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New Year's day is a legal holiday in
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Hampshire and Rhode Island.

THE CELEBRATION.

From THE DAILY COLONIST, April 18.

What Will Be Main Features of the
Attractions for Queen's
Birthday.

Admiral Stephenson to Be Invited to
Co Operate in a Sham
Battle.

The general committee for the annual
celebration of the Queen's Birthday had
a somewhat protracted meeting last night at
the city hall, and got through a good deal
of preliminary business, including the for-
mation of several of the principal commit-
tees.

In the absence of the Mayor, Mr.
William Dalby occupied the chair.
As Mr. Charles Kent wrote that he was
unable to act as treasurer this year, the
choice of the meeting fell on Mr. J. L.
Raymur. There were added to the general
committee: Messrs. George Shedd, W.
J. Hanna, R. C. Holden, F. Higgins, S. D.
Schultz, Captain Langley, H. McDowell,
K. Finlayson, A. Henderson, W. Chal-
lenger and A. L. Drury.

The first suggestion of an attraction dur-
ing the celebration came from the Y.M.C.A.,
who proposed to give a gymnastic enter-
tainment on the evening of Friday, May 24.
This was laid over till after the striking of
committees.

Whether the celebration should occupy
two or three days was the next question
dealt with. It was generally conceded that
a sham fight and review by the naval forces,
the R.M.A. and the B.C.G.A., would be
a splendid attraction, if it could be secured.
It was decided to celebrate on Thursday,
Friday and Saturday, May 23, 24 and 25.

The mayor and secretary will communicate
with Admiral Stephenson, asking him to co-
operate in having a sham fight on one of
these days.

Next came the choosing of committees,
those of last year being taken as a basis.
The committees struck last night were:
FINANCE—Chas. Hayward, W. H. Ellis,
J. Holland, A. C. Finlayson, B. Williams,
D. R. Harris, J. Keith Wilson, A. H.
Scott, D. R. Kerr, John Braden, M. P. P.
G. Leiser, Wm. Jensen, H. Berryman and
W. K. Talloch.

PRINCE—L. Col. Wolfenden, J. G.
Elliott, H. Cuthbert, H. McDowell and
Hall.
REGATTA—The Officers of H.M. Navy
and R.M.A., Capt. Gaudin, Mr. Dobbin of
H.M. Dockyard, Capt. Warren, J. H.
Sealey, T. S. Goss, D. Cartmel, J. H. Mc-
Gregor, J. S. Yates, H. D. Holmeken, A.
J. Dallan, F. G. White, H. C. Macaulay,
J. Holmes, A. Watson, E. E. Billingshurst,
G. F. Askew, Mr. Willoughby, Mr. Haydn
and Capt. Langley.

SPORTS—R. L. Drury, H. N. Short, Dr.
Blanchard, F. Hinds, B. H. Johns, J. H.
Sealey, F. B. Gregory, A. Henderson, A. J.
Dallan, F. C. Macdure, J. S. Yates, Wm.
Croft, Wm. Franklin, D. McBratney, W.
Lorimer, W. Slidder, H. M. Graham and
Capt. Langley.

For the sham fight the officers of the
Navy, R.M.A. and B.C.G.A. were
asked to act as the committee in charge
of the arrangements.
A regatta, under the management of
the Victoria Yacht Club, is to be one of the at-
tractions.

Some animated discussion arose when
Mr. Lorimer proposed field sports, Mr.
McBratney contending that the sham fight, re-
gatta and yachting should have the prece-
dence, but after considerable talk it was de-
cided that sports were to form a part of the
programme.

The band committee will as last year be
composed of a member from each of the
other committees.
The meeting adjourned subject to the call
of the secretary.

