VICTORIA AND ITS VISITORS CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY

Large Gathering of Guests Leave the Business Men Happy With Unusually Heavy Expenditures—Well Contested Sports and Games and Satisfactory Distribution of Honors—Queen's Weather Prevails.

At baseball, in the Northwest professional league, Everett and Victoria drew the four-game series, each winning two games.

In the opening match of the lacrosse season, New Westminster outclassed Victoria, winning 10-2. In the intermediate event, Victoria's Centrals won from the Vancouver Monarchs, 7-4.

The horse and automobile parade and associate sports proved a pleasing feature of the opening day, the turn-out being a marked improvement upon that of last year, and the races and contests at the Hill being much enjoyed by a numerous concourse.

There were no outside cricket engagements this carnival, scrub matches between local civilian and military teams filling in the 24th.

The Venetian carnival on Wednesday evening proved something of a fiasco through the ndifference of citizens, while illustrating how picturesque this can with little difficulty be made. The hits of the event were the boats of the Shearwater, the Native Sons and the J. B. A. A., with music furnished by each.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor gave a large official dinner at Government House on Wdenesday evening, this being probably the last state function during Sir Henri's incumbency.

Yesterday's regatta—the first Victoria Day celebration held on the inner harbor—proved, in many respects, the very best held in years—that is in the quality of a number of the events. The features were the defeat of the James Bay senior and junior fours by the Universities of California and of Washington respectively, and the magnificently contested races for the Indian war canoes.

The fireworks display at the Gorge last evening attracted thousands to this most famous pleasuring place, the attendance being limited only by the inadequacy of transportation facilities.

In a well-contested inter-city chess match by wire Wednesday evening, Victoria defeated Vancouver, after creditable play on the part of the experts of both cities.

VICTORIA'S Empire Day celebration of 1905 has come and has all but passed into history and memories. The stormy weather of the early days of the week proved but kindly demonstrations of Dame Nature in preparation for extraglorious weather for the day of days, laying all dust and giving the summer air both Wednesday and yesterday an exhilarant quality, making perfect the otherwise glorious sunshine and balmy breeze. The crowds were large and orderly and happy. The various events moved with general smoothness, and the effective policing of the city by Chief Langley and his brigade was rendered inconspicuous by the universal disposition of citizens and visitors to behave like little gentlemen and assist their fellows in having a good holiday. Results were readable everywhere in satisfied faces reflecting contented minds.

Of course the Wednesday—the real Queen's birthday, for the multitude will be a long time in adopting the newer if more appropriate designation of Empire Day—saw the multitudes gathered here from neighbor cities, but several thousands remained for yesterday, and the regatta and other second day features attracted each their several appreciative throngs. As for one very important feature of the two days' holiday that is of material interest to those who provide the sinews for the carnival committees, it must be stated that the composite opinion of the hotelmen and others into whose coffers the celebration brings most direct return, is that the crowds of this just-closing Empire Day were readier and more liberal spenders than any who have joined in Victoria's carnivals during many recent years. As for the features, new and familiar, of the annual show—they will be found dealt with generally and in detail in this and following columns. Fairly good sports, distributed victories, delightful weather conditions, picturesque features, happy crowds and contented business men would seem to constitute the essential elements of the 1905 carnival.

Empire Day Proper.

As for the opening day. There was good baseball both in the morning and the afternoon, Everett winning a snappy game from Victoria in the first engagement largely upon an overthrow of Catcher Ford; and Victoria turning the tables in the return in a large measure through errors of the visitors. The senior lacrosse was disheartening for Victoria followers of the game, since it demonstrated once again the most unpalatable fact that New Westminster this year, as in others lately gone, outclasses hopelessly the representative Capital twelve, the score being 10 to 2 by mercy of the Royal City stalwarts, who might have made it worse had they been so inclined. The intermediates did their best to retrieve the falling fortunes of the town at Canada's national pastime, winning from Vancouver in a distinctly well-contested game preceding the great event with which the season officially opened for the British Columbia association.

The horse and automobile parade constituted a very pleasing feature of the opening day, there being numerous creditable and original representations, chiefly among the business and light roadster equippages, many automobile owners bridling aloof with ill-becoming exclusiveness and failing to do their part, which would have made this feature a complete and most creditable incident of the celebration. The auto representation was only about one-eighth of what might have been possible with concerted and patriotic action to make the showing honorable for the city. But the parade was pleasing and the crowd applauded. The speed contests, high jumping and auto racing at the Hill, which came as a sequel to the noon parade, constitute perhaps as thoroughly diverting and well pleasing an episode of the carnival from the public's standpoint, as any on the card.

