In the Realms of Sport

EARL HAIG REGATTA.

A Phenomenal Success—Thousands Of Citizens Witness Well Contested Events.

The holiday attraction for yesterday afternoon was the Haig Regatta, held at historic Quidi Vidi Lake; under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Allardyce, K.C.M.G. The weather conditions for an event of its kind were ideal. Long before the appointed hour thousands of citizens had assembled on the banks of picturesque Quidi Vidi, not alone to witness the various races but to show their appreciation for the distinguished visitors from over the seas. The course presented a very attractive appearance. Many tents dotted the banks; the usual side-shows and swings were in evidence, and the picture presented was reminicent of an "Old Time" Regatta. Following the first race, Earl and Lady Haig, accompanied by Sir Wm. and Lady Allardyce, Capt. Simpson and Col. Talbot arrived at the Course. The party were right royally received by Lt.-Col. Nangle, President J. A. Hiscock, and other members of the Regatta Committee, and upon being escorted to the Marquee tent, where special seats had been provided, the Mt. Cashed Band rendered the National Anthem. All the various races during the afternoon were closely contested and the oarsmen in every event put their whole souls into their work. During the proceedings Earl Haig and party boarded the Judges' boat and rowed to the stakes to witness the start of the Ex-Brigade Race. Earl Haig started the race. The distinguished visitors also motored to the foot of the pond to watch the boats turning the buoys. A special feature of the Regatta programme was an exhibition of log rolling by Mr. Leslie Rice, of Grand Falls. For twenty minutes the thousands congregated on the bank breathlessly watching the logger perform many amazing stunts. The spinning of the log was very thrilling indeed, and it clearly showed that Rice is a past master in this particular line of work. On two occasions he overbalanced and fell into the water, but he quickly recovered himself, much to the amazement of the lookers-on. He received a hearty reception from the gathering for the excellence of his performance, and was later introduced and congratulated by Earl Haig, and as an appreciation of his work he was presented with a silver match box. The East End crew, stroked by Thos. Kearsey, in the District Race, had the quickest time for the afternoon, 10.14.

The following is the order of the various races with the winners:—

EX-SERVICE.

Winning Crew—Cadet)—P. Brown, (Cox.); J. Hibbs, (Stroke); C. Mitchell, A. Churchill, S. King, A. Mitchell, F. Mitchell. Time 11.01; Nellie R. 2nd; Red Cross 3rd.

JUVENILES.

This was a dash up the pond.

Winning Crew—(East End) Nellie R.—E. Skiffington, (Cox.); S. Brewer, (Stroke); H. Garland, W. Ralph, L. Strange, E. Lewis, J. R. Critch. Time 5.40 2-5; Red Cross 2nd; Guard 3rd; Cadet 4th.

AMATEUR.

Winning Crew—(Cadet)—P. Brown, (Cox.); J. Howlett, (Stroke); G. Ryan, C. Cahill, J. Canning, C. Ryan, K. McGrath. Time 10.55 2-5; Nellie R. 2nd; Guard 3rd; Red Cross 4th.

EX-BRIGADE.

Winning Crew—M.G.C.A.)—Guard—L. Rogers, (Cox.); T. Noseworthy, (Stroke); H. Diamond, K. Garland, H. Strange, W. Martin, F. Burt. Time 10.21 1-5; Red Cross 2nd; Nellie R. 3rd; Cadet 4th.

NAVAL RACE.

Winning Crew—(Nellie R.)—E. Skiffington, (Cox.); Green, (Stroke); Cross, Hanrold, Allingham, Stepherson, Collon. Time 11.03; Guard 2nd; Cadet last.

DISTRICT.

Winning Crew—(Red Cross)—L. Rogers, (Cox.); T. Kearsey, (Stroke); G. Clooney, H. Burt, H. Strange, W. Martin, F. Burt. Time 10.14, Nellie R. 2nd.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting crews to enter the Championship Race and it was called off the programme.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the races the Committee repaired to the Marquee Tent, where the winning crews were called forward by Vice President W. J. Higgins, for the purpose of receiving their prizes, and to be officially introduced to Field Marshal Earl Haig, who during the afternoon had been very much impressed by their splendid rowing. The occasion was a very happy moment for all, and as the winners came forward Earl Haig gave each individual a hearty handshake and congratulated them on their excellent display, following which Lady Haig joined in the same token and very graciously presented the prizes, handsome gold and silver souvenir match boxes, inscribed with the facsimile signature of Earl Haig, which we feel sure will be prized by the winners for many years to come. The prize winning crews, before leaving the Royalty Box gave three ringing cheers for Earl and Lady Haig. Following the presentation, Earl Haig took occasion to thank the gathering for the manner in which he had been received, and at the same time tendered his warmest thanks to President Hiscock and his energetic committee for their very kind welcome. He enjoyed every moment of the Regatta and wished the Committee well in future. Lt.-Col. Nangle, Honorary President of the Regatta Committee, who was mainly responsible for the success of the day, thanked the gathering for their splendid co-operation, following which brief addresses were made by President A. Hiscock and V.-President, Hon. W. J. Higgins, K.C. Cheers were then called for Earl and Lady Haig, His Excellency and Lady Allardyce, also all those prominently identified with the Regatta, which was given with a will. To President Hiscock, Secretary C. J. Ellis and all who are responsible for yesterday's success, congratulations are tendered. The Haig Regatta, which will be an everlasting memory to all those who had the pleasure of attending, was brought to a fitting conclusion at 7 p.m. by the playing of the National Anthem by the Mt. Cashel Band, who, in charge of Mr. Arthur Bulley, were present throughout the afternoon and rendered excellent selections.

