

COWICHAN REGATTA HIGHLY ENTERTAINING

Over 400 Victorians Witnessed Aquatic Sports on Bay Yesterday

(From Thursday's Daily) The King's Daughters entertained over four hundred Victorians yesterday on board the steamer City of Nanaimo. They had arranged for an excursion from this city to Cowichan Bay at which place the residents of the district surrounding the flourishing town of Duncan had prepared a series of aquatic events of exceptional interest.

The outing was most pleasurable. In the first place the weather was delightful and, perhaps just as important, the competitions were the best conducted and the most exciting that have ever been held in that locality. As these events are an annual Dominion Day feature and they have been constantly growing in popularity the improvement in their management will, doubtless, have the effect of inducing an even greater crowd of visitors to Cowichan when the next similar programme of sports is announced.

With flags flying, the city band rendering an appropriate musical selection, and a happy throng lining the railings of each deck, picnic baskets in hand and light holiday literature under arms, the City of Nanaimo steamed out of the harbor early in the forenoon. The trip was superlatively enjoyable. While the number of passengers was large there were not so many that any were made uncomfortable. It was a nice crowd and all entered into the spirit of the occasion with a hearty breeze. The trip generally most pleasurable. After passing in and out among the many picturesque islets and inlets on the coast of Vancouver island for two or three hours the Nanaimo tied up at the Cowichan Bay dock and the people of the valley of that name, who had turned out en masse to participate and witness the regatta, cordoned the excursionists a right royal welcome.

At Cowichan Bay. It would be difficult to picture a spot more suitable for the holding of an aquatic fête. The water was comparatively calm and the half, three-quarter and mile courses, that had been marked off, permitted the competing canoes, boats and rowers to have scope for the test of speed in full view of the thousands of spectators. And gayety and holiday atmosphere were accentuated by the elaborate decorations. Evidently the committee in charge of the regatta had been busy. The dock was strung with bunting, flags and streamers which floated merrily in the breeze. The boats were of various and peculiar designs, the most of them being of the daintily adorned or more gorgeously arrayed craft of various and peculiar designs, the most of them being of the daintily adorned or more gorgeously arrayed craft of various and peculiar designs.

When the Victoria regatta was held the sports were well in progress. Some seven or eight out of nineteen events had been carried out for the regatta. Cowichan people believe in beginning early and finishing on time, a leaf, it was aptly remarked, which the local organizations might well take out of their books. Immediately after luncheon the programme was continued. Each race was largely entered, particularly those open to the Indians. There was no hesitation about coming to the regatta. All the young men were willing to participate, not only that but they appeared to take a genuine pleasure in trying, even if aware of the fact that they had little chance of carrying off the highest honors.

The Feature. As is usually the case the Indian canoe contests were the piece de resistance. Several up-stroke contests were held. Probably there is nothing which so strikingly demonstrates the Indian's adeptness in the handling of the bark to which he is accustomed from earliest youth. Turning their boats over at the start they emptied them of the water, embarked again and were off down the course before those watching could do more than count twenty. Of the straightway Indian races that which was most noteworthy was for double scull craft. There were some ten entries and the Indians started off with their customary gusto, each stroke accompanied by the native "hugh" and, in almost every instance, the strenuous pace continued throughout the mile. The finish was what would be termed in the horse track lingo, a neck and neck. Alexander and Felix had no sooner crossed the line than the shot gun rang out a second time to mark the arrival of Messrs. Samuel and Phillips canoe.

Greasy Pole. The greasy pole was a humorous feature. Over two such events were being open to white men, and the other to Indians. There were comparatively few entries for the former and the flag was captured with ease by Taunston on the first try. When the Indians had their turn practically all the braves took a chance. All their posse while, with strained muscles and distorted features, they essayed to reach the end of the pole in safety were most laughable. Although Daniels was the only one out of some twenty competitors who achieved the goal a youth of about seventeen put up a plucky effort—a painstaking and clever struggle that elicited enthusiastic applause. He did not, however, quite reach the end, losing his equilibrium when within an ace of touching the coveted flag.

A mop fight brought the afternoon's fun to a fitting conclusion. This was for the Indians. And, judging by the number of competitors and the spirit they put into the different encounters, the active participants enjoyed the sport just as those who watched. Robbie and Sam Jones were the successful people. They went sailing canoe after canoe and, in each race, vanquished the foe. Log Rolling. As a side attraction those in charge introduced a log rolling contest. This was for the purpose of trying the muscles who are connected with the Cowichan river drive—swains and men alike. Several display their skill in this important branch. Several competitors presented themselves. They were natives with one exception. The latter proved a winner. His name was Baptiste and his skill in rolling the log was marvellous. He was in a position to make many of those present. To do the others justice, however, it must be stated that they showed almost equal ability.

