INE S PORT ENJOYED AT GORGE REGATTA

Lengthy List of Keenly Contested Events Witnessed by Large Crowd

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The weather man proved generous to lovers of aquatic sports yesterday. Lowering clouds early in the afternoon gave promise of rain and a consequent marring of the splendid regatta programme but almost co-incident with the start of the first event Old Sol burst forth from amid the banked clouds in all his glory and for the balance of the afternoon treated the enthusiastic spectators to a first quality of the sunshine for which Victoria is famous. Beautiful at all times, the Gorge yesterday presented a scene which, it is doubtful, could be duplicated elsewhere. From every available point of vantage hundreds of onlookers watched the long programme of events. The Gorge bridge was thronged with those interested in the afternoon's sports. On either hand the banks were crowded and along the whole course from the bridge to Curtis Point hardly a foot of vantage ground but was occupied, the pretty costumes of the ladies blending in a charming manner with the green foliage of the trees along the shores.

Multitude of Crafts.

On the water, famous for many a hard fought contest on similar occasions in previous years, hundreds of craft of every shape and variety darted here and here. Despite the great number of pleasure craft the course was kept remarkably clear and while there were some occasions on which the ubiquitous launch, canoe or rowboat ventured too far in the way of the contestants it is doubtful if any of the many events were in any wise spoiled by the intrusion. Two long lines of pleasure craft stretched from the starting point just east of the Gorge bridge, to Curtis Point, and it was between this line of applauding and enthusiastic humanity that the contests were held. With one or two exceptions the finishes were close and the winners heartily received while the losers were also not forgotten in the rounds of applause. There was a police craft on duty to keep the course clear but its services were needed only on very few occasions.

It was a good natured crowd. Everyone was out to enjoy herself or himself to the utmost and in the midst of all the fun and enjoyment the attention was paid to the serious portion of the afternoon's programme and not an incident occurred to mar the entire regatta. A few there were who told of days gone by when the navy was here in all its glory and when the jackies took a prominent part but this year, too, the bluejackets were active participants in the day's events, and not a little of the success of the occasion was due to their efforts.

It is doubtful if ever a larger crowd assembled to witness the regatta events and it was a long time before the street cars carried home the pleasure seekers. The regatta was a trifle late in starting but once the programme was under way each event was brought on with commendable promptness and the whole of the lengthy list of events was completed in good time.

Fine Card of Events.

Probably the Indian races and the two contests between the J.B.A.A. and the Vancouver rowing clubs attracted most notice. The Indian war canoe races and the famous Klootchmans contest yearly form an attraction which takes the premier place in the aquatic sports. Each event was hotly contested and as the dusky oarsmen bent to their task and paddled as if their lives depended upon their gaining the goal ahead of their rivals, the crews were cheered to the echo. The war canoes cut through the water like knives and the finish in each case was remarkably close. Unlike their white fellow oarsmen the Indians took no chances and each winning crew patiently waited before the judges' stand until Chief Cooper handed over the hard earned money. The La Connor warriors from Washington bested the Island Indians in two closely contested races but their women folk proved inferior to the sturdy Klootchmans of this Island who carried off the Klootchmans' race in handy fashion. The losers, however, did not begrudge the victors their laurels and amid much good natured chaffing and playful splashing the two crews of Amazons paddled off, the one secure in the possession of the first prize of $80, the other defeated but with the sting of defeat lessened by the cheering and encouragement of the onlookers and the second prize of $40 in bright silver.

The rival boat clubs of Vancouver and Victoria split even in honors. To the husky juniors of the local sporting aggregation went the victory in the amateur, four-oared lapstreak race for the championship of the province while in the senior championship event the Vancouver crew took first honors after a race in which the erratic steering of the J.B.A.A. four put that crew out of the race long before the finish was reached. The visitors simply paddled in and while the disappointment of the crowd was keen the mainland crew were heartily received.

Regimental Victory.

The Fifth Regiment covered itself with glory in the amateur four-oared service cutters event, both the crews entered winning their races and in the final event the two unbeaten crews came together in a pretty race which was hard fought throughout but ended in a victory for the "youngsters" who pulled away from their regimental seniors in handy style. A protest made by the crew of the Garrison engineers who claimed that the regiment had rowed two professionals in Logan and Ross, in the first heat, was not allowed and while the judges expressed themselves ready to consider the protest at the conclusion of the programme the engineers were not present to press their objections.

