

Honoring Baden-Powell

How Victoria Celebrated the Relief of Mafeking Last Evening.

Fireworks, Firecrackers and Bonfires Accentuate the Joy of Citizens.

The Band and Military Parade Through the Streets—Notes of the Day.

Yesterday afternoon and last evening the city was once more turned over to rejoicing over the glorious news which early yesterday afternoon was received and bulletined by the Times of the relief of Mafeking. The same enthusiasm which marked the surrender of Cronje and of the relief of Ladysmith was evidenced yesterday, for scarcely ever was the tidings of rescue for a beleaguered position awaited more feverishly than was that of the little outpost which for over two hundred days Col. Baden-Powell has held against overwhelming odds.

Victoria has had so many experiences recently of celebrating glorious news that there was perhaps less hesitation in going about the welcome task of decoration than was the case on former occasions. The feats which were performed in unfurling the flags and draping buildings, etc., were little short of marvellous, and half an hour after the news was first bulletined Government street was a blaze of color from one end to the other, while no flag pole capable of carrying a banner was without its adornment.

As usual the Fifth Regiment band was among the first organizations to take part as a body in the general rejoicing. Followed by an immense throng they paraded the streets, stopping at the different corners and rendering patriotic airs in which often the crowd joined with a will.

Consul Smith had invited the band back on the occasion of the fall of Pretoria, but the boys thought the occasion fitting to give him a Mafeking interlude, which the veteran consul acknowledged by waving British and American flags.

The newspaper offices were similarly serenaded, and it was while the band was playing in front of these that a feature was added to the impromptu parade which would be impossible excepting in a garrison town. A large body of marines, sailors and soldiers, many of their appearance bearing on their shoulders an uncouth looking individual whom Jack, Joe and Tommy, in their love for a mascot, had seized upon to typify the race which Baden-Powell has withstood so long. The unwilling victim duly placed, was forced into the centre of a circle, and while the band played "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning," the good natured fellows, whose comrades have been spilling their blood unflinchingly for the flag throughout South Africa, executed a jig in honor of the occasion.

When the band moved on the improvised Boer was dragged along, while the remainder of the company followed, executing movements peculiar to the barack room and the quarter deck. A brief respite for dinner followed this procession, and then the city seemed to empty itself on to the streets, every man, woman and child bound to contribute his or her quota to the general rejoicing. Business was practically suspended, most of the merchants turning the key in their doors and joining their families on the street. Long before 8 o'clock Government street was a surging mass of humanity, traffic along it being possible only by means of the narrow lane which was swept clear of people by the street cars in their progress.

A deafening cannonade of firecrackers of the riotous Chinese type drowned every other noise and conversation was carried on in shouts. Even the droning of the bagpipes from a stand in front of the Foresters' Hall could be distinguished only as an undertone of melody in the general clamor.

So great was the din that before the crowd was aware of it, a procession was on, the instruments of the bandsmen sounding faint as tin whistles in the uproar. At the head marched Mr. Dickenson, with his patriotic bull dog, his capacious breast and ample shoulders swathed in the national ensign, while two Union Jacks were borne in his mouth, completing a picture which sent the crowd into transport of delight.

A little fox terrier similarly adorned and labelled "Little Bobs" also attracted much attention. Then came the Fifth Regiment with its band and officers, and behind them a body of men seen for the first time on parade in Victoria streets. To Col. McKay, in command of A. Co., B.C.E., it was given to celebrate the relief of Mafeking by the initial parade of his command. Short as the notice was he turned out a company last night which elicited warm applause as they swung through the streets. They turned out in full drill order with arms, and their appearance on parade was such as to justify the pride which their commanding officer takes in his men.

Behind the militia garrison came the Boys' Brigade, the manly little fellows in marching order, taking marvellous pride in their efforts to keep pace with their older prototypes. At the City Hall, where a half was called, three cheers were given for Col. Baden-Powell and then the parade was dismissed to view the fireworks.