The following letter speaks for itself:
TO THE EDITOR:—I wish to call atten-
tion to a discussion which took place to-
night at the committee meeting called to
celebrate the Queen's Birthday.
It was properly, as myself and
many others think, proposed that the prin-
cipal and most popular and drawing events
programme should have preference
financially over the minor events, the prin-
cipal ones being: The regatta, the yacht
racing, the sham fight and review, and the
printing and advertising expenses. The
minor events, so far as the committee is con-
cerned, include baseball, football, foot-
ball and such like sports. The reasons
that the principal events should have the
preference in appropriations of the money
subscribed by having Victoria full of
visitors, who naturally will spend more
money when here. They want to see the
right class of visitors, not those who come
to gamble on the minor events or semi-pro-
fessionals to compete in them, but
genuine sightseers who come to enjoy
themselves and spend a little money in so
like. The Victoria citizens also want to be
amused themselves on their great holiday,
liberally if they think their money will be
well spent. Now, I maintain this, the yacht
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will satisfy our people. I also maintain
that they don't want their money frittered
away on affairs that majority take no inter-
est in, i.e., a few boys running or semi-pro-
fessionals playing for their money at
Beacon Hill. Last year \$800 was spent in
this manner.

When the resolution calling for prefer-
ence to be shown the principal events was
put last night it was voted down—but
why? Simply because the chairman al-
lowed certain gentlemen present who were,
I believe, not on the committee, to vote
against the resolution. Other gentlemen
who wished to sit on the commit-
tee were properly nominated, but the
whole affair, as a committee meeting, was
reduced to an absurdity by allowing non-
committee men to vote where they had no
right to. Was this fair?

C. ST. A. PHARSK.
Victoria, April 17, 1895.

THE CITY.

The gift of \$1 from E. L. M. for the Mrs.
Law relief fund is acknowledged with
thanks.

The Easter vesting of the Church of
the Holy Saviour is to be held next Mon-
day evening.

SIMPLE'S hall, Craigflower road, is to be
the scene of another mask ball on the eve-
ning of the 25th instant.

THE Degree of Honor lodge of the A.O.
U.W. intend holding a ball in their hall on
Yates street on the evening of May 24.

TENDERS for the construction of a new
bridge on the Gorge road are invited by
City Clerk Dowler up to the 25th inst.

The ladies of the W.C.T.U. are invited
to an At Home at the residence of Mrs.
Dempster, Fernwood road, this afternoon.

FRAWLEY'S stock company, after a suc-
cessful tour of the Sound cities, will appear
at the Victoria on the evenings of April 24
and 25.

An adjourned meeting of the B.C. Board
of Trade will be held to-morrow afternoon
to receive the report of the special commit-
tee on the powers of the council.

It is expected that a balance of about \$60
will remain in hand after all expenses have
been defrayed in connection with the con-
ference of the Ladies' Association of St. Bar-
nabas church, given on Tuesday evening.

NO FURTHER information concerning the
wreck of the schooner Dart off Canby
Point has been received. The general sup-
position is that she was blown ashore while
the crew were absent from the vessel hunt-
ing.

SEBASTIAN HAWTON furnished the only
important case in the police court yesterday.
charging Joe, a Chinaman, with the theft of
a big roller from Hales & Bell. Magistrate
Maas found Joe guilty, and three months
with hard labor was the sentence recorded.

A GENERAL committee of delegates from
the various I.O.O.F. lodges of the city met
last evening to arrange preliminaries in con-
nection with a church parade. It is ex-
pected that the date will be fixed as Sun-
day, the 28th instant, the anniversary of
the order falling upon the 26th.

THREE married boys of Victoria West have
been summoned at the instance of the city
school trustees to appear in the city police
court on Saturday morning to answer to the
charge of having wilfully and maliciously
damaged school property and for printing
obscene language and pictures on the school
premises.

A JOINT company assembled at the home
of Mr. B. Andrews, Yates street, last
evening, to witness the marriage of Miss
Andrews to Mr. Horace J. Knott, con-
ductor of this city. Rev. J. M. Cleaver, of
the Metropolitan Methodist church, per-
formed the ceremony, while Miss Mc-
Gillivray supported the bride and Mr. Wm.
Moon the groom.