During the progress of the regatta the city band under the leadership of Bandmaster Rogers enlivened the proceedings with many well executed numbers and added not a little to the enjoyment of the day's events. The officials of the course were Referee, Capt. J. W. Troup; judges, Capt. J. G. Cox, George Jay, and Capt. Coombe; starter, Capt. Davies, announcer, J. W. Lorimer, co-starter, A. J. Dallain; clerks of the course A. J. Dallain, A. J. Brace, W. Winsby; starter of the Indian Canoe races Chief Michael Cooper; committee, Messrs. A. J. Dallain, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., George Jay, H. Willie, A. J. Brace, Chief Watson, W. E. Staneland, W. Winsby, J. W. Lorimer, S. Peele, Chief Langley.

High School Wins.

To the High School boys went the honors in the first event, the double sculled school boy's race, open to boys seventeen years old and under, actually attending school. Only two entries were made, the High School and the Collegiate. The start was made at the boat house of E. Crow-Baker and the course was straight away to the finish line. Both young crews got away well but the High School boys caught the water first. From the start to Curtis Point the race was a close one but the High School boys gradually pulled ahead and led until the finish the Collegiate crew showing signs of distress as they neared the goal. The High School crew on the other hand rowed steadily with a strong stroke and finished in handy style about five lengths ahead. The crews were:

High School—Arthur Rogers, stroke; James Jay, bow; F. Dinsdale, Cox.

Collegiate—Grant, stroke; Loenholm, bow; Bird, cox.

It was a garrison finish for first honors between the Indians from across the boundary, La Connor, Wash., tribesmen, and the Quamichan representatives. From the start right up to the finish the two crews raced neck and neck and finished with but a few feet between them. It was anybody's race right up to the last and but a second separated the two reports of the finish gun. There were four entries of eleven men and each canoe, La Connor, Quamichan, South Saanich and West Saanich. All got away together the fourty-four paddles dropping into the water as one.

Indian Braves Battle.

The course was from the Judges' stand around Deadman's Island and return a distance of about two miles. The La Connor Indians had the inside course with the two Saanich crews next and Quamichan on the outside. It was a ding long struggle all the way to Deadman's Island but the superior steering of the La Connor cox gave his crew just the lead necessary to allow it to round the island about six feet ahead of the Quamichan crew, with the South Saanich a length behind and the West Saanich crew trailing in the rear. On the return the better steering of the La Connor steerman again proved effective. While the Quamichan crew edged somewhat out of its direct course the other held on as straight as an arrow and it was only the superior steering that gave the winners the narrow margin which permitted them to dash over the finish line first. Two lengths behind came the South Saanich while West Saanich did not finish giving up the race fifty yards from the finish. The race created the keenest excitement and the crowds cheered on the crews in enthusiastic fashion. Charley Edwards captained the La Connor Indians to victory and "Bill" directed the Quamichan tribesmen.

The La Connor crew was especially elated over its win this being the first victory the crew had captured in years. The Quamichan crew, while on the home stretch past Curtis point succeeded in blanketing its opponents in a small cove but the American Indians extricated themselves in smart fashion and overcame the small advantage.

Navy Gets Easy Win.

The four-oared service cutters event, open to the army and navy forces proved an easy win for the naval crew stroked by Ellender. The Garrison artillery crew finished second and the third crew was another naval aggregation stroked by Freeman. The race was a procession in which the crews started and finished in the above order. The course from the judges' stand around Deadman's island and return was covered in fairly good time, but the crews were somewhat inconvenienced by the back wash from passing launches which persisted in running ahead of the contestants. The crews were as follows:

Navy—Bow, Hall; No. 2, A. B. Quarrington; No. 3, Reeves; stroke, H. G. Ellender; cox, Carpenter.

Garrison artillery—Bow, Elton; No. 2, Congdon; No. 3, J. Ellender; stroke, Deigan; cox, Thomas.

Navy—Bow, White; No. 2, Arnold; No. 3, Henley; stroke, Freeman; cox, Butler.

The swimming race, 100 yards, brought out six starters, three Y.M.C.A. representatives, Gwyn Keddie, the winner, Frank Crompton, second, and Margison. The other entries were Godfrey who came in third, and Cowper and Shutts. Keddie and Crompton fought for honors all through the race and finished but a few feet apart with Godfrey close up.