The military demonstration, with the massed militia forces of the Island and Mainland Coast cities, was another celebration incident of considerable magnitude which fully redeemed expectations insofar as the public was concerned, and won the right to figure yet more prominently on future carnival programmes. Both Fifth and Sixth Regiments were well represented, while it was to be regretted that the stalwart engineers and artillerists of the permanent force at Work Point were not represented. At the present time sentiment might well have dictated that they of all branches of the service might have borne an important, and certainly popular, place in the arrangements.

Coming to the evening of the first day, the Venetian water carnival, which might with even a little civic and industrial enterprise have been made a most picturesque and delightful feature of the holiday, fizzled out lamentably by reason of general apathy and a ludicrously small representation of decorated craft. There were but half a dozen decorated and illuminated boats, those of the naval lads, the Native Sons and the industrious and patriotic James Bays sweeping the honors before them, the Native Sons, with Professor Claudio's mandolin and guitar orchestra, and the Bays with a thoroughly proficient singing choir of mixed voices. The evening was perfect for an appropriate water carnival, the air being warm and the water conditions ideal, while the Princess Victoria, with her searchlight, disclosed the fact that there were quite a sufficient number of small craft afloat to have made—had the proprietors but taken the trouble to illuminate—a wondrously pretty spectacle. The causeway sentry lights, the brilliantly illumined steamer, the crowded points of vantage—all served as incidents to illustrate how much might have been got out of this feature of the programme with very little effort; and it is greatly to be hoped that this another year Victorians will sink personal inclination and loyally combine to make a Venetian carnival that shall be worthy of the name. The Egyptian darkness of the parliamentary pile on the great evening of the carnival, in the expressed opinion of visitors, accentuated another example of rank forgetfulness, which in future years should not be duplicated.

At the theatres during the evening the audiences were large; the band during all stages of the celebration provided good music in abundance, and the tramway folk handled the crowds with a celerity and smoothness only limited by the amount of rolling stock at command for the emergency. There were no accidents and no untoward incidents requiring police intervention.

And so the first day passed.

Yesterday's Events.

Yesterday baseball was the reigning athletic land sport, attracting two goodly crowds to Oak Bay, where Everett and Victoria again divided honors, each winning a game scarcely remarkable for its gilt-edge quality. In the afternoon the regatta was held, for the first time on the inner harbor, the races being on the whole especially well contested and interesting, although the general public did not take to the scene as to the historic Gorge regatta and picnic course, where thousands passed the afternoon quietly but pleasantly with family picnicking.

The official Empire Day dinner at Government House, a merry dance at A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday evening, crowded audiences at all the theatres Wednesday and yesterday, and delighted thousands at the Gorge again last evening for the fireworks provided at the last moment by private enterprise, may be classed the features of the evenings.

The celebration will be continued today, with an inevitably diminished attendance from outside points, the programme for the day being as hereunder:

2 p. m.—Firemen's sports on Yates street, between Blanchard and Broad. Teams entered: Victoria, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Centralia.

3 p. m.—Baseball at Oak Bay; Bellingham vs. Victoria.

THE MILITARY SPECTACLE.

Parade and Sham Fight at Beacon Hill by Island and Mainland Militia.

The military spectacle occupied Wednesday morning. The Duke of Connaught's Rifles, 320 strong, from Vancouver and New Westminster, arrived by the steamer Charmer in the early morning. At 9:30 the militiamen paraded the city streets with bands. Numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6 companies of the Garrison Artillery, Lieut.-Colonel Hall commanding, led, headed by their band and bugle band; and the Sixth, Duke of Connaught's Rifles, Lieut.-Colonel Whyte commanding, followed. Numbers 1 and 2 companies of the local militia had been detailed to bring up the 13-pounder field guns from the Drill hall, and with a battery of field guns they joined the parade on Birdcage Walk, and the whole force proceeded to Beacon Hill, where, after several evolutions had been completed, including marching past in column and quarter-column, a sham fight was held.

The local artillerymen, a little over two hundred strong, with four 13-pounder field guns in position near the Burnaby monument, defended the Hill, also occupied by several thousand noncombatants. The visiting soldiery took up a position in the copse in the neighborhood of the bear pits, whence they advanced, 320 strong, although without artillery, in a semi-circular formation. The leading companies, in skirmishing order, pushed back the defenders screen of scouts and drove in the advanced forces with a heavy rifle fire. The guns, after firing a number of rounds from their position behind the Hill, with one gun advanced to the brow, fell back toward the trees suspiciously near the Colonist hotel. The semi-circular force of the enemy pushed its way to the Hill determinedly, and with small forces detouring by the beach fearing a counter flanking movement, and another force out on the opposite flank, the attack was not to be resisted.