THE Y.M.C.A. rooms were tastefully
decorated last night for the members' reception
given by the Epworth League of the
Metropolitan church. The rooms were
crowded, and an excellent programme was
rendered, the chief features of which were
songs by Mrs. Moffin and Mr. P. C. L. Har-
rison, a programme of refreshments
of ice cream, lemonade and cake was
served. The League are to be congratulated
on the success of the evening.

TO-MORROW (Friday) evening, in the drill
hall, at 8 o'clock, will be held the annual
business meeting of the Victoria Garrison
Artillery Rifle Association. All members of
the local companies are welcome. As there
are good prospects of active season those
wishing to take part will help the committee
considerably by attending and handling
in their names. It is the object of the as-
sociation to encourage "young shots," and
for this purpose the members will be divided
into classes.

HARRY C. GOOD is under arrest at Seattle
for shooting a policeman on Monday last.
Constable Glascock and West saw Good,
who was under the influence of liquor, leav-
ing against a fence at 1 o'clock in the morn-
ing, and as they approached Good shouted
to them to stand back. Four shots were
fired, two missing and the others wounding
Glascock in the hip and left arm. Good
is a clerk in Cooper & Levy's grocery in
Seattle and was well known in Victoria.

Ald. MACMILLAN has given notice that
he will move at the next city council meet-
ing that the resolution re city engineers,
visitors, who naturally will spend more
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to gamble on the minor events or semi-pro-
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is practically a total loss, the damage being
estimated at \$1,000 on the house and \$400
on the furniture. There was \$800 insurance
on the furniture in the Sun, J. D. Pomeroy
& Son, agents.

A DELIGHTFUL evening will surely be
spent by all who attend the James Bay
Athletic Association ball at the A.O.U.W.
hall to-night. The committee having the
matter in charge have made careful propo-
sition and the event promises to be a decided
success. The hall and supper room have
been handsomely decorated; Finn's or-
chestra will furnish the music, and the sup-
per will be under the direction of the ladies,
which makes further comment unnecessary.
An oversight the name of Mr. W. Ralph
Higgins was omitted from the floor commit-
tee, previously published.

The second performance of H. Trovatore
drawn another large and appreciative audi-
ence to the Victoria yesterday evening, and
gave unequalled satisfaction. The prin-
ciple were all in admirable voice, the per-
formance being held to even better advantage
than in the opening night, while his forceful
acting called forth many expressions of ap-
preciation. The staging, chorus and orches-
tra direction, scenic effects and dancing were
fully up to the high standard set on Tues-
day evening, and the performance was
smoothly and evenly throughout. The first
and last performance of H. Trovatore will be
given at Saturday's matinee.

MR. WILLIAM WILSON'S FIGURES.
TO THE EDITOR:—If it is true that figures
do not lie, perhaps Mr. William Wilson will
be good enough to prove from the following
quotations from Bradstreet's summary for
1883 and 1884, in what respect the United
States enjoyed these two years, a greater
degree of prosperity than did the Dominion
of Canada.

I may explain that the word "failures"
in this letter refers to mercantile establish-
ments, banks and loan companies, and does
not include railways. Also, that figures
for Canada are for Canada alone, and do not
include Newfoundland as Mr. Wilson did.
In 1883 there were 16,158 failures in the
United States, with gross liabilities of \$72,
723,496. In Canada for the same period
there were 1,766 failures, with gross liabil-
ities of \$14,763,404.

In 1884 there were 12,799 failures in the
United States, with gross liabilities of \$165,
078,334. In Canada for the same period
there were 1,851 failures, with gross liabil-
ities of \$17,735,283.