HAIG SPORTS.

Attended By Thousands Of Citizens.

Seating or standing space was at a premium in St. George's Field Tuesday afternoon, while the Haig Sports, under the joint management of the G.W.V.A. and N.A.A.A. were in progress. Long before 2.30 the Grand Stand was filled to overflowing and spectators were lined eight and ten deep around the fences. It is estimated that 7,000 were in attendance, which is [illegible] in local athletic circles. These were first mooted by the G.W.V.A. of Newfoundland as one of the chief events in connection with the celebration during Earl Haig Week, and the energetic body of men, who undertook the arrangements, which terminated such a success, are deserving of every congratulation. The receipts were away beyond expectations, and will be devoted to the G.W.V.A. fund. The grounds were gaily bedecked with flags and streams of bunting, which extended on all sides of the field, made the scene a very pretty one. Promptly at 3 o'clock the distinguished visitors, Earl and Countess Haig, accompanied by His Excellency, Sir Wm. Allardyce, K.C.M.G., Patron of the G.W.V.A., and under whose patronage the sports were held, had arrived at the grounds by the eastern gate. Included in the party were Lady Allardyce, Miss Vita Allardyce, Capt. Simpson, Capt. Talbot and Capt. Goodfellow. A guard of honor from the G.W.V.A., of Grand Falls, in charge of Lieut. K. Goodyear, lined the entrance, and upon being welcomed by Lt.-Col. Nangle, President of the G.W.V.A., and Hon. W. J. Higgins, Captain of the Field Committee, the party passed through. Meanwhile Field Marshal Haig was introduced to the Guard of War Warriors by Lt.-Col. Nangle, whilst the Sports' Committee, who had already lined up inside of the enclosure, were also introduced. Following the brief ceremony the party was escorted to special seats in the enclosure, and the massed bands in attendance rendered the National Anthem, while the huge audience stood at attention. At 3.10 the programme opened with a grand parade of all competitors. The march past was excellently conducted and evoked considerable interest.. In all, over sixty competitors took part, and a few records went by the boards. Ken Goodyear, of Grand Falls, proved to be the supreme weight thrower of the day. Goodyear captured the honors in the Javelin, Discus and Hammer throwing competitions. A feature of the sports was a number of entrants from the warships H.M.S. Constance and U.S.S. Regulus. They caused a great impression. Seamon R. Jordan, H.M.S. Constance, a powerful man of 252 pounds, defeated a field of nine competitors in putting the shot. Jordan placed the 16 pound weight a distance of 32 feet, one inch, beating Tom Morrissey's throw of last year by three inches. Although Coefield lost out to Goodyear in the Hammer Throw, he broke the local record in the preliminaries of the previous evening; the distance being 77ft. 6in., which can be constituted a record. R. Fraser, our champion pole vaulter, smashed his own record in this event, clearing the bar at 9ft. 9in. A delightful feature of the sports programme was a grand march past by the Girl Guides Troop. The marching was perfect and was deserving of the reception received. The hand ball game by a number of Girl Guides was a novel attraction and proved particularly interesting. The final football sixes for the Governor's Cup, was played between the Cadets and Guards After a hard fought contest the Cadets were awarded the game on a lone corner.

Tug-of-War.

The tug-of-war for the magnificent trophy, kindly donated by Earl Haig, was won by the Guards. This team maintained their previous record by defeating the C.C.C. in the preliminaries by two pulls to their opponent's one, and in the finals scored a victory over the Grand Falls aggregation, by two straight pulls. After an interval of ten minutes the champions pulled a select team from H.M.S. Constance, the locals easily repeating their previous performance. The tug-of-war was carried out from the standing position and proved a decided success. A fitting wind up to a successful sport programme was the international relay race, between St. John's and a picked four from U.S.S. Lawrence. The local team, which comprised such well known sprinters as Albert Martin, J. Canning, G. Halley and Jas. Herder, were an excellent combination and won with lots to spare. The time, 4 min. 5sec. can be considered creditable, considering the condition of the field. The bands of the C.L.B., Cadets, Methodist Guards, and Mount Cashel, supplied delightful music throughout the evening, and greatly enlivened the proceedings. After each event the winning athletes were introduced to Field Marshal Haig, who congratulated them on their prowess in the athletic field, following which Lady Haig presented the winners with their prizes. During the afternoon a number of ladies, under the direction of Mrs. McKeen, served ice cream and soft drinks which netted a handsome sum. The following was the complete list of events and winners:—

100 Yards—1st, G. Halley; 2nd, J. Herder. Time: 10 3-5 seconds.

Javelin Throw—1st, K. Goodyear (G.F.); 2nd, W. Cofield. Distance: 101 feet 6 inches.

1 Mile Race—1st, H. Skirving; 2nd, C. Stone. Time: 4.49 2-5.

Pole Vault—1st, R. Fraser; 2nd, A. Sullivan. Height: 9ft. 9 in. (A new local record).

220 Yards—1st, G. Halley; 2nd, S. Parsons. Time: 26 seconds.

Hop-Step-and-Jump—1st, S. Parsons; 2nd, J. Murphy. Distance: 35ft. 6 in.

Hammer Throw—1st, K. Goodyear, (G.F.); 2nd, W. Cofield. Distance 75ft. 6 in.

440 Yards—1st, J. Herder; 2nd, R. Oakley. Time: 58 2-5 sec.

Putting Shot—1st, R. Jordan (Constance; 2nd, K. Goodyear (G.F.). Distance: 32ft. 1in. (a local record).

Half Mile—1st H. Skirving; 2nd C. Stone. Time 2.15 4-5.

High Jump—1st E. Cranford; 2nd C. Butt. Height 5ft. 1in.

Football Sixes—Won by Cadets.

Discus Throw—1st K. Goodyear (G. F.); 2nd W. Coefield. Distance 90ft. 2in.

Tug of War—Won by Guards. The personal of the team:—J. Barrett, K. Roberts, G. Anthony, E. Butler, H. Wilson, K. Garland, F. Coefield, J. Cox, E. Follett, H. Cross, D. Taylor. Coach, H. LeDrew.

International Relay Race—(1 Mile)—Won by St. John's. Time 4.05. The team was: A. Martin, J. Canning, G. Halley, J. Herder.

Boy Scouts Relay—1st St. John's No. 6; 2nd Carbonear.

Three Mile Road Race—1st R. O'Toole; 2nd G. Stone. Time 16.7 1-5.

The proceedings terminated with three cheers for Earl and Lady Haig, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Allardyce, followed by the National Anthem. To President Padre Nangle, Hon. W. J. Higgins, K.C., Captain of the Field, and the energetic committee, both field and otherwise, congratulations are tendered. A similar mede of praise is also due Inspector General Hutchings and the police, for the able manner in which they controlled the large crowd. The parking of cars was excellent, and although several people were overcome by the excessive heat, not one single accident was reported.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS RECEIVE PRESENTATION.

During the progress of the Sports Tuesday afternoon, Countess Haig and Lady Allardyce were presented with beautiful boxes of candy, from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G.W.V.A. The candy was of a very excellent quality and was made by Mrs. S. T. Harrington and Mrs. Hector McNeil. The boxes were tied with G.W.V.A. colors, in which were G.W.V.A. pins, and inside Countess Haig's was a card, on which were the words, "With Greetings and warm welcome to Newfoundland, from the G.W.V.A. Ladies' Auxiliary." This was presented by Miss May Furlong. A card in the box, presented to Lady Allardyce, by Mrs. McKeen, Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary, was inscribed, "In token of appreciation for all you have done for our sailors and soldiers."

CRICKET MATCH ARRANGED.

To-morrow afternoon, commencing at 1.45, a cricket match will be played at St. George's Field, between a picked team from St. John's against an eleven from H.M.S. Constance. The following will comprise the city's line-up:—Revs. Brinton, Clench; Messrs. P. J. Berrigan, H. A. Winter, M. Finn, Alex. Winter. T. Ryan, W. Peters, M. G. Winter, Jr., E. Power and An Other. As this will be the only notice it is hoped the above players will make a determined effort to be on time.

SOCCER GAME ARRANGED.

City vs. H.M.S. Constance.

The attraction for to-night at St. George's Field will be a football match betwen a picked team from the city, against H.M.S. Constance. An exceptionally strong team has been picked from the City League, against what is believed to be the best combination of players that ever visited here. Since arriving the ship's team have had a number of good practices and to-night's game, which starts promptly at 7.20, promises to be a thriller. The city line-up will be as follows:—Goal, Walsh; backs, Thistle and Brown; halves, R. Martin, W. Drover, W. Halfyard; forwards, Flynn, H. Phelan, Walter Callahan, E. Phelan and J. Young.

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