Victoria Celebrates

Favored With King's Weather For Proper Observance of the Holiday.

Many Visitors From the Outside Cities Join in the Merry Making.

Sports and Games in the Day, Fireworks and Illumination By Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Yesterday witnessed a most magnificent opening of the Victoria Day celebration. The first day of the festival for whose keeping this city is so justly famed, was of the regal sort. A balmy spring day, whose bright blue sky and straying breeze were noticeably inspiring, found its fitting use in the following after pleasure as of yore, and as of yore the search was crowned with every success. The thousands of citizens and visitors who at an early hour began to throng the streets