RESERVE BEST LANDS FOR THE PRE-EMPTOR

Much Fertile Country Off the Market—Municipal Water Protected

Following out its policy of reserving the best lands of the province for the settler who is willing to take up his abode there rather than giving them up to the speculator, the government has declared a reserve of several belts of rich land in the northern part of the province, in which surveyors are at work. These sections are still open to the pre-emptor but are not available for sale until they have been surveyed. It has been represented to the Lands and Works Department, that the land now reserved embraced considerable areas of good land suitable for the small and large farmer, and so the reserve was set out on the following basis: a chance to choose their homesites before the best lands are snapped up by speculators or concessionaires.

Government surveyors have been working on these sections and are now at work on them, and the future disposition of the land will depend largely on their detailed reports received on their return. Among the tracts thus reserved from all save the pre-emptor is a belt extending in Range 5, between the 52nd and 53rd meridians, and extending three miles on each side of Kitsumgallum river from the junction of the mouth of the Skeena to its headwaters. A belt of land 12 miles in width situated in the Cariboo and Lillooet districts and lying six miles on each side of the 52nd parallel on north latitude from the point where the Cariboo river crosses the mountain range to the intersection of the Chilco river with the said parallel.

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Local Bank Figures Make a Gratifying Showing Compared With Last Year

Bank clearings for the month of June showed a slight decline as compared with the corresponding month a year ago, but were very much larger than the June figures of last year. The figures for the month of the present year, local bank clearings aggregated \$28,755,110, being \$839,197 in excess of those for the corresponding month of last year. This gratifying showing, when it is considered that in practically every other important branch of the economy the bank figures this year are considerably less than a year ago.

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MINISTERS ARE BACK FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Pleased With the Progress of Work on the New Town-site

(From Thursday's Daily) The Hon. Messrs. Carter, Cotton and Fulton, with Messrs. D'Arcy Tate and James H. Bacon, representing the British Columbia Railway Company, reached Vancouver on Tuesday evening on the Comox and came to the city yesterday. They arrived at Prince Rupert, the transcontinental terminal, on Sunday morning last, and at once proceeded to make a most careful inspection of the local organizations might well take out of their books. Immediately after luncheon the programme was continued. Each race was largely entered, particularly those open to the Indians. There was no hesitation about coming to the regatta. All the young men were willing to participate, not only that but they appeared to take a genuine pleasure in trying, even if aware of the fact that they had little chance of carrying off the highest honors.

Mr. Tate, who had only previously, in September, visited the entire waterfront on a steam launch. He was accompanied by the entire staff of the town site, and the work of making the corresponding surveys will be begun. It is not an easy job, judging from present indications, that the government's approval of these elaborate plans will be announced within a few days, and once this step is taken events connected with the town site will commence. Mr. Tate will likely remain here until Monday next, when Mr. Ritchie will return to Prince Rupert. The town site engineer-in-chief, Mr. Bacon, it is understood, that Messrs. Carter, Cotton and Fulton are entirely pleased with the situation of the terminal point.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

Improvements to Be Made at Seattle Docks Served by the C. P.

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WAR EAGLE PRODUCING FINE RESULTS—SHIPMENTS ARE INCREASING

What is desired to be the richest car of copper matte ever shipped from British Columbia has been sent out from the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's smelter at Trail to the Tacoma refinery recently. The shipment was worth a little more than \$320,000, and contained 41 per cent copper. The matte was produced in the high grade of the ore being taken from the lower levels of the War Eagle mine. The matte was produced in the high grade of the ore being taken from the lower levels of the War Eagle mine. The matte was produced in the high grade of the ore being taken from the lower levels of the War Eagle mine.

REVEREND LESLIE CLAY IS EN ROUTE FOR HOME

Impression Made in Scotland by Lord Rosebery's Recent Speech

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BAPTISTS' PICNIC

Interesting Programme of Events at Macaulay Plains

AN ENJOYABLE TIME

Annual Outing by Congregational Sunday School at Esquamet

(From Thursday's Daily) The Congregational church held its annual outing at Esquamet yesterday on Esquamet Bay. It was the largest picnic in the history of the church.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE SPORTS:

Races for primary class—Boys—1st prize, Frank Gray; 2nd prize, Sidney Hole; 3rd prize, Bella Gray; 2nd prize, Edith Babbage.

Men's Own—1st, Mr. Housell; 2nd, Mr. Smith; 3rd, Mr. Lancelotti.

After Collision Jumped into Greek

News of the pilot steamshipmaster to be after collision with the Constancia, loaded with coal, was received from Cardiff for the Constancia.

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"Fruit-a-lives" C

For over twenty years Chronic Constipation I could get no medicine tried doctors and cures of laxative, medicine was no better. Some take medicine, I was days, without any effect. During all this time I suffered from indigestion. About a year ago I tried to try "Fruit-a-lives" her. I began taking and from the outset better, and inside of a week almost gone and relieved. In two months well again, no pain and my complexion showed appearance.

RECALLS OLD

Late A. E. Lewis, of Central Figures

Montreal, June 30.—A death of Albert J. Lewis, a well-known Montreal, was announced today. He was a real estate agent and a prominent member of the business community.

REBUKE P

British Foreign Office for Delivery of Reports Against War