

VICTORIA DAY  
PLANS STARTED

CELEBRATIONS WILL  
LAST THREE DAYS

Programme Drafted and Committees Named Last Night

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.  
Monday afternoon—School athletic sports.  
Monday evening—Band concerts on streets.  
Tuesday morning—Horse and vehicle parade, including fire department parade.  
Tuesday afternoon—Regatta at the Gorge.  
Tuesday night—Dramatic orchestra at Victoria theatre, a military display, fireworks.  
Wednesday—Fire department exhibition; equestrian sports; lacrosse and baseball matches; B. C. Electric display at the Gorge.  
The foregoing was the programme of events for the Victoria Day celebrations as outlined by the mayor and about twenty others who attended the meeting called at the city hall to begin the preparations for the annual pageant. The programme is not yet complete and may be altered in one or two instances, but the items were set as a basis for the committees to get to work upon.

A new departure will be attempted this year in having an extra half-day for the celebrations commencing on Monday, May 23rd, at noon. The regatta will therefore be the second day of the celebrations. This course was adopted as the opinion was that many hundreds of visitors would come to the city Sunday and Monday and would be induced to stay over the time of the celebrations enjoying the climate and the events all the time, who otherwise would go away Tuesday night after the regatta.

The committee considered something should be done to provide a military display and Col. Curtis will be approached by a committee consisting of the members of the committee to see that the regiment will do in the matter. The proposal was to have the regiment have a bombardment on the Indian Reserve, fighting to keep off the landing party from the harbor. The mayor thought the display would be of great interest to visitors, but reminded the committee that the military officials had refused on previous occasions, saying the men of the service were entitled to a holiday on May 24th as well as other people. It was suggested the bombardment should take place on the night of May 24th, and the committee will see the colonel of the regiment in the matter.

There were no sporting interests represented last night, so nothing was made official in this regard. It was contemplated, however, that there would be sports of various kinds on some of the days of the celebrations. The Caledonia sports committee, represented by Mr. Brayshaw, however, said the society commences its sports on Tuesday at 11 a. m., and keep them going all day.

In answer to a question put by Walter Lorimer, the mayor said the view given for the celebrations was \$2,000. It is expected the banks and the transportation companies will contribute to the fund.

J. R. McCallum was elected general secretary and E. C. Smith general treasurer.  
The following committees were struck: General celebration committee, Messrs. E. Wallace, A. J. Dallain, G. Day, J. Wilson, T. M. Brayshaw, W. Winby, Rogerson, Logan, Aldermen Hunter, Fullerton and Bishop, and Captain McIntosh. Printing committee—J. W. Lorimer, chairman. Illumination committee, Ald. Bishop, chairman. Finance committee—Ald. Keen, chairman. Music committee—Ald. Hunter, chairman.

ROBERT WRIGHT DEAD.  
Montreal, April 6.—Robert Wright, for many years treasurer of the Grand Trunk Company, died here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wright was one of the oldest railway men in Canada, having commenced railway work in England in 1858. In 1862 he joined the Grand Trunk and in 1864, in 1878 he was appointed treasurer of the company and held the office until 1894, when he retired on a pension.

CALGARY HORSE SHOW.  
Calgary, April 7.—The second night of the Calgary indoor horse show broke all records in the matter of attendance. It was estimated at 3,000. The general press show surpasses that of any other show in this province, and in all classes the competition is very keen.

PUSH DALLAS ROAD SCHEME

ALD. LANGLEY TO PRESS PLAN FORWARD

Hopes to Get Necessary By-Law Passed and Work Done This Year

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Ald. Langley, who is fathering the comprehensive scheme for the improvement of the Dallas road and the protection of the foreshore, intends moving energetically in the matter, and if he has his way the necessary by-law will be placed before the ratepayers at a very early date, and the work completed during the present year. The project, which has received the endorsement of the provincial government, provides for ample protection to the foreshore, improvements to the roadway and the beautification of the park spaces adjacent thereto.

Seen this morning respecting the enterprise, Ald. Langley said: "I shall lose no time in pressing the scheme forward, as this is the most favorable season of the year for considering the matter, and I am very hopeful that we shall have the improvement finished before the close of the present year." "The city engineer estimates that the cost of the whole work will be in the neighborhood of \$56,000. This provides for the protection of the foreshore by a seawall and groins of the most modern method, the pavement of the roadway with some permanent material, the laying down of cement sidewalks and park improvements.