Now, let us compare the population of the
proportion Canada's population to that of
the United States—viz., as five to thirty-five
(although five to sixty would be nearer the
mark)—multiply the gross liabilities of
Canada by five, and the result is \$88,676,
180, as given above, viz., \$42,498,921
and \$452,931, which is the amount the gross
liabilities of the Canadian failures would
have been, had the proportion to what
they actually were, if Canada's population
were the same as that of the United States.
This calculation brings the two countries on
a par, so that proper and fair comparison
can be made, and shows that the Canadian
failures (clearly failures) have not been in-
creased. These figures are as reported in
Bradstreet's summary for 1883 and 1884,
total, which shows a ratio of \$42,498,921
to \$1,136,724,330, or, roughly speaking, as
four to eleven in Canada's favor.

A STEWART POTTS.
Victoria, B.C., April 17, 1895.

MR. WILSON'S LITTLE PLANS.
TO THE EDITOR:—That Mr. William
Wilson possesses ability many will admit
that he is inquisitive, there are few who will
deny. So ingrained have the habits of
speculation and plausible joking become to
him that they now form the second nature
of the man; and those who know him best
are ever watchful for the ulterior motive or
just underlying his arguments, even when
entertained with his most earnestness.

Full appreciation should be given to
Mr. Wilson's distinctive traits when
considering any matter brought for-
ward, and it will require but very
little discernment to see the mental
grain which possessed Mr. Wilson when he
attempted to get the board of trade to
saddle Messrs. Earle and Prior, whom he
opposed, with an impolitic resolution.

Mr. Wilson's funny play was good and
enjoyable from an artistic point of view,
but the board of trade considered that the
meeting was not the proper place for proli-
cal jokes, and that the expressed wishes of
the promoters of the Victoria Pacific railway
should not be played havoc with by the
funny man. The members of the board ac-
cordingly gave such an expression of ad-
verse opinion that Mr. Wilson, to obviate
any further discussion, withdrew his resolu-
tion.

The correctness of the statistics furnished
by Mr. Wilson, and the comparative finan-
cial positions of Canada and the United
States, were neither endorsed nor questioned
by the board; and the wide scope of discus-
sion which has arisen on these matters is
quite irrelevant to the question before the
board, which was "Should Messrs. Earle
and Prior be asked by the board to formu-
late certain demands upon the Ottawa gov-
ernment?" There were no two minds on
the subject, and the resolution was adopted
as it was unanimously considered best to be
guided by the views of the promoters of the
British Pacific railway.

When the matter had been disposed of by
the board, good taste would have impelled
Mr. Wilson to drop it, but he has been at-
tempted to place the board on trial through
the press; and he and other political oppon-
ents of Messrs. Earle and Prior have at-
tempted to make political capital out of
this representative for having assisted in
thwarting Mr. Wilson's little plans.

Your correspondent "Business" correct-
ly states the case when he says that the
views expressed by Messrs. Earle and Prior
were the very genuine views of those pre-
sents; and any criticism thereof should be
directed towards the Board of Trade as a
body. The board of trade was possible and
for not having allowed itself to be com-
mitted to a resolution which the quoted ex-
pression of the promoters of the British Pa-
cific railway showed to be undesirable in
the interest of that enterprise.

SEYMOUR.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Mainland Lacrosse Association Formed
—Rugby Football—Referee's De-
cision Sustained.

Tacoma's Golf Meeting—California's
Champion Cricket Team to
Visit Victoria.

The Tacoma Ledger of Monday contains
the following in regard to the spring meet-
ing in the City of Destiny, in which the
representatives of the Victoria club especially
distinguished themselves:

"The Tacoma Golf Club held its first an-
nual spring competition on the links at
Edison Saturday. The principal events
were a match between six of the Victoria
players and the same number belonging to
the local club, a club handicap competition
and an open event. The competitors in the
match game were:

Victoria.		Tacoma.	
H. Combe.	97	C. S. Milliken.	117
R. Langley.	121	A. J. Bremner.	114
C. B. Stahlschmidt.	121	Rev. W. H. Corbett.	118
S. Anderson.	149	T. B. Maclean.	119
A. P. Linton.	120		
Total.	718	Total.	741

"H. Combe played an excellent game and
several of the other competitors did very
well. C. S. Milliken and Rev. W. H. Corbett
were not in the contest, in their usual
good form. As will be seen from the scores
the Tacoma club won the contest by twelve
strokes.