In front of the fire hall, which was appropriately draped and illuminated for the occasion with pictures of the Queen and the hero of Mafeking, a huge bonfire had been arranged, for, and at 9 o'clock this was ignited. A post bearing the word Pretoria was hoisted on the top of it and this was the first part of the jubilation to fall—an omen which was not upon the crowd.

After the bonfire had died away an

impromptu fireworks display was given from the roof of the Market Hall by Hitt Bros., who at the shortest notice prepared a very creditable display, terminating with a set piece, the single word, Mafeking.

Notes.

The day was replete with incidents, which if collected together, would fill an ordinary issue of the Times. Few of these are given as typical of all.

Trudging bravely along through the dust at the heels of Col. Gregory in the evening parade was a little artilleryman whose limited proportions and completed outfit won him an ovation all along the line. The little chap (a son of Artist Blair) reported in due form at the orderly room, and marched with the men until the parade was dismissed.

A son of Gunner Bidhale, of No. 1 Co., also attracted much attention. He was clad in a complete suit of khaki and rode at the head of the procession on a bicycle.

None of the young men of the city celebrated the occasion more sincerely than Provincial Librarian Schofield and his brother, K. Schofield, of the government printing office. The relief of Mafeking meant to them not only a British victory, but the release of their brother, who belongs to one of the irregular corps which have been shut up for seven months in the little town in Bechuanaland.

The first message to leave Victoria of a congratulatory nature was from Col. Gregory, officers and men of the Fifth Regiment. It was dispatched before 3 o'clock and was as follows:

Victoria, B. C., May 18th.

Col. Baden-Powell, Mafeking:
Fifth Regiment Canadian Artillery, Victoria, British Columbia, sends greeting to you and your gallant garrison.

Mayor Hayward, who promptly remembered Sir George White when Lady-smith was relieved, was not forgetful of Powell yesterday. He sent the following cable to the hero of Mafeking:

Victoria, B. C., May 18th.

Col. Baden-Powell, Mafeking:
Citizens of Victoria, British Columbia, congratulate your heroes upon the triumphant termination of the bravest defence in the century's history.

CHARLES HAYWARD,
Mayor.

Capt. Bryon Drake, who marched with his company last night, is well acquainted with Col. Baden-Powell, having attended the same school as that officer in England. The ex-students of the school made up a purse of two thousand pounds, which they dispatched to Mafeking for the benefit of the men serving under their old schoolmate.

The obsequy which was presented by little baby Irving, daughter of Mr. Justice Irving, hung from the orderly room window all last evening and will be on view at the benefit concert to-night. It is a handsome Canadian flag, 18 feet long, bearing the inscription "Presented to the Fifth Regiment, C.A., by Diana Ogilvy Irving, in commemoration of the gallant defence of Mafeking."

The little patriot has had the flag ready for presentation for weeks and fifteen minutes after the receipt of the glorious news it was in the hands of the colonel of the regiment. Mrs. Irving also presented the regiment with a red ensign 18 feet long, and this yesterday flew from the flagpole just below the Jack.

Immediately on receipt of the news all of the school children gathered in the yards and sang the National Anthem. Two new flags presented to the North Ward school by Trustee McCandless were unfurled for the first time yesterday. One was hoisted by Miss Edith Catterall and the other by Percival McCandless. The new flag pole at the Victoria West school was employed for the first time yesterday—an event which will become history in the annals of the school.

The one thing which was lacking to make this year's celebration of the Queen's birthday a record breaker has at least been supplied. The relief of Mafeking will give a splendid fillip to the demonstration next week.

The unselfish efforts of Chief Deasy and his men to contribute to the happiness of every one was much appreciated. The fire brigade labored assiduously to make the wind-up of the demonstration appropriate and their efforts were crowned with complete success.

Here and there little things happened which showed the temper of the people. Whenever the National Anthem was reached on the band programme it was a signal for an uncovering of heads which was well nigh universal. Where this token of respect was lacking it generally arose from thoughtlessness. Sometimes it arose from other reasons and the crowd were quick to detect when this was the case. In front of the police station last night a foreigner refused to remove his headress when the band struck up the National Anthem. Some sailors noticing it approached the man, "Take care, you bonnet, you blunderbroke" was the way they drew his attention to the omission. The man hesitated and a moment later his Christy was being reduced to an unrecognizable mass under the patriotic heels of the tars.