Engineers Protest.

The first heat of the four-oared service cutters, open to amateurs, course around Deadman's island, for medals for the winners of the event, was won handily by the Fifth Regiment crew after a heartbreaking finish with the Engineers. For the first half of the race the Y.M.C.A. entry also was well up in the running but after the turn and down the home stretch the Fifth Regiment showed its superior staying powers, crossing the line three lengths ahead. The Engineers finished second and the Y.M.C.A. third. The Engineers protested the event on the grounds that Logan and Ross of the winning crew were professionals, having raced for a money prize last year. This was denied by the Fifth Regiment men who claimed that both oarsmen were amateurs pure and simple. The protest was formally made to Captain J. W. Troup, as referee, but when the day's events were concluded it was not pressed. The crews were as follows:

Fifth Regiment—Bow, G. Isbister; No. 2, J. Thorpe; No. 3, G. Ross, stroke, E. Logan; cox, G. Spurrier.

Garrison Engineers—Bow, Eden; No. 2, Knight; No. 3, Kerry; stroke, Williams; cox, Starling.

Y.M.C.A.—Bow, Wormald; No. 2, Long; No. 3, Harling; stroke, Warner; cox, Lawry.

Spoiled by Poor Steering.

The lapstreak events between the J. B.A.A. and the Vancouver crews, both junior and senior, were destined to be spoiled by poor steering. In the junior event on the course from Ellice bridge to the judges' stand, the Vancouver crew ran down the buoy just after they had negotiated the Slater islands, and the delay occasioned by the mishap practically put the visitors out of the race. The J.B.A.A. crew got away first and when the accident happened had secured a short lead of about a length. The local crew steered a fine course and held their lead throughout, though the Vancouver boys did their best to overcome the handicap against them. The race along to the finish was however little more than a procession, the J.B.A.A. winning as they pleased with about seven lengths to the good. The crews were:

Vancouver—F. H. Godfrey, bow; E. MacGachen, J. Erskine and S. C. McSweeney, stroke.

J. B. A. A.—R. Hiscocks, bow; D. Thompson, R. Strachan and J. Bendroit, stroke.

The second event in the Indian war canoe race brought out the same four crews as contested the first heat, and the result was identical, the LaConner Indians and the Quamichan braves furnishing the excitement with another remarkably close finish in which the LaConner crew just managed to nose out their nearest opponents by half a length. South Saanich and West Saanich crews finished in the order named a length and two lengths in the rear respectively.

Youngsters Finished First.

In the second heat of the four-oared service cutters race, for amateurs, the Fifth Regiment "colt" aggregation simply romped away from the crew of the cable ship Restorer, winning as it pleased by about fifteen lengths. The soldiers led from the start and were never pushed. The Restorer cox worked his boat directly in the rear of the other, and his crew lost considerable while endeavoring to extricate themselves. The better condition of the regimental crew made itself evident on the return course, and from Denman's Island to the finish the lead was steadily increased. The crews were:

Fifth Regiment—Bow, A. Penketh; No. 2, A. Andrews; No. 3, O. Gabrielson; stroke, G. Etheridge; cox, H. Price.

Restorer—Bow, Engineer Johnson; No. 2, Chief Officer Richardson; No. 3, Assistant Engineer McDonald; stroke, Third Officer Brooks; cox, Broadfoot.

Had Miss Moore and Miss Tingley wished to row over the course alone and thus win a hollow victory, they could have possessed the first prize in the ladies' dinghy event in which they were the only starters. The course lay from Curtis point to the judges' stand. Neither of the young ladies cared to go over the course unless they had opposition. The judges regretted that no other entries had been made, and they complimented Miss Moore and Miss Tingley on their sportsmanlike conduct in their readiness to meet all comers.

Klootchman's Race.

However skilful might prove the La-Conner Indians, the tribe met defeat, though an honorable one, at the hands of the Quamichan klootchmen. It was reserved for the weaker sex of the latter tribe to retrieve the laurels lost by their braves, and to the prowess of the women was due the fact that the Quamichan entry landed the first money. The race was a thrilling one, the klootchmans showed all the skill and dash of the sterner sex and as the two crews, the only entries, swept down the Gorge towards the finish line they brought forth a perfect storm of applause and encouragement. Both crews were steered by a brave, but to the women belong all the honor. The islanders took the lead from the start and held it all the way, making a beautiful turn at the buoy and increasing their advantage on the road home. Quamichan finished six lengths ahead amid the shrill cries and rejoicings of their people.