"There were 26 entries for the open
handicap competition, which was a very
exciting contest. C. B. Stahlschmidt, of
Victoria, and H. S. Griggs tied with 94
each, and in order to decide the
game they played three extra holes which
they again tied. Another hole was accord-
ingly played, the Victoria player winning
by one stroke. A. P. Linton, of Victoria,
took third place with 114. Owing to the
strong wind and shower of the day, the
score was considerably higher than they would
have done under more favorable circum-
stances. The club dinner was held in the
Tacoma hotel, where an enjoyable evening
was spent."

THE REFEREE'S DECISION SUSTAINED.
A meeting of the British Columbia Rugby
Union was held at Nanaimo on Monday
evening after the Island v. Mainland match,
the Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster
and Nanaimo clubs being represented by
delegates. The appeal of the Victoria club
against the try awarded to the Nanaimo
club in the match at Nanaimo in Decem-
ber last was finally decided. The majority
of the meeting resolved to uphold the deci-
sion of the referee, viz. that the throw out
was a proper one. The match has thus been
won by Nanaimo.

THE MAINLAND ASSOCIATION.
The following gentlemen have consented
to act on the new Mainland Lacrosse Asso-
ciation board: C. M. Beecher, hon. presi-
dent; D. H. Hall, president; Jas. Leamy,
vice-president; John R. Smith, secretary;
and J. G. Gow, Westminister; Smith and
Quigley, Vancouver. Another junior la-
crosse team is being organized in Vancouver.

CHERRY.
VANCOUVER WANTS A MATCH.
The Vancouver Chess Club wish to play a
series of games against the members of the
Victoria Chess Club on the 24th May next,
and given above is the proposal to bring
about a meeting. Though the Victoria
Chess Club is exceptionally strong the vic-
tory will probably meet fœmen worthy
of the task. The match will be held at
several of the Vancouver men have a national
reputation.

CRICKET.
THE VISIT OF THE "ALAMERAS."
There is very little doubt that Victoria
will receive a visit this season from the
Almeras C.C. of San Francisco, the cham-
pion team of California. Mr. C. W.
Rhodes, secretary of the Victoria club, has
already written them, virtually inviting
them to come, when the letter from their
club was published in the COLONIST of
Tuesday last. A match with them
will do much towards increasing inter-
est in the game in this city.

THE NEW CIRCUIT.
Victoria theatre-goers will be interested
in the announcement that a company has
recently been organized, with headquarters
at Portland, Ore., which contemplates pro-
moting theatrical enterprises on the Coast
on a large scale. It is to be known as the
Pacific Theatre Association and will control
a considerable proportion of the better class
of attractions coming to the Northwest.
The association has secured control of the
Marquand Grand opera house at Portland
and the Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver
theatres, all of which will be under the
management of Calvin S. Hall, the di-
rector of the association. Through its
combinations contemplating of the high class
of attractions to the Northwest, and
all of these companies will visit Victoria
under an arrangement between Manager
Jamieson and the association.

Mark Drumm, a representative of the
association, arrived in the city last evening
by the Kingston to make arrangements for
the coming of the Frawley Stock Company
the first attraction to appear here under the
auspices of the association. In conversa-
tion last evening with reference to the new
enterprise Mr. Drumm said:

"The Pacific Theatre Association is the
outgrowth primarily of a desire of the
theatre owners on the Coast to put their
houses on a basis calculated to give better
returns on the money invested. Hereto-
fore the Eastern manager has been un-
able to book more than one or two
theatres in the Northwest, and then often at
very unsatisfactory rates. By reason of a
number of managers having control of the
houses on the circuit dated from the
conflict, and this and innumerable other in-
conveniences incident to such a condition of
affairs kept many of the better attrac-
tions from coming to the Northwest."