The whole way in which Jack entered into the spirit of the affair was of especial interest to visitors who are not as familiar as Victorians with the men who have been called into requisition so often in the hour of the nation's need. There is a simplicity, almost juvenility about Jack's way of celebrating which makes the big hearted fellows favorites with every one. The scenes on the Esquimaux cars last night at the flag end of the demonstration were often ludicrous in the extreme.

In addition to the bonfire in front of the market hall smaller ones blazed at points on Yates street.

The new flag poles which the Indians on the reserve, under the direction of Chief Cooper, have erected for the Queen's Birthday celebration were adorned for the first time yesterday with the national emblem.

The stolid, serious, way in which Bri-

tons take their victories as well as their pleasure was well illustrated at Esquimaux. Everything at the naval town moved along in the regulation channels as if to intimate to the world that a British victory was so common that it could hardly be classed among the notable events. The note of exultation in the voices of the officers to whom the Times was careful to dispatch the news immediately on its receipt, showed, however, how deeply they participate in the common feeling of relief and satisfaction.

CELEBRATIONS AT ROSSLAND.

Rossland, May 18.—Patriotic joy burst forth in a sudden blaze to-day in Rossland when the news of the relief of Mafeking reached the city. The three words "Mafeking is relieved" flashed over the C. P. R. wire in just a few minutes from London to Rossland, at 1:25 p.m.

Instantly the news was telephoned to Mayor Goodere, and by him to Chief Guthrie. The fire bell began ringing furiously. The whole population, knowing by instinct that this was the signal of good news, rushed to Columbia avenue. The message of the fire bell was taken up by the steam whistles at the mines and the sides of the Red Mountain echoed back their joyous toots. In what seemed less than no time crowds lined Columbia avenue. Union Jacks were hoisted and waved by hand and fire crackers were shooting in all directions.

The fire apparatus turned out and dashed along the street with horses clad in great Union Jacks, while smaller ones flattered from their collars, the firemen yelling and waving their hats. The 470 school children were given a half holiday and they were joined by others, which brought the total to about 600, and these waving little flags joined in the procession and marched through the principal streets. Every team and horse in town was pressed into service, and the city has been a fete all day. All stores were closed, crowds were to be seen on the principal corners singing "God Save

the Queen," "Rule Britannia" and "Soldiers of the Queen."

This evening there was another parade in which the city band, the local company of the Rocky Mountain Rangers and others took part.

In Eastern Canada.

Montreal, May 19.—The news of the relief of Mafeking was received with the wildest enthusiasm throughout Eastern Canada. The event was celebrated by military parades, fireworks and other displays in many places.

Ottar Again in Command.

Toronto, May 19.—News has been received from Lieut.-Col. Otter that he was only a few days in the hospital, and that he has returned to the head of his regiment.

HOW WE ENVY HIM.

Somerville Journal.
Let other bands twang the harp in praise
Of the man who loves to toil,
Who is always at work at half-past four,
And who burns the midnight oil.
I think my lot to land the good sense
Of the thoroughly lazy man,
Who never will work unless he must,
And who loafs whenever he can.

He watches the struggles of other men
With a calm, superior smile,
For as long as they work, he knows he
can rest,
And smoke his pipe meanwhile.
For heaven takes care of the lazy ones,
And so it will always be;
And why should he worry, and bustle, and
push,
While he gets a good living free?

Oh, the only true philosophy
Is that of the lazy man,
Who never will work unless he must,
And who loafs whenever he can.
He has no reason to lay up wealth;
He has no need to save;
For others will care for him all through
life,
And others will dig his grave.