The double paddle Indian canoe race, in which two entries were made, the South Saanich and West Saanich Indians, was another exciting event, and the finish was so close one of West Saanich team just nosing out its rivals by inches.

More Poor Steering.

Poor steering on the part of the local four gave the Vancouver an easy victory in the senior four-oared lapstreak event for the championship of British Columbia. The start was made at Point Ellice bridge, and for the greater part of the distance the race was close and exciting, the Vancouver crew but a very slight distance in the lead. In fact it was anybody's race until the crews had almost reached Curtis point, when the J. B. A. A. boat, badly steered, worked into the cove and in attempting to extricate itself, the nose of the boat was run upon the shore. On the other hand, the Vancouver boat, stroked by a veteran oarsman, Humber, kept to the open course and after the local crew had lost all chance of winning it was simply a paddle for the visitors, who crossed the line several lengths to the good. The J. B. A. A. finished the course, but there was absolutely no chance of winning. The crews were:

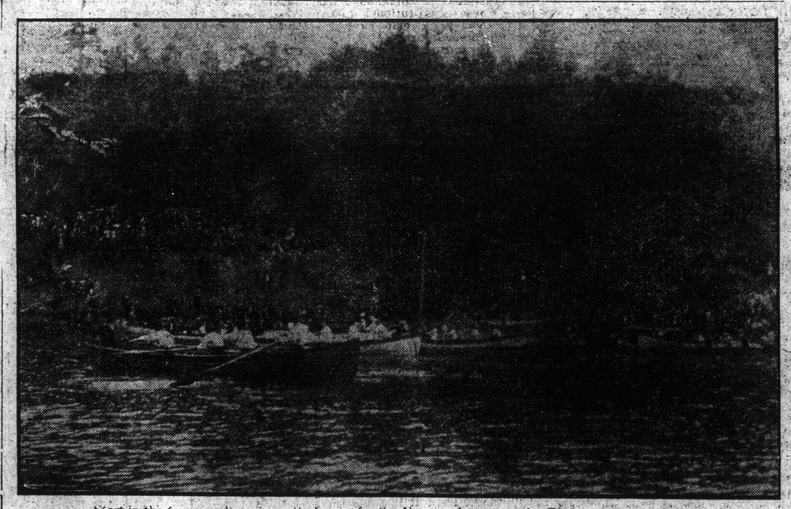
Vancouver—N. C. Sawers, bow; J. A. Dillabough, J. R. Moore, E. W. Humber, stroke.

J. B. A. A.—K. P. Hughes, bow; R. Monteith, F. Bayliss, W. W. Laing, stroke.

The Fifth Regiment had it all to itself in the final heat of the four-oared service cutters event, in which the winning crews of the first two events came together. The race was a close one, and both crews were encouraged to do its best by the cheers of the crowd, but despite the fact that they were the younger and lighter, the "youngsters" won out after a close struggle. Both crews from the start until well around Deadman's Island raced almost even, but coming down the stretch at the finish, Etheridge's crew crossed the line about five lengths ahead.

The greasy pole event, one that always furnishes the major part of the comedy at the annual regatta event, was conspicuous by its absence. No entries were received and apparently no one had the hardihood to offer himself as a contestant for the prize of $5.

Thousands followed the parade to the City's chief playground and saw the judges make their awards.



Start in the four-oared service cutter's race for the Navy and Army at the Gorge regatta yesterday.

VANCOUVER DEFEATED LOCAL LACROSSE TEAM

First Senior Game Drew Large Crowd to New Athletic Park

The Victoria athletic park, the city's new recreation grounds, boasting of a brand new grandstand which, for comfort and convenience, is not excelled in the Dominion, was the centre of attraction yesterday morning. It was the scene of two lacrosse matches, in both of which Victoria and Vancouver exponents of the game were subjected to a trial of strength with varying results. In the first the juniors played and the local twelve were successful by a score of 4 goals to 3. The second brought out the seniors and, on this occasion, the Terminal City stalwarts decisively defeated their opponents, running up a total of ten to the locals' four points.

