Begonias, tuberous, double, best 10—1st, Mrs. Croft; 2nd, Miss H. L. Pemberton. Begonias, tuberous, best collection, not less than 15 plants—1st, Major Dupont; 2nd, Mrs. Croft. Begonias, fibrous, 6 plants—1st, Mrs. Croft.

Dahlias, Cactus, pink, 1 variety, 6 blooms—1st, F. B. Pemberton; 2nd, Major Dupont.

Dahlias, Decorative, 12 distinct colors—2nd, Mrs. G. H. Barnard.

Dahlias, best named collection—1st, J. C. Newbury.

Sweet Peas, 24 varieties—1st, J. A. Bland; 2nd, Mrs. A. Henderson.

Sweet Peas, 16 varieties—1st, J. A. Bland; 2nd, Mrs. R. Croft.

Sweet Peas, 8 varieties—1st, J. A. Bland; 2nd, Mrs. R. Croft.

Sweet Peas, named collection—1st, J. A. Bland.

Delphiniums, best collection—1st, F. B. Pemberton.

Petunias, double, best collection—1st, J. A. Bland.

Petunias, single, best collection—1st, J. A. Bland.

Hardy Perennials, Herbaceous, best collection—1st, Mrs. H. Croft.

Hand Bouquet—1st, Mrs. Frank Morrill; 2nd, Mrs. A. Henderson.

Basket of Cut Flowers—1st, Miss A. D. Watson; 2nd, Miss H. S. Pemberton.

Class C—Cut Flowers.

Plants in Flower, best 12—1st, Mrs. R. Tennant; 2nd, Sgt. B. F. Train.

Geraniums, double, best 6 in flower—1st, A. H. Ridgman; 2nd, J. P. Stewart.

Geraniums, single, best 6 in flower—1st, A. H. Ridgman; 2nd, J. P. Stewart.

Colours, best 6—2nd, Miss Lucy Angus.

Begonias, best 6—1st, Mrs. R. Tennant; 2nd, W. A. Lorimer.

Specimen Plant, foliage—1st, Mrs. H. Hobbin; 2nd, J. Duncaif.

Class C—Cut Flowers.

Gladioli, best collection—1st, Mrs. A.



FOUL BAY.

A Cove Which is Growing in Popularity.

bits are benched in the most careful manner so that the contribution of every exhibitor may be seen. There are three classes—A, B and C. The first, strictly speaking, is the scope of professionals, the next is for exhibitors who employ help in the gardens, and the third is for amateurs altogether. Each class is largely represented.

On the middle benches there are some fine specimens of foliage and flowers shown by Mrs. Croft. Adjoining this exhibit is a splendid miscellaneous collection from the Jubilee greenhouse. Palms, geraniums, begonias and dahlias are to be seen in luxuriance.

The same might be said of the benches which flank the middle one. On the left hand side there is a fine showing of lilies, pansies, dahlias and baskets of cut flowers. The sweet pea exhibit of Mrs. Croft is one of the features of the show, being beautifully arranged. The school children's exhibit is not so large as the officers of the society hoped for, but probably the excellence of the general display this year will stimulate a warmer competition next year. Mrs. M. A. Flewin has on exhibition a beautiful lot of flowers, not the least conspicuous of which are the geraniums. The competition in sweet peas for the cup presented by Jay & Co. promises to be unusually keen, and the judges will have a delicate task in deciding the winner.

Another competitive feature of the association is the table display contest, which is to be decided by popular vote. There are a number of tables laden with flowers, and it will require considerable discrimination to make the choice. There are hanging baskets of flowers along the balconies, and every effort has been made to attractively arrange the beautiful subjects exhibited. Messrs. J. C. Newbury and F. B. Pemberton are represented by some fine collections of dahlias, and A. H. Ridgman has produced a very pretty floral fountain design. The exhibition will be in progress two days, and to-night and tomorrow evening concerts will be rendered by the Fifth Regiment band. It is to be hoped that appreciation of the beauties of Victoria's floral production



CORVOVA BAY.

All the Comforts of Home.

SWIMMING BATHS.

To the Editor:—I have always been strongly in favor of having swimming taught in the public schools, made a part in fact of every child's education, but in the absence of public swimming baths, which would be necessary before this could be done, I hailed with delight the proposition made by Mr. St. Clair to the school board a few years ago to establish a floating swimming bath above Point Ellice bridge, and in return for the sum of one hundred dollars towards the erection of the bath, he would give lessons in swimming to any of the school children free of charge. Being a member of the school board at that time, I took pleasure in forwarding the movement, and it was with great satisfaction to myself and many others that the school trustees voted the sum asked. Mr. St. Clair has nobly kept his part of the bargain, as hundreds of boys and girls can testify, who are now accomplished swimmers, and who, I make bold to say, are better physically in consequence.