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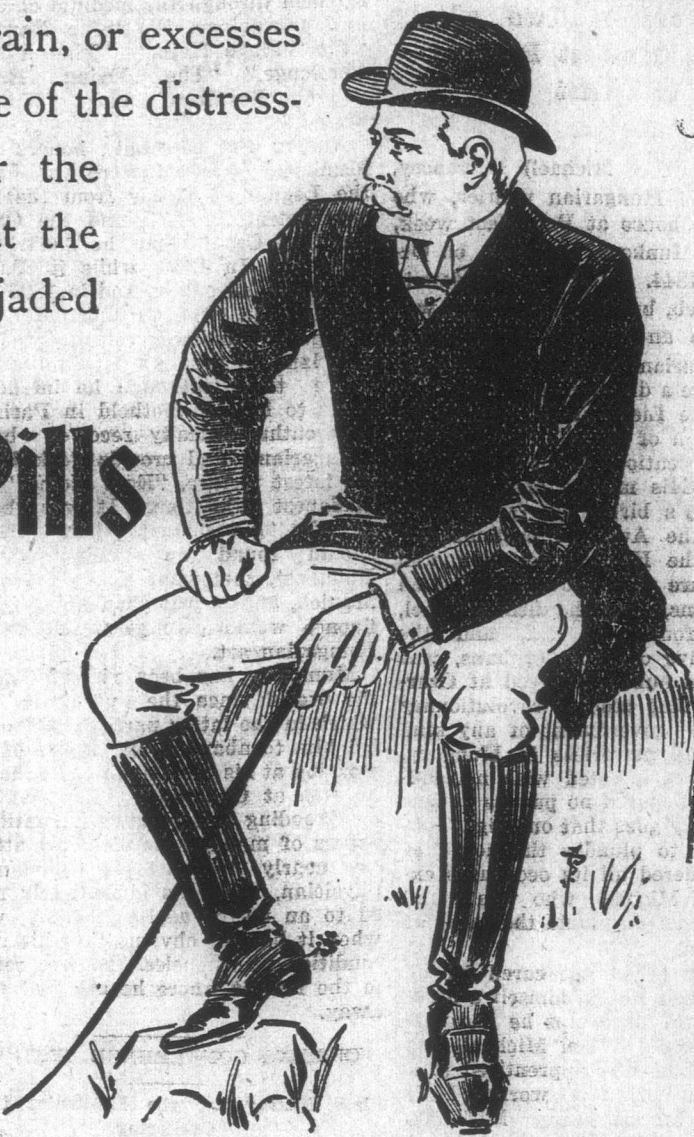
Dr. J. C. H. Hatcher

Nervous Debility

may be caused by over-work, worry, mental strain, or excesses of almost any nature. Very frequently it is one of the distressing after effects of la grippe. But whatever the cause a debilitated, nervous system means that the nerves lack nutrition. Feed the tired and jaded nerves and life will renew its joys for you.

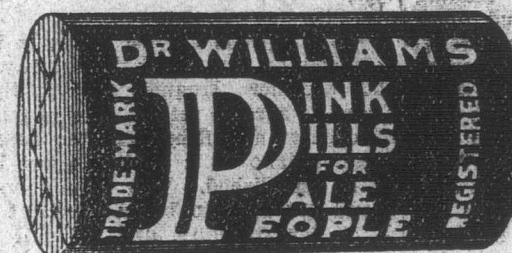
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is the best nerve food and most valuable tonic known to science. Merit, and merit alone, has given these pills a larger sale than any other medicine in the world. Through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills hundreds of thousands of tired, and jaded, despondent men and women have been made bright, active, work-loving people. But you must get the genuine—imitations are always a source of disappointment, and a waste of money.



WEAK AND NERVOUS.

Mr. Austin Fancy is a well known blacksmith living at Baker Settlement, a hamlet about ten miles from Bridgewater, N. S. Mr. Fancy is well known in the locality in which he lives. He is another of the legion whose restoration to health adds to the popularity of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Mr. Fancy related his story of illness and renewed health to a reporter of the Enterprise as follows:—"During the last winter, owing I suppose to overwork and impure blood, I became very much reduced in flesh, and had severe pains in the muscles all over my body. I felt tired and nervous all the time, had no appetite and often felt so low spirited that I wished myself in another world. Some of the time, necessity compelled me to undertake a little work in my blacksmith shop, but I was not fit for it, and after doing the job, would have to lie down; indeed I often felt like fainting. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after using a couple of boxes, I felt a decided relief. The pains began to abate, and I felt again as though life was not all dreaminess. By the time I had used six boxes I was as well as ever, and able to do a hard day's work at the forge without fatigue, and those who know anything about a blacksmith's work will know what this means. Those who are not well will make no mistake in looking for health through the medium of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.