"Under the new arrangement all dates
will be booked with Mr. Hall, direct, and
the association's Eastern agent.
The company will have no occasion
to fear the clearing of dates, they will be
assured of a longer season on the circuit,
will be able to get better terms by reason of
the centralization of authority, and the
cities of the Northwest will be given an op-

THE CITY MARKETS.

portunity to see the very best companies
that travel."

The next attraction after the Frawley's,
whose tour is under the direction of the as-
sociation, will be the "Fencing Master,"
with Marie Tempest in the principal role.

The most important change in local quotat-
ions this week is the advance of 40 cents
per case made in coal oil within the past
few days. This is said to be due to the
course of the Standard Oil Company which
recently absorbed an extensive rival con-
cern. Wheat, which has been advancing in
the East, is rising here, but not to any
marked degree. Hay is plentiful in the
market, the current price being \$10 per
ton. There still exists a poor fruit market,
but all kinds of meats and a fair variety and
supply of fish are in stock. Dairy produce is
in ample supply and green stuffs of Cali-
fornia growth are continuing to come in in
large quantities. Current retail quotations
are as follows:

Flour, Odessa (Hungarian) per bbl.	\$5.40
Lake of the West (Hungarian) per bbl.	5.40
Three Star.	5.35
Victorian.	5.35
Lion.	5.35
Royal.	5.35
Portland.	4.75
Snowflake.	4.75
Salem.	4.75
Raisins.	4.40
Wheat, per ton.	25.00
Barley, per ton.	25.00
Midland, per ton.	25.00
Brass, per ton.	25.00
Feed, per ton.	25.00
Onions, per bbl.	4.50
Carrots, per bbl.	4.50
Butter, fresh.	25.00
Butter, salted.	25.00
Ham, American, per lb.	15.00
Ham, Canadian, per lb.	15.00
Bacon, American, per lb.	15.00
Bacon, Canadian, per lb.	15.00
Shoulders, per lb.	15.00
Golden Cattle, per lb.	15.00
Monte-Road, per lb.	15.00
Veal.	15.00
Pork, per lb.	15.00
Spring Lamb, per lb.	15.00
Chickens, per lb.	15.00
Turkeys, per lb.	15.00
Pigeons, per lb.	15.00
Fruits—Apples, per lb.	15.00
Oranges (California), per lb.	15.00
Lemons (California), per lb.	15.00
Salmon (Canada), per lb.	15.00
Halibut, per lb.	15.00
Small fish, per lb.	15.00
Crabs, per lb.	15.00
Smelts, per lb.	15.00
Whiting, per lb.	15.00

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

A Third Line of Steamships to Con-
nect Victoria With the
Orient.

H. M. S. "Nympha" Expected From
Frisco To-Day—Ship "City of
Florence" Arrives.

Victoria will this year be connected with
three distinctly different Oriental lines of
steamships, one more than at present. The
new line will be operated by Samuel Sam-
uels & Co., Yokohama, who have entered in-
to a contract with the Oregon Railway and
Navigation company for the establishment
of a steamship service between Portland and
the Orient. The scheme has long been under
contemplation, but definite arrange-
ments had only recently been entered
into. Mr. F. C. Davies, of this city, who
directs the business of the new line, both
here and in Portland, where he intends es-
tablishing an office. In conversation yes-
terday Mr. Davies said his company
would not pretend to compete for passenger
business with the present Oriental lines,
freight traffic being the principal consid-
eration in the proposed enterprise. A month-
ly service will be first adopted and to in-
crease the British steamer China-
kong will leave Hongkong on her inward
voyage on May