But the local militiamen fought well. At the next parade it is rumored that leather medals will be presented to two privates who fought especially determinedly. They were caught in the broom by the advancing riflemen from the Mainland and the officer commanding the section of a company which had encompassed them, shouted to his men to make the two prisoners.

"I'll be hanged if you will," said the local soldier, and he fixed his bayonet and jabbed determinedly.

But they did. A score of lusty riflemen fell upon him and tumbled him over, bayonet and all; the other man being similarly treated.

It was a good spectacle and the large audience regretted that the bugle sounded "cease firing" so soon. The fight was all too brief, lasting but fifteen minutes.

The opposing forces reformed and marched to the Drill hall, where the men were dismissed and at liberty to spend the remainder of the day as individual fancy free elected.

The following was the parade state:

Fifth Regiment:

No. 1 company: Officers, 2; sergeants, 6; rank and file, 22; total, 31.

No. 2 company: Officers, 4; sergeants, 3; rank and file, 22; total, 29.

No. 3 company: Officers, 1; sergeants, 5; rank and file, 18; total, 24.

No. 4 company: Officers, 1; sergeants, 3; rank and file, 26; total, 30.

No. 5 company: Officers, 2; sergeants, 5; rank and file, 8; total, 15.

No. 6 company: Officers, 1; sergeants, 2; rank and file, 19; total, 22.

Commanding officers and staff: Officers, 4; sergeants, 4; total, 8.

Bugle band: Sergeants, 1; rank and file, 17; total, 18.

Band: Sergeants, 1; rank and file, 22; total, 23.

Grand total, 200.

Field officers, 3; staff officers, 1; captains, 6; subalterns, 6; staff sergeants, 3; sergeants, 27; rank and file, 154; total, 200.

Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles, Sixth Regiment:

Lieut.-Colonels, 1; majors, 2; captains, 9; lieutenants, 15; warrant officers, 1; A. M. sergeant, 1; band master, 1; bandsmen, 18; color sergeants, 7; sergeants, 31; buglers, 36; rank and file, 304.

Grand total, 326.

IT WAS ALL WESTMINSTER.

Empire Day Lacrosse Finds Victoria Twelve Outclassed by Fraser Lads.

The first championship game of the lacrosse season was played on Wednesday, and resulted in an easy win for New Westminster by the score of 10-2. The game was so one-sided that it practically degenerated into farce. The local team were not in the game after the first 15 minutes of play. For the first part Victoria worked hard as it looked as though they would give the visitors a run for the game, but after the red shirts had secured two or three goals several Victoria players seemed to lose heart completely. While the Victoria boys hardly expected a win, they had an idea that the game would be much closer than it turned out to be. The young players of the Victorias would not check hard enough or close enough, and as a result the visitors secured the ball practically as they liked. In conversation the old reliable Turnbull commented that the Victoria home did not take nearly enough chances to score. If they had taken chances and gone in instead of passing the ball out behind they would probably have made a better showing. But when Turnbull was informed that the Victoria team had never had a practice together, he added: "Well, they did better than any one could expect under such circumstances."

Hendron, Victoria's new player, made his appearance at this game and proved to be very fast—in fact a little bit too much so for his team mates. If the locals would learn to catch and pass as swiftly and as surely as he does, they would spring a few surprises on the opposing team. Matt Barr acted as referee and made a very efficient one, very little rough play escaping his notice, and as a result, Peele, Hendron, Latham and Gifford decorated the fence during the game. The three intermediate players—Bryson, Wintemute and J. G. Ford—played good lacrosse and can hold their places with the best. The first goal was scored by Bryson in eight minutes. Then Turnbull got two in 7 minutes and in 45 seconds respectively, and Bryson another in 1 minute, the score standing 4-0 at the end of the first quarter. Morris scored Victoria's first in the second quarter, but the visitors got there in the third quarter New Westminster added two more; and Victoria got one in the last by Haughton, and when time was called the score stood 10-2. The Victoria team has some very good intermediates, but they will have to listen to the players who have gone before them, both during practice and during the match. They must learn that the old seniors are working for the club and not for themselves, and if they are told anything on the field they should know enough to try and do as they are told. In time the local team will be able to make them all go and they need not be discouraged with the result of the first match, but get in and drill, and try and do better next time. It is now up to the citizens to support the team; at present they are weak but in time they will be all right and if they are supported while they are losing as well as when they are winning, they will yet come out on top. Alex Turnbull, the old reliable centre for New Westminster, played as strong as he did five years ago, and was always in the game. The only accident was to J. Gifford, who was unfortunate enough to stop the ball with his eye, the result being that he will carry for a few days a nicely decorated optic.