Pink colored pills in glass jars, or in any loose form, or in boxes that do not bear the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, are not Dr. Williams'.

The genuine are put up in packages resembling the engraving on the left, with wrapper printed in red.

Sold by all dealers in medicine or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

The Premier Returns

Bronzed and Tired, but is Still
Confident of Carrying
the Country.

Jas. B. Thompson, of Victoria, a
Candidate in Alberni-Mr.
Bryden's Platform.

Premier Martin returned last night from his tour of the Mainland, brown as a berry from exposure, he having travelled over a great deal of country and addressed about twenty open air meetings. He was in the best of health and spirits, however, and predicted that he would sweep the country.

He was met at the boat by a number of his supporters, when, after greetings, the party entered hacks and a procession was formed, headed by the City band, marched by the principal streets to the committee rooms, where the Premier and Messrs. Hanna, Yates and Brown delivered short addresses. Owing to the patriotic celebration, the idea of holding a regular meeting was abandoned.

Messrs. Higgins, Hayward, and Fraser arrived home yesterday by the Willapa from the West Coast, having addressed a joint meeting of electors at San Juan on Thursday evening.

A special to the Times from Nanaimo says: "James B. Thompson, an assayer, who has resided in Victoria for the past year, passed through here yesterday afternoon on his way to Alberni, where he will enter the political race as a candidate for member of that district, as a Liberal-Conservative. Mr. Thompson resided in Alberni before going to Victoria, and has many friends there."

A dispatch from Fort Steele says: "J. R. Costigan, of Cranbrook, who has come out as an anti-Martin candidate, addressed a small audience at Fort Steele last evening. He denounced Premier Martin in most bitter terms while Mr. Costigan made an able plea for support. It was evident the audience was not in sympathy with him, save in his opinion of Mr. Martin. Fort Steele favors Wm. Fernie." John Bryden's address to the electors of

North Nanaimo contains as its first plank: "The restoration of responsible government and uncompromising opposition to Joseph Martin and the way in which the government has been run for the past two years."

He pledges himself to give his support, so far as a provincial member can, to a bill of similar nature to the "Natal Bill," excluding all cheap coolie labor that will come into direct competition with the white labor at present in the province, and he is of the opinion that such a measure would receive the support of the Imperial government.

Mr. Bryden is also heartily in accord with the principles of the referendum in measures of importance.

He favors a progressive policy of provincial development. He considers roads a necessity to those engaged in agricultural pursuits, and will work to have the district opened up. Mr. Bryden also favors a wage of \$2.50 per day to those employed on roads, and will take up the matter of the trunk road between Nanaimo and Comox, which the late Minister of Finance was to have looked after, and complete it without delay.

An energetic policy for building railroads throughout the province will have his undivided support.

Mr. Bryden advocates a grant for maintaining a residential physician in the upper part of the district, and a continuance of the grant for fire protection and hospitals.

He will urge the advisability of encouraging manufacturing industries, especially by inducing the starting of refineries and iron and steel works, enhancing the value of the raw material and providing profitable employment for the rising generation.

A convention of government supporters is being held this afternoon at Duncan to select a candidate to contest that constituency for the administration.

J. G. Brown to-day stated that there was a probability of a very strong man coming in the government interest at Nanaimo, but that he was not yet at liberty to give his name.

It is said that Duncan Rowan has accepted the government nomination for Richmond.

The postponed meeting of the opposition will be held at Spring Ridge on Monday evening.

LITTLE BUT SEARCHING—Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are not big nauseous doses that contain injurious drugs or narcotics—they are the pure vegetable pepsin—the medicinal extract from the succulent fruit, and tablets are prepared in as palatable form as the fruit itself. The remedy searches out the weak spots in the digestive organs—encourages and stimulates them—60 in a box, 35 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.