When the big match, the first of the British Columbia league series was called, there were many spectators. In fact all the seating space was occupied while the fence for some distance around the playing area was lined with interested "fans." The band ceased playing and all held their breath as Referee Tite and Judge of Play Smith prepared the ball for a start. This was to be a vital contest for the locals. It was their initial struggle in senior company. Hitherto the majority had only associated with the intermediates and, consequently, all were anxious to ascertain how they would stand against the mainland veterans. Therefore there was a perceptible hush when the two centre men knelt down to scratch and when they rose and the ball flew skyward the crowd's enthusiasm burst forth in a mighty roar.

Encouraging Start.

The competition was on. How would Victoria do? That was the question everyone asked as they watched closely and eagerly the ball as it went from stick to stick and all hoped against hope that the boys in blue would be able to set a pace equal to that of the Terminal City. A few flashes of intermingled sticks and the sphere crept closer and closer the Capital City flags. It was intercepted by the defence, as one of the men in blue ran down the field, the pent-up feelings of anxious onlookers gave way in an encouraging cheer.

But again the sphere came back to the danger zone. The home players once more rallied to the call and gathering about the goal were able to repel the attack. These repeated onslaughts got on the nerves of the crowd. They didn't like the determined and aggressive methods of the Vancouver home. The critics shook their heads and, while not wishing their judgment to be born out, expressed the opinion that the Terminal City seniors had just a little too much confidence and experience to be successfully handled by the younger exponents from the city. The defence put up by Messrs. McLaughlin, Dewar, Stevens, O'Kell and Mason couldn't stand the strain in their opinion. And they were right. While each of those did their best, the opposing home were too fast and sure in their combination. In this way they drew the defenders just a little way from the flags and then came in with a rush which carried all before it, and Cowan almost sent the sphere through the net. The scoring of this point, which had taken eight and a half minutes, caused an uneasy stir among those occupying seats on the grandstand. There was a general presentiment of worse to come.

Stood Well Together.

For the remainder of the quarter, however, the home team stood well together. They played with grit and vim and their plucky efforts frequently elicited applause. The strongest Vancouver supporter could not, in fairness, say that the twelve of that name had any the better of the work between Cowan's success and the blowing of the whistle. The ball went from one flag to the other, seemingly uncertain whether to find a temporary resting place in the Victoria or the Vancouver net. As is often the case where there is difficulty in deciding, it did neither, preferring to pass an exceedingly active time, now in the custody of the home stalwarts and again in that of the visitors. This period was productive of considerable pretty combination, many exhilarating rushes, and some tricky individual work—all of which was in proportion to the advancement of the interests of one side or the other.

The Second Quarter.

In the light of what happened during the second quarter it appears that Vancouver must have been warming up at the outset. At any rate there is no doubt that the five minutes' rest they secured had worked wonders or that it had had the opposite effect on the home players. Whatever the reason the Victoria team was distinctly outclassed throughout the period. Their perfect confidence, the spirit they displayed in their attacks and, withal, their energy and judgment, convinced the most sanguine that the Capital City twelve was doomed to defeat. The difference between a veteran and one comparatively green, no matter whether under ordinary circumstances, there would be nothing to choose in their stick handling, sprinting and other essential points, was never more broadly marked.

From the blow of Referee Pike's whistle they went after the home defence. Repulsed once they were back again. One denial hadn't any effect. They were determined that they would force an opening and were confident that they had the ability to do it. And so they succeeded. Once the way past "Charlie" Fairall's stick was discovered "there was nothing to it." Three times the sphere found the net, twice from the stick wielded by Douglas and once from that in the hands of the active Illiputian, Knight.

Where Was Victoria?

What was Victoria doing while this was going on? That would be a hard question to satisfactorily answer. It would be unfair to the home bunch to say that they were not in the game. They were but, unfortunately, they never seemed to be able to forget the presence of the Vancouverites. Seriously, Victoria wasn't doing at all badly. They had attacked and, although their sieges were comparatively weak, they showed that the locals had it in them if, with their ability, was confidence. When the ball hovered about the Terminal City flags only the most favorable opportunity would induce one to take a shot. There were none whose actions said, "I know I can force my way through this bunch and I'm sure if I try the others will back me up." In other words there wasn't enough individual aggressiveness. Of course it is quite proper that there should be shortsnappy combination But the locals carried it too far. They pursued the policy to such an extent that it became evident that none believed in his ability; all were afraid of taking a chance at the goal and so when they got the ball and carried it a few feet, they nervously passed it to another who, it might be, was in a worse position to effectively handle it. The reason was not hard to find. They were too modest, mistaking the swaggering confidence of their opponents for superiority.