The intermediate game which was played just previous to the senior match Wednesday was a fair exhibition of lacrosse, but for intermediates the grounds are too large and the play is made very ragged. The Centrals made a good showing when it is taken into consideration that they were without the services of Morris, Roskamp and Cullin, who were playing with the seniors. The game was called at 1:20 with Frank Cullin as referee and Clegg and Bishop umpires. Sweeney secured the ball from the face and the play was immediately taken into Vancouver territory, but Burnett relieved, Sargison securing, and passing to Sweeney, who scored in five minutes. From the face Sweeney again secured, but Mulhall stopped his rush and passed well up field. A. Sargison checked Campbell and passed to Crawford, who shot and missed. Mulhall got the ball behind goal but lost to Mathews, who shot, the goalkeeper saving. The first quarter was called with the score 1-0 in favor of the Centrals.

On resuming play, Sweeney secured and carried it well down and the ball was sent through in a scrimmage; time, one-half minute. Play had hardly been recommenced before H. Sargison shot on goal, only to have it stopped. The ball rolled a few yards from the goal and Crawford scooped it through; time, 1½ minutes.

Vancouver made a quick goal, scoring in half a minute in a neat combination play. The Monarchs were now playing hard, and scored two more before half time, leaving the scoring 3-3.

The third quarter started off with a neat piece of combination work on the Centrals' part, which resulted in Sweeney scoring in five minutes. Vancouver again went at it and evened the score in two minutes. But the Centrals added another, which left them leading by one at the last quarter. The visitors tried hard to score, but the Centrals were too strong and added two more, Mathews and Clegg doing the trick. Time was called with the score 7-4. It would be unfair to criticize any of the players individually, as all the Central team played good lacrosse. If they could only manage to keep their defence field back into the flags, it would be next to impossible for any team of their class to score. The Monarchs have the makings of a good team, but they are not as neat as the locals in their combination or stick work.

EVEN BREAK WITH EVERETT.

Victoria Takes Two, and Visitors Two Games in Carnival Baseball Series.

Everett took the opening game of the series on Wednesday morning by a score of 2 to 1. The game was practically presented to the visitors by Catcher Ford, who made a bad throw in the eighth inning which, with Daley's assistance, went almost to the score board in deep centre, allowing Heitmueller, who got first on an error, to score. The game was very fast with the exception of the eighth, when three misplays lost the game. Hutcheson played good ball at first and kept the infield steady, his work at the plate in the seventh being especially worthy of note. Both Carter and Galaski pitched good ball, keeping the hits well scattered. Umpire Schock was away off on balls and strikes, but both pitchers suffered alike, so that no one got any the worst of his decisions. The score:

Everett.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hulen, 1b.	4	0	1	7	1	0
Jacobs, c. f.	4	0	2	4	0	0
Strub, 3b.	5	0	0	0	4	0
Heitmueller, r. f.	5	1	1	2	0	1
Mackie, 2b.	2	0	0	2	0	1
Steele, l. f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Ecte, s. s.	3	1	1	5	1	1
Altman, c.	3	0	1	4	1	0
Carter, p.	4	0	1	1	3	1
	33	2	7	26	10	4

Victoria.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Williams, l. f.	5	0	0	1	0	0
E. Ford, 2b.	5	0	0	1	4	0
Hutchison, 1b.	4	0	1	12	1	1
McManus, r. f.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Howlett, 3b.	4	0	2	2	0	0
Downing, s. s.	4	0	1	2	3	1
Daley, c. f.	3	0	0	1	1	1
C. Ford, c.	4	1	1	6	2	1
Galaski, p.	4	0	1	1	0	3
	37	1	7	27	15	4

*Downing out infield fly.

Everett	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	—2
Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—1

Summary—Earned runs, Victoria 1. Two base hit, C. Ford. Sacrifice hits, Mackie, Daley. Stolen base, E. Ford. Struck out by Carter 4, by Galaski 3. Bases on balls off Carter 2, off Galaski 4. Left on bases, Everett 8, Victoria 6. Double play, Galaski to Ford to Hutchison. Hit by pitched ball, Mackie. Time of game, 1 hour 48 minutes. Umpire, Shock.

Victoria won the Wednesday afternoon game in splendid style. Holness was simply unhittable and had the Everett players guessing. They got but three hits off him and of these Hulen had two. Their only run was scored in the sixth; Hulen's two base hit, Strub's sacrifice and an error by E. Ford. Victoria got one in the first—a base on balls to Williams, sacrifice hits by Ford and Hutchison and a two bagger by McManus did the trick.

In the third two runs were scored, Williams hit safe, but was drubbed a minute later on Ford's liner to short. Then Yeazell got a generous fit on and issued three passes filling the bags. Downing was there with the necessary hit, scoring Hutchison and McManus. Another run was added in the fight; a single by E. Ford, two long flies to centre and a double play ended the inning