"I shall first of all call a meeting of the property owners adjacent to the locality, who will be benefited particularly by the improvement, and suggest to them that they petition for the work in the ordinary manner. They will, of course, be expected to pay for the cost of one-half of the improvements on the street proper. That is to say, the cost of the concrete sidewalk on the north side of the road and half the cost of the pavement of the roadway would be borne by them. The city will assume the cost of financing the exterior or seaward portion of the improvement, which includes the retaining wall, the groins and the beautification of the park spaces. In this latter connection I may say that the city estimates contain an appropriation for general park purposes of an amount sufficient to meet the expenditure which is contemplated along Dallas road in the improvement of the areas which are included in the public park grounds of the city.

"I purpose also, as an initial step, to go in company with H. E. Thompson, M. P. E., and ask the approval of the public works engineer of the plans as drawn for the improvement in the city engineer's office. The provincial government has made a grant of \$25,000 towards the cost of the work, contingent on the plans for the same being approved by their engineer. The cost to the city outside of the government grant will approximately be \$40,000.

"Having obtained the consent of the property owners along Dallas road to the local improvement, it will then be the duty of the city to apply to the provincial government for a grant of \$25,000 to cover all possible contingencies, and I have not the slightest doubt that it will pass by a large majority, as I can conceive of no public work more in the interest of the general public in Victoria at the present time.

Ald. Langley then related his experience in some of the numerous cities of the world which he has visited, and where they have marine promenades as a feature. He cited the case of Egrement in a small town just across the Mersey from Liverpool. Though the population is small, as compared with Victoria, the people of Egrement at large expense built a heavy stone wall to protect the face of the cliff and give a fine promenade. The view obtained is not to be compared for a moment with that obtained from Dallas road.

BANKER INDICTED BY GRAND JURY  
His Evidence Wanted in Connection With Pittsburgh Graft Prosecution

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 7.—The graft prosecution today took first steps toward bringing the indicted banker and steel manufacturer, Frank N. Hoffstot, before the grand jury to testify in an effort by the prosecutors to implicate several Pittsburgh bankers in alleged conspiracy to bribe city councilmen.  
Prosecutor Biesley to-day began preliminary proceedings to secure the extradition of Hoffstot from New York, where he resides in several local banks. He will be asked to testify regarding his alleged participation in councilman corruption. Hoffstot is president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, president of the German National Bank of Allegheny, and president of several other banks. He will be asked to testify regarding his alleged participation in councilman corruption.  
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Radical Press Predicts Victory for Lords at the Next Election

(Special to the Times.)  
London, April 7.—The rank and file of the Liberal party, especially more the extreme section as well as Laborites, are depressed and indignant at the report which seems to be well founded, that the government has decided not to appeal to the throne for guarantees enabling it to pass the veto resolutions after these are rejected by the present Lords. The followers of the Radical papers which accept the report, learn that the Irish will consequently vote against the impending budget and procedure resolution and the government being thereby necessarily defeated will resign forthwith and the dissolution of parliament will follow. The result, says the Radical press, can only be a triumph for the Lords.

