

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, MAY 22. READY TO CELEBRATE.

The Regatta Committee Completes Preliminary Entries for the Various Aquatic Events.

Additions to the Fleet of Yachts—Victoria's Racing Machines—The Wheelmen's Preparations.

Though the prospect was not promising at first everything now points to the celebration of 1895 eclipsing the great majority of its predecessors. The three strong attractions—the yacht races, the regatta and the show fight—are being well discussed on the Sound and the populations of Seattle, Tacoma and the cities of Bellingham Bay are preparing to come over on a mass and take British Columbia's capital by storm. Here in Victoria the people are getting ready to surrender without a protest to the friendly invaders, and make them enjoy themselves so thoroughly that all will come back again next year to once more conquer and be conquered.

THE POTLACH.

Fully a thousand visiting Indians are gathered on the Songhees reservation, partly to attend a potlatch and have a celebration of their own, and partly to attend a potlatch which is to be given by an Indian named George. The attendant festivities will be shared in mostly by older Indians from outside places, many of the younger Indians having learned better, as one of them stated in talking upon the subject. The visiting Indians come from Nanaimo, Chemainus, Kuper Island, Duncan, Cowichan, Saanich, Discovery Island, Sooch Bay, the West Coast, and from La Conner, Snohomish and Lummi, on the American side. In all these places the whole Indian population has left everything behind at the summons to the potlatch, for it is a great insult not to respond to such a bidding.

To-day at daylight the ceremonies began by gathering at the graveyard and dancing from there into the village. Indians will point out the graves of their dead relatives and after telling the story of the dead distribute clothes, or something in memory of the dead. In the village there will be a scramble for clothes, blankets, guns and other things, and dancing will go on. This will continue two days. The potlatch proper, with George as guest of honor, will be held on either Saturday or Monday.

VISITING YACHTS.

The visiting yachts still continue to arrive. The first one in yesterday was the White Star, which left Seattle Sunday. She stopped first at Port Townsend and later at Dungeness, where the crew enjoyed a clam bake. Her accommodations are 35 feet over all, and 11 feet beam. Her crew is made up as follows: Captain T. O. Hookway, N. Dennee, A. S. Nelson, C. J. Ward, R. H. Peters, C. C. Stratton, A. M. Ward, N. G. McCall, C. Woodhouse, Wm. Letty, and H. Denby.

The second boat in was the Kora, which belongs to the Elliot Bay Yacht club, Seattle, and left home Sunday evening. She left home Sunday evening. She left home Sunday evening. She left home Sunday evening.

The schedule for the yacht races has been arranged as follows:
Class A—Red flag; preparatory gun, 12:45 p.m.; start, 1 p.m.
Class B—White flag; starting gun, 1:15 p.m.
Class C—Blue flag; starting gun, 1:30 p.m.
Class D—Yellow flag; starting gun, 1:45 p.m.
Classes A and B the course three times; classes C and D the course twice. The starting gun for all classes but D will be the preparatory gun for the next following class.

VICTORIA'S FLEET.

A number of Victoria yachts are going to the races this year. First of all will come Commodore Kirk's new boat, the Fro Fro, which is classed as a Gunter sloop, one of the best built in the class. She is 25 feet water line, 7 feet beam, 10 feet over all, 10 feet below water line, 7 feet beam, and her centre-board is down draws 6 feet of water. The centre-board works with a lever. The Fro Fro belongs to the most modern class of yachts and stands next to the Sorcerer, the champion of her class on the Thames.

The Volvo, Captain Seely's boat, is too well known to need description. She belongs in class A and will be sailed this year by Captain Seely and Messrs. Chisholm, Blackwood, Williams, Shedd, White, Spring, E. C. Holden and D. B. Holden. The Daisy Bell, or the skimming dish, is receiving her finishing touches preparatory to making an effort to sustain her last year's reputation. She will be sailed this year by Sergt-Major McIntosh, D. Anderson, W. Scott, W. Finlayson, K. Finlayson, C. Holmes, W. McConnon and Richardson.

The Viola, a new boat built this year by D. T. Jones for W. H. Langley, is a half racer and will sail in the small yachts class. She is 18 feet long and 5 foot beam, half decked, with a 5 foot centreboard. She is yawl rigged. The crew has not yet been selected.