I am not aware that any further contribution towards the maintenance of this splendid institution has been made, but this I do know, that the little money received for admission to the baths by adults cannot by any manner of means be reckoned as a recompense for all the time and labor Mr. St. Clair spends on the school children. There are quite a number of necessary repairs to be done each year, and I understand that some repairs, requiring the services of a diver, will soon have to be made; also more dressing rooms are required, and I would respectfully submit that this is a legitimate object for which the city could vote a sum of money. I do not think there would be one voice raised in opposition to such a course.

I have paid several visits to the baths this season and it is surprising the large number of boys and girls, from little tots of six years of age upwards, who have and are learning the art of swimming, and who some day may, like Miss Williams, the principal of the Girls' Central school, live to bless Mr. St. Clair for having taught them to swim.

I trust this letter may have the effect of awakening the people of Victoria to a knowledge of the benefits that are being conferred on the children, and stir them up to take a more active interest in the baths.

I understand that Trustee Jay had a motion before the school board some time ago with reference to voting a sum of money to Mr. St. Clair for purposes already referred to, and it was referred to the finance committee. Will the finance committee please act, and act quickly?

I hope also that the mayor and council will find it in their hearts to vote some assistance for this worthy and beneficial institution.

J. G. BROWN.

BUSH FIRES.

Nanaimo, Aug. 5.—Nanaimo is surrounded to-day by bush fires. A big blaze started last evening behind the hospital, which threatened that institution for some time, but the brigade succeeded in checking the flames. Out towards Wellington another big fire is raging, while to the south the bush is reported all on fire near Harwood. Up to the present no damage has been reported.

DAVA BAY.

A Few Miles from Victoria.



THE END OF THE LEAN YEARS.

It is estimated that about \$30,000 has been received for coal oil licenses in Southeast Kootenay lands.

prize, \$150—1st, F. B. Pemberton; 2nd, J. P. Stewart.

Special prize for Design of Dahlias (Cactus)—1st, J. C. Newbury; 2nd, F. B. Pemberton.

H. A. Lilley—Best collection of pansies—1st, Mrs. A. Sheret.

Extra Prizes.

Collection Ferns—1st, W. A. Lorimer; 2nd, J. P. Stewart.

Collection Begonias (cut) from open border—1st, Mrs. B. M. Johnson.

Special Prizes for Cottage Gardens.

Perennial Sunflowers—1st, Miss M. Cridge.

THE SALMON PACK.

Big Shortage in Alaska This Year—Results of Industry Elsewhere.

Advices received from Bristol Bay state that all the vessels of the Alaska salmon fleet are safe, says a San Francisco dispatch. The season's pack has been closed with a total of 800,000 cases, against 1,200,000 cases last season. The Alaska Packers' Association' pack up 525,000 cases, 275,000 cases being packed by various other canneries.

The British Columbia pack will not exceed 150,000 cases, against 475,000 for last year. The Puget Sound canneries' output to August 1st was 29,000 cases, for 1903 it was 465,000. The Columbia river pack to August 1st is 125,000 cases, against 230,000 cases for the same date last year. On coast rivers many canneries are closed.

The Sacramento river pack is the smallest known. The total Pacific Coast pack will not exceed 2,250,000 cases, as against 3,000,000 cases in 1902 and 3,100,000 in 1901.

LADSMITH NOTES.

The crew of H. M. S. Flora gave a concert in the open house last evening for the benefit of Archie Kerr, who was badly injured in a football game between the Flora and Ladysmith teams some time ago. The Flora leaves to-day for Nanaimo, and it is stated the Gratton will shortly visit the same city.

A football match was also played last evening between a team from the Flora and the Ladysmith club. It ended in a draw. Work was resumed at the mines this morning, except at the tunnel, where repairs are going on to the dynamo plant.

CHILDHOOD DANGERS.

How the Heavy Death Rate Among Children May Be Reduced.

The death rate among infants and young children during the hot weather is simply appalling. For example, in the city of Montreal alone in one week, the death of one hundred and six children was recorded. Most of these deaths were due to stomach and bowel troubles, which are always alarmingly prevalent during the hot weather, and most, if not all, of these precious little lives might have been saved, if the mother had at hand a safe and simple remedy to check the trouble at the outset. As a life saver among infants and young children, Baby's Own Tablets are given the Tablets occasionally they will prevent these troubles and keep the children healthy. The Tablets cost only 25 cents a box, and a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the home may save a little life. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug, and may be given with safety and advantage to a new born babe or well grown child. If your dealer does not keep the Tablets, send the price to Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and a box will be sent you by mail post paid.

A FATAL ACCIDENT ON STEAMER STENTOR

Sailor Fell 'Tween Decks on Friday and Sustained Injuries From Which He Died.

Albert Appleman, a member of the crew of the China Mutual liner Stentor, fell from a boom on the ship 'tween decks this morning, sustaining injuries from which he died shortly afterwards.