Rushes Weak.

To return to the match itself. A number of attacks were made by Victoria on Vancouver goal, these taking place in the intervals during which the siege of Victoria's flags had been temporarily raised. But these rushes were weak and, consequently, ineffective. They were not conducted with that dashing confidence so essential to success. Cessford made one or two shots; so did Sargison, while several scrimmages took place in front of the goal. For the most part, however, the Terminal City defence wasn't worried particularly. McGreer, the goal tender, was sure and active when his services were needed, but the shots that he was called on to intercept were not of a calibre to require any specially fine work.

When the teams lined up again after half time a change was noticable in the front presented by Victoria. Morris had fallen back on the defence and Mason took his place on the home department. This proved to be an improvement although it mighn't have been noticed. The weight of the brigade about the flags was augmented while the attack was strengthened by first class stick manipulator and a cool heady player. Still the difference was not sufficient to deter the Vancouver twelve. They were in the same form as in the second quarter, maintaining a fast pace, drawing out the local defence occasionally, rushing as frequently and more often meeting with success. They scored four times while Victoria tallied two points. The contest during this period was interesting, more so, perhaps, than at any other stage. Pluckily the blue and white players were trying to even matters and just as determinedly the visitors were working the other way. As familiarity breeds contempt so the longer an intermediate tries conclusions with a senior the more confident does the former become. It was the result of something of the kind which enabled the home stalwarts to land their two points. While it is true that in doing so they allowed Vancouver to secure double the number there is no doubt that had they not accomplished it the Terminal City would have landed several more.

Honors Even.

Honors were even in the last period. The pace visibly slackened. Without a doubt the Vancouver boys were worn out. It was the first game of the season and they couldn't stand the test as well as the younger players who represented the Capital. Victoria played just as fast as ever and they showed up well in comparison with their opponents. For the most part they controlled the play and would have scored more than the two landed by Messrs. Gray and Morris had it not been for the dogged defence of McGee and McConaghy. The two latter with Springer and Matheson were not to be drawn from the flags and the Victoria home found it well nigh impossible to elude their vigilance.

That Victoria was decisively defeated must be acknowledged. But the game was not altogether a disappointment and that will be allowed by the majority of the local adherents who were in attendance. They point out that the team never played together before. It is composed of a heterogeneous bunch, gathered from the best of the intermediate aggregations representing the James Bay, Victoria West and Central twelves. When viewed from that standpoint those who know how essential it is in lacrosse that every player should be acquainted with his fellow's style and that the whole should be welded together so that the home and the defence work together in machine like fashion must agree that it would be unjust to judge the home twelve on their yesterday's performance. That every man was willing and that there is the individual ability to form, through judicious training, a team that may hope to do something material towards popularizing the Canadian National game in the forthcoming championship competition is the consensus of opinion. What is wanted is Confidence. Give that inspiring quality and the twelve will present a different appearance on the field. The home then will not lack in its attack, there will be no desultory combination about the flags, one player relying on the other to make the shot and so forth, but the team as a whole will go in to break up the defence with body checking and combination and then will come the true trial between the Mainland and Island exponents of the grand old game—lacrosse.

The line up of the teams follows:

Vancouver—Goal, McGreer; point, McConagy; cover point, Burns; 1st defence, Clarkson; 2nd defence, Springer; 3rd defence, Matheson; centre, Green; 3rd home, Cowan; 2nd home, Knight; 1st home, Douglas; outside home, Carter; inside home, Godfrey.

Victoria—Goal, Fairall; point, McLaughlin; cover point, Dewar; 1st defence, Stevens; 2nd defence, O'Kell; 3rd defence, Mason; centre, Sumner; 3rd home, Morris; 2nd home, Sargison; 1st home, Cessford; outside home, White; inside home, Grey.

Interest at Beacon Hill centered in the judgment of the Roadster Class.