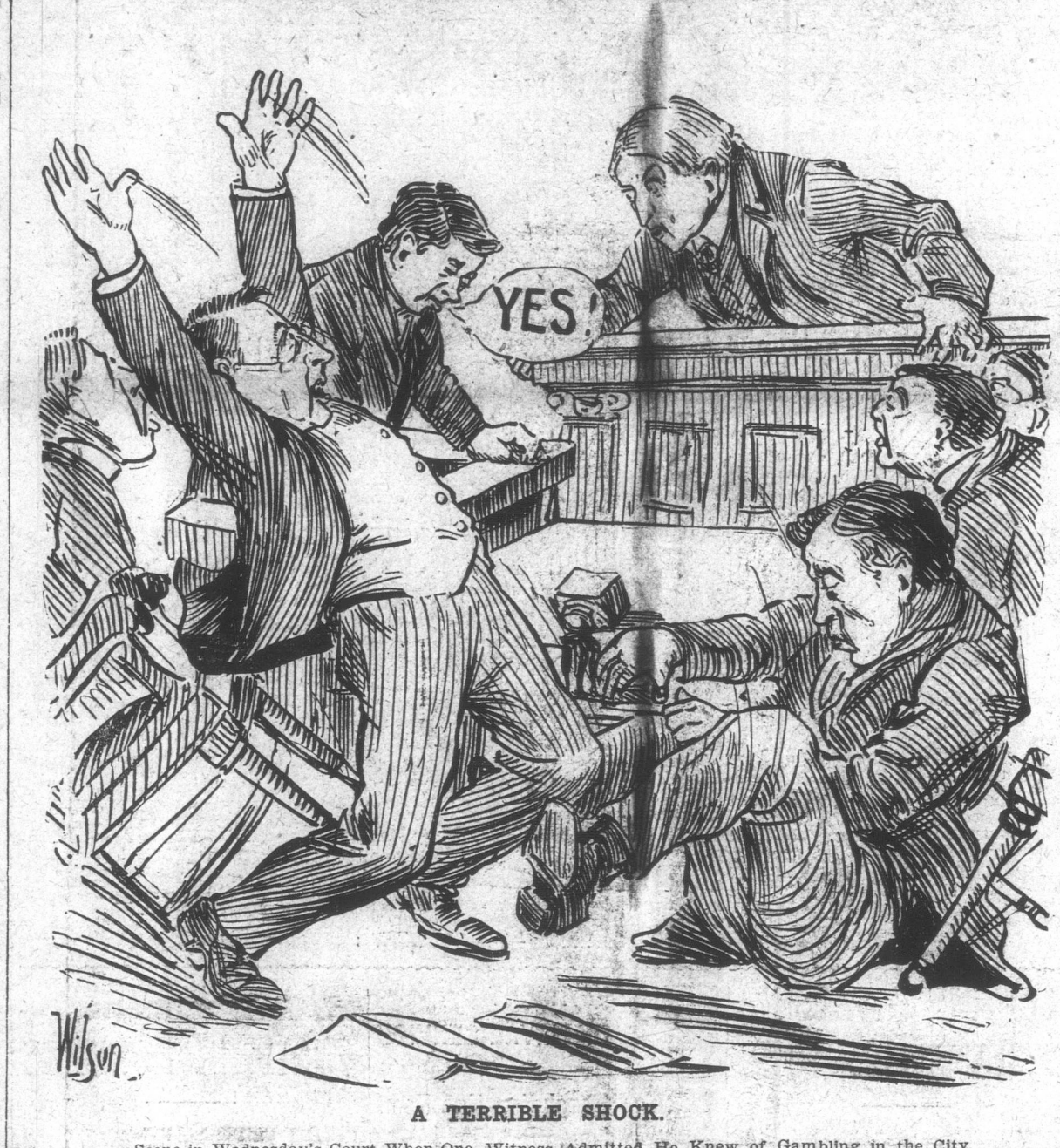
Majority Drops.  
In consequence of the abstention of the Nationalists from voting in the Commons last night the government majority sank to 33 on a division on a resolution favoring a tariff.

DEMAND INCREASED WAGES.  
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A TERRIBLE SHOCK. Scene in Wednesday's Court When One Witness Admitted He Knew of Gambling in the City.

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KING'S CONDITION NOT ALARMING  
Physician Declares His Majesty Has Not Had Influenza

(Special to the Times.)  
Barrick, April 7.—Sir James Reid, physician-in-ordinary to King Edward, who accompanied His Majesty professionally to this place, said yesterday: "The King has not had influenza, therefore he is not suffering from its after effects. He is living his usual life here. The weather continues stormy, even windy, consequently the King is out-doors less than he wishes, but the alarmist stories about his condition are absurd."

FATAL EXPLOSION ON U. S. CRUISER  
ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO INJURED  
Over \$500,000 to Be Spent in Overhauling Ships of the Pacific Fleet

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., April 7.—Following a series of fatal explosions in the engine rooms of warships of the Pacific fleet, orders were issued here to-day to lay on a force of 1,000 workmen to engage in the work of overhauling the engine and fire room equipment of the armored cruisers Maryland, California and West Virginia. The repairs are estimated to cost more than \$500,000.

The latest explosion, that of the three boiler tubes on the cruiser Maryland, resulted in the death of Coal Passer Amberson and the injury of two other coal passers. Both injured men are aboard the Maryland, which will not proceed to the yard until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The officers of the Maryland, which lay off Tiburon coaling station this morning, refused to reveal the names of the injured men or discuss the accident.  
Comment at the yard, however, was not so reticent. The continued explosion aboard vessels of the navy on the Pacific coast station is regarded here as a result of conflict between those of the engineering force and those of the line.  
Officers and men "below decks" on the Maryland recently protested against the cruiser going to sea with weakened boiler tubes. Admiral Harber ordered an inspection of the machinery and ruled against the protest, ordering the Maryland on cruise.