The Dora, belonging to Mr. K. Finlayson, will sail in the B class. She is 30 feet long and 9 foot beam. Her crew is made up as follows: Captain K. Finlayson, J. G. Elliot, J. Bowness, J. Carmel, D. Curtis, W. J. Finlayson, D. Muir and W. Muir.

Another well known yacht, the Irene, is a pretty 10 foot boat 24 feet long, 8 foot beam, and draws 4 feet of water. She has a standing keel and is sloop rigged. Her crew is made up of C. A. Godson, T. S. Gore, T. Cornea, E. Brannan, G. Powell.

The Plunger, owned by D. T. Jones, measures 16 feet on the water line, 6 foot beam and carries 175 square feet of canvas. Besides the Captain she will carry W. McDonald, Mr. Mathews and A. Mortimer.

The Edith, a new little sloop-rigged boat owned by W. Croft, will sail this year. Her crew has not been selected.

The Annie, another sloop-rigged boat, will be sailed by A. Weaver.

Quick work has been done on the new house of the yacht club, and it was towed into position beside the canal club house Monday evening. Externally the building is very attractive, having a balcony and two towers surmounted by flag staffs. The size

of the building is 78x58. The bottom floor contains a large room for storing boats, and in the back is a commodious dressing room and a bathroom. Upstairs there is a gentlemen's room, a ladies' room, a club room, a caretaker's room, ladies' toilet room, a writing room and committee room, all nicely arranged and provided with all necessary accommodation.

THE REGATTA.

Last night the regatta committee made their final arrangements for the events on the George on the 24th, and the canoe sailing races next day. The entries are more numerous than usual, and the regatta will be better than it was last year. Chief George Cooper, of the Songhees Indians, who has taken an active interest in the matter, handed in entries last night of 15 Indian crews, as follows: Chief George Cooper, of the Songhees Indians, 1; Kuper Island, 5; Chemainus, 1; Clam Clematis (Cowichan), 1; Sonoma, 1; Saanich, 2; West Coast, 2; Snohomish (American), 1; Lummi (American), 1. Besides these there will be a number of entries for the klookhmen's race, as they are anxious to take part. Owing to the military review on Saturday morning the canoe sailing races will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday instead of in the morning as at first intended. Appended are the entries:

1. Peterborough canoe race—Single blade, for championship of British Columbia; course from Starke's large round buoy. Entries—A. F. C. Blomfield, Westminster; B. H. C. Macdonald, Victoria; C. A. Gore, Victoria.

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the celebration days. On Friday at 9 a.m. at Beacon Hill the Vancouver college play Victoria college, and later in the day the Nanaimo and the Abbots will engage in a match on the grounds of the latter at Beacon Hill. The visiting team has a strong eleven and an interesting game is assured.

The champion pedestrian V. E. Setton, of Chicago, will walk a five mile race at Beacon Hill, Saturday morning against Sydney Blumenthal, the latter having a handicap in his favor.

A general committee meeting will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, when the burning question of a reception barge will be definitely decided. The Mayor and Council will be invited to be present.

The programme of amateur athletic sports was completed yesterday. It is almost identical with the professional programme in the number and character of the events.

The James Bays as usual will have a reception tent at the George on regatta day for the entertainment of their friends.

At 1 o'clock to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon the yacht races take place in view of the fact that the regatta will be held after the field sports will be over at Beacon Hill. The officials are: Judges, F. Hinds, M. J. Conlin; referee, W. K. Smith; starter, T. Deary; handicapper, W. P. Smith; scorekeeper, J. H. Hinds.

Besides the professional races published yesterday there will be amateur races as follows:

1. Yards, prizes medals.
2. 200 yds. all ages, 12 years—1st prize, 2nd prize, 3rd prize, 4th prize, 5th prize, 6th prize, 7th prize, 8th prize, 9th prize, 10th prize, 11th prize, 12th prize, 13th prize, 14th prize, 15th prize, 16th prize, 17th prize, 18th prize, 19th prize, 20th prize, 21st prize, 22nd prize, 23rd prize, 24th prize, 25th prize, 26th prize, 27th prize, 28th prize, 29th prize, 30th prize, 31st prize, 32nd prize, 33rd prize, 34th prize, 35th prize, 36th prize, 37th prize, 38th prize, 39th prize, 40th prize, 41st prize, 42nd prize, 43rd prize, 44th prize, 45th prize, 46th prize, 47th prize, 48th prize, 49th prize, 50th prize, 51st prize, 52nd prize, 53rd prize, 54th prize, 55th prize, 56th prize, 57th prize, 58th prize, 59th prize, 60th prize, 61st prize, 62nd prize, 63rd prize, 64th prize, 65th prize, 66th prize, 67th prize, 68th prize, 69th prize, 70th prize, 71st prize, 72nd prize, 73rd prize, 74th prize, 75th prize, 76th prize, 77th prize, 78th prize, 79th prize, 80th prize, 81st prize, 82nd prize, 83rd prize, 84th prize, 85th prize, 86th prize, 87th prize, 88th prize, 89th prize, 90th prize, 91st prize, 92nd prize, 93rd prize, 94th prize, 95th prize, 96th prize, 97th prize, 98th prize, 99th prize, 100th prize.

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HOW TO LIGHT A FIRE.
As Told In The Household by One Who Has Had Experience.

In lighting a grate fire the best foundation to begin upon would be a few cinders which have been sifted from the ashes. Upon these should be placed a layer of paper and then some small bits of dry wood. The whole should be covered over, but not so closely as to entirely exclude the passage of air, with moderately sized pieces of coal. If these directions are strictly followed, the fire being properly laid, when the paper is lighted from below by means of a match, there will arise a stream of flame from the paper and wood which will be communicated to both coals and cinders and a bright fire the result.

Many people err in not building their fires well back in the grate, the consequence being a most disagreeable flood of smoke issuing into the room, instead of going up the chimney. Another and newer method of lighting a fire is sometimes practiced by reversing the order of things, the fire being lighted from above instead of below. This is arranged by laying some coal and a few cinders at the bottom, upon top of which is laid the wood, then another layer of coals and some paper over that. The paper is first lighted and soon burns down, making a bright fire with a considerable economy of fuel.

The kitchen fire is somewhat more difficult to manage, as its demands are many and varied. Sometimes only a moderate degree of heat is required, while at other times the fire is required to be very hot. The degree of heat depends less upon the amount of coal that is used than upon the regulation of the various checks and drafts, which are easily managed if one is thoroughly acquainted with the mechanism of the kitchen stove or range. Every morning all cinders and ashes should be removed and the fire then laid in a similar manner to that of the grate, which has already been described, allowing always for a free circulation of air by leaving hollow spaces between the fuel, chiefly toward the center.

All the drafts should then be opened and the fire lighted. After it has been allowed to burn for ten minutes all the dampers should be closed, with the exception of the draft in front of the fire, in a grate fire. This will keep the fire hot and prevent it from going out. The fire should be kept burning until all the coal has become ignited without being redhot. Such a fire should remain in excellent condition for hours.

In the Pink Room.
The popularity of rose color is seen in all the recent furnishings of houses as well as in dress. This is a tint that is in demand in all the latest fashions of woods or of enamels in ivory white. Some of the silk finish papers are especially pretty in rose color for boudoirs for summer bedrooms. A rose garland trellis on ivory white ground is a pretty frieze for such a room. The ceiling is then a few shades lighter, marked out in a diamond shape with pale, rose hued ribbons, or scattered with rose petals. All the paint of the room should be ivory white, the furniture may be white enameled and completed by a brass bedstead.

The prettiest carpet for such a room is a rug in dull reds, such as the Japanese make of cotton. The crimson carpet is too bright. It requires the dull shades of terra cotta red, that approach the brown, and have nothing striking or pronounced in their coloring or tones, which an authority in such matters in the New York Tribune. The artistic rule is that the carpet should be least conspicuous and darkest in tone, the wall a somewhat lighter color, the frieze still lighter and the ceiling lightest of all.

A Word About Mourning.
The fashionable world is now averse to excessive mourning, and not only are the crapes and drapery and other garments and dresses greatly curtailed, but the veil is often omitted altogether. The customary seclusion from society is also diminished, and at the lapse of six months one may appear at informal dinners and "at home" parties. Some mourners at that time relieve their somber hue by indulging in a little white and also claim the privilege of attending places of amusement. It is in "good form" on seeing a death in the papers to leave cards at the door of the bereaved family, but no inscription in addition to the name is required.

Becoming Headless.
Since it has been recognized that there are no old ladies nowadays in fashionable circles, the art of camouflaging has been neglected