He was aloft regulating some blocks on the boom when he slipped and dropped a distance of about 20 feet. He was immediately picked up and taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where it was found that he had fractured his skull. Everything possible was done for the unfortunate fellow by Dr. Farmer and other professional men.

Appleman was a native of Liverpool. He was 22 years of age and possessed a bright and pleasant disposition was very popular with fellow members of the crew. His father and mother are living in Liverpool, deceased being their only

EXHIBITION NOTES.

Meeting of Tug-of-War Committee Thursday—The Fly-Casting Competition.

Thursday the committee having in hand the arrangements for the tug-of-war tournament to be held in connection with the fall fair met at the offices of Secretary Swinerton. There were present Dr. E. C. Hart (chairman), Capt. Ridgway Wilson, Company Sergeant-Major Frion and Chief Watson. A lengthy discussion took place on the advisability of pulling on cleats or turf, and a decision finally reached to use the former. The appended conditions were agreed upon: Pull on cleats; time, 15 min.; weight, 120 stone; 10 men; cleats to be 5 feet 6 inches apart; 4 1/2-inch rope, 120 feet; anchors' halts and rope to be provided. The prize offered the winning team is the Play-

line, and the first of these have either gone North or are ready to be sent.

The survey parties in the field will not remain in over winter, but will come out in the fall, returning again in the spring. It is estimated that the work will occupy two or three years.

Prof. King is accompanied by his daughter, Miss King, while Mrs. Titman accompanies her husband. The ladies will go North also.

and point out the features of the exhibit to visitors. Those who adopted this policy last year, he remarked, did very well, and it was the intention of the committee to impress upon the business men, by making a thorough canvass, the trade to be secured, as well as the valuable advertising obtained, by following out such a suggestion.

ACCIDENT AT NANAIMO.

Chief Engineer of the Steamer Ramess Sustains Serious Injuries.

Nanaimo, Aug. 5.—About eleven o'clock last night Gustav Reineck, chief engineer of the Kermes liner Ramess, which is loading coal at Union Bay, met with a serious, if not fatal, accident, while returning to his vessel after spending the evening with friends ashore.

Engineer Reineck was walking on top of the coal bunkers preparatory to descending the stairs leading to an open chute. He caught hold of a nearby rail while endeavoring to save himself, but this broke, and he dropped a hundred feet into the sea below, striking the piles at the bottom of the wharf.

His cries immediately attracted sailors aboard the barge Alexandra, which was

lying near by, and Capt. Logan, of the Alexandra, immediately put off in a boat and arrived just in time to save the engineer from drowning, as he was completely exhausted. He was taken aboard the Ramess and a physician summoned from the Customs by special train, who found the man in a most critical condition, having sustained a compound fracture of the shoulder, three ribs broken, and his legs broken, besides numerous other minor injuries.

The steamer Otter, which was lying at the wharf taking on coal, was immediately pressed into service, and left for Victoria under forced draught with the engineer, who will be taken to the Jubilee hospital.

SALEMAN NEWS.

The wife of John Durranee, of Spring Valley Farm, last week presented her husband with a fine boy.

Mr. Durranee, sr., who has been seriously ill for many weeks, is now recovering.

Reedrick—"Did you enjoy Mrs. Tucker's reception?"

Van Albert—"No, indeed. The men were talking shop and the women shopping."

BOUNDARY SURVEY.

Commissioners From Canada and United States Are Going North to Inspect Work.

Prof. W. F. King, chief astronomer of the Dominion, and O. H. Titman, of the geological survey of the United States, are in the city, guests at the Dalair hotel. They are on their way North to inspect the work being done by the joint parties of Canadian and United States surveyors, who are locating the boundary line between Canada and Alaska.

These parties have been in the field about two months now, having received their instructions from Prof. King when he was in the province before. Bags of the governments are providing an equal number of the bronze posts to be used in marking the

ers' challenge cup, presented by Messrs. John Player & Sons, through their agents, Turner, Bous & Co. Besides this medal will be presented members of the victorious aggregation.

It is not improbable that the Helmecken cup will be competed for in connection with the show. This trophy, which was presented by H. D. Helmecken, K. C., is offered to fraternal societies, and has been won three times before becoming the property of one team. It has been in competition for three years, having been won by the Orangemen, Foresters and Native Sons. The latter are the present holders.

On Monday afternoon a meeting of the committee having in hand the preparations for a fly-casting competition, to take place during the exhibition, will be held at the offices of J. Musgrave, Trowace alley. Among other matters the conditions to govern the contests will be drafted and published for the benefit of those who are contemplating entering. A full attendance is requested.

The morning, Secretary Swinerton, in conversation with a Times reporter, spoke of the advantage derived by merchants who make a display at the show and keep a representative to make sales, take orders,