RESCUED FROM BURNING STEAMER  
PASSENGERS FIGHT FOR PLACES IN BOATS  
Nine Hundred Persons Transferred to Passing Ship Without Mishap

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, April 7.—Nine hundred passengers were transferred from the burning steamship Cairnra to the British steamer Kanawha to-day without the loss of a life. The Cairnra caught fire in the English channel. A high sea was running at the time.

Passengers on the Cairnra became panic-stricken and many men were knocked down by the Cairnra's crew before order was restored.  
The Cairnra was bound out of London for Portland, Maine. She was in mid-channel when the fire broke out. A half gale was blowing and the flames soon got beyond control of the crew.

CALL FROM TORONTO.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Toronto, April 7.—The Baptist church congregation last night extended a call to Rev. T. T. Shields, of London, Ont., to succeed Rev. Dr. Perry, who is now pastor of the First Baptist church, Vancouver. The stipend is \$4,000 a year.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND ENDS OWN LIFE  
Double Tragedy at Wissensburg, Ont., the Result of Drink

(Special to the Times.)  
Guelph, Ont., April 7.—News of a double tragedy reached here last night which occurred at Wissensburg, a station of the C.P.R., seven miles from Guelph, about 4.30 yesterday afternoon. Albert Adams and wife were the victims.  
According to reports Adams had been drinking, and while in this condition shot his wife, killing her instantly, after which he turned the weapon upon himself, taking his own life. Three small children are left orphans.

DETECTIVE CLAYARDS LETS IN DAYLIGHT

His Evidence Differs Materially From That of Other Witnesses—Suggestions of Graft Made To Him When He Waged War on Gambling.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
"You no get little bit?"  
"It goes up; if you don't get yours look to the other people."  
Yesterday afternoon's sitting of the police commission was the most productive of evidence of the existence of graft in past years, if not now, that there has been yet, although there was no evidence to connect any person with the receipt of money paid for protection. There was, however, direct evidence of two gamblers, one white and the other Chinese, who by their utterances are testimony that graft has been paid at some time to some one in this city for the protection of the gambling game.

Detective Clayards was the witness who told of statements made to him by Tom Ork, King of the Chinese gamblers, and W. R. Jackson, one of the most noted white manipulators, as quoted above, but he did not know to whom the alleged payments were made. The witness was questioned as to the lack of prosecution of the Chinese offenders and left the impression that there is apathy somewhere in following up the information which is in the hands of the authorities. He expressed his own conviction that if they were kept after for a little the Chinese lotteries would be speedily put out of business.

It was declared by all the police witnesses that gambling on the part of the Chinese is nothing like as prevalent as it was in previous years. The social evil is much less and is tightly under police control. There are only about one-quarter the women living by this means that there were ten years ago in Victoria.

Chief Langley, being recalled, H. B. Robertson resumed his examination by asking for particulars of the dropping of the prosecution against Francis Smith, a house of ill-repute.  
"The chief told of getting a telephone message from the woman that she was sick and accordingly her case was adjourned. In the meantime he had a conversation with Commissioner Tait, who brought the subject of this woman up and asked him to let it lie over, saying he and Mr. Bishop were trying to make some arrangement about these with them, where to put them. Later, Mr. Tait told him they had not had time to deal with the matter and the other remained in the house of ill-repute. Mr. Tait and Mr. Bishop both told him to withdraw the information and he did so.

Did they give you any reason for withdrawing?" "They told me they thought the woman was quiet down there and not having been commissioners long they wanted to look into the matter and see where to put her. There was a block further north than the restricted district. There had been a complaint from John Haggerty, who had a business place in the vicinity, house, not as to the mode of conducting it. At the end of the year he had the woman warned but she came and asked what she was to do, she having inquired the place and living there. Tait told her that she had gone there without permission and would have to leave the house, and was told to go to the second complaint, when she was summoned.

In regard to the Ruth Baldwin case the chief said that about the end of last year information was sent to the then mayor, Dr. Hall, that she was going into a house on Chalmers street and objection was made. Capt. Palmer and objection was made. Capt. Palmer and objection was made. Capt. Palmer and objection was made.

Nothing to Cause Suspicion.  
Mr. Robertson: In the course of these proceedings with reference to the Smith case, did you have anything to say in the conduct of the commissioners or either of them to lead you to suspect that they were doing anything improper?—Not the slightest.  
"Did you have any suspicions aroused of all?—No. It never struck me for a moment.

You have heard the statement that in 1907 Chinatown, so far as gambling was concerned, was wide open. What do you say to that statement?—In 1907 there were quite a number of clubs running full blast, clubs registered under the Companies' Act or the Benevolent Societies Act.  
Was there any gambling outside the clubs?—There were these lotteries more or less. It is almost impossible to close them up without the assistance of private detectives in buying tickets.

Were there prosecutions in 1907 against Chinamen for running lotteries?—I think not.  
What steps did you take?—I complained to Mayor Morley about the clubs and he went with me through Chinatown and told them in my presence they would have to close up. The Chinamen laughed at him. I remember the incident because the mayor told them they would have to stop or we would have to send them to China, and afterwards when he asked me if we could do this I replied that they were here too long to be deported.  
Why did you not get the aid of private detectives?—I didn't get any and I had not the money myself.  
What was there in 1907 that made you suspicious?—Nothing.  
"What suspicions have you now?—None. It is all hearsay.  
Nothing of your own knowledge?—Nothing.  
Have you any knowledge from the men under you that the present commissioners have been practically closed since the first of the year and to the best of my knowledge are closed at the present time, except that well-known men like Perry can buy tickets and have a special drawing, but so far as the general public is concerned there is no chance of them buying tickets.  
How as to gambling in the clubs?—The clubs were closed by Inspector Palmer and myself on February 16th. They had been running since the election and all last year. They remained open till the 5th March, when they opened, and stayed open from the 5th to the 21st. As the result of a conversation I had with Commissioners Tait and Bishop, who had seen the attorney-general, I ordered them to close or I would arrest them.  
Judge Lampan: How did you know they were open?—Because I saw the guards there.  
"You mean you knew they were open because they were closed," observed his honor.  
"The chief said he went to On King & Co. and saw Tom Ork, who disclaimed any knowledge of gambling on his premises, but mentioned others who were gambling. But the others were the same, they all 'no sabos' but would not say who did own a gambling place.  
Mr. Robertson: Have you anything that you can tell the judge that will throw light on the question as to whether the commissioners have done anything improper?—Nothing.  
Have you received any money yourself?—No.  
Have you been promised any money?—No.  
Has there been any suggestion by anyone that you should receive money?—No.  
Do you know if any men under your command have received money?—No.  
Mayor and Chief.  
What took place in the mayor's office when he sent for you in reference to a complaint from a young man that gambling was going on in Chinatown?—The mayor asked me what gambling was going on. I said: "The clubs are open, but you know what the arrangements were in regard to them. He asked what I meant and I told him I was informed by himself and the other commissioners that at a meeting the clerk was instructed to write to the attorney-general for an interview as to whether we could break up the clubs. He told me there was nothing of the kind; the instructions I had from here were that if any were doing anything illegal we were to do our duty. I told him it wasn't; he said it was; I said it wasn't and we had some words over it.  
At this time this minute in the records here had been passed by the board, referring the matter to the attorney-general?—Yes.  
To Mr. Tait the chief said he was not present when the matter of the clubs was discussed by the commissioners but he was told by the mayor and the others. His understanding was that it was to remain in abeyance until the attorney-general was seen. He was told not to close the houses, and therefore was somewhat surprised when the mayor spoke as he did.  
"You were not aware that the mayor had been notified by Sergeant Perdue that he was informed by a Chinaman that the clubs were running by Mayor Morley's permission?—I didn't know anything about it.  
Didn't the mayor state at one time in the commission when you were present that as a matter of fact he did not believe there was any right to close these clubs and that any action taken previously was in the nature of a bluff?—Yes.  
The same evening after you had an interview with the mayor you raised a game of pi-gow?—The mayor told me he had reason to believe gambling was going full swing. I knew that outside the clubs nothing was going on but pi-gow at 565 Fisgard street. I felt hurt at what had been said to me; that the mayor was trying to do his duty but was too anxious, in too much of a hurry, and blaming me unjustly, whereas I knew the only thing running was this pi-gow. If this was being (Concluded on page 6.)