

Gamblers Are Harmed

Colonist's Recital of Facts Creates Terror Amongst "De Gang"

Taken to Mean That "Close Season" Will Be Somewhat Extended.

Thought Everything Had Been "Fixed" So That Games Might Run.

The publication by the Colonist yesterday morning of information showing that gambling is carried on in the city of Victoria in open defiance of the police caused quite a stir. To the very great proportion of the population which was in the city at the time of the publication, the news was hailed with delight, as an incident likely to result in the complete prohibition of the game, and the prospect of profit by the guiltiness of their victims, it came as a painful shock, as a circumstance certain to endanger another "close season."

The Man on Street talked of little else yesterday—not that it came in the nature of a great surprise to learn that gambling was carried on in the city, but because the exposure, complete and damning, should have followed fast on the heels of an announcement, heralded from the house-tops, that the curfew of gambling had been wiped out in Victoria as a consequence of the policy of purification being followed by the "police."

Alluding to the matter yesterday, one prominent citizen, who was very pleased that the Colonist had removed the mask from conditions in the city, said that he would be kept from the public eye, and that a Colonist representative, if content to some surprise, should be permitted to be carried on openly in the city of Victoria at the present time, because it was only a few weeks ago that the Chief of Police informed the police commissioners that all the games had been closed, and that as far as he was aware there was no gambling being carried on in the city. Not only was the Chief of Police's announcement, but we were informed that His Worship the Mayor and the police commissioners had issued instructions to the police department that the laws suppressing gambling were to be strictly enforced, and that no questions now arise: Why were the Chinese ladies permitted to open up for business again? Why, if they were not permitted to open up, were the priors not arrested for an infraction of the law? Is it to be supposed that the Chinese would attempt to defy the law and the police unless they had a secret understanding with somebody who would be able to obtain any police interference? How can a gambler so completely be obtaining his game, which I leave for answer to the consideration of the proper authorities.

What happens then? The one who is gambling game carried on openly in British territory in any part of the city, except where the Chief of Police and conviction of some persons whose exposure it is to see that gambling is not carried on in the city, and the element whatever to establish the absolute truth of such an assertion. Why is it that the Chief of Police, who is not carried on more frequently? Simply because there is no conviction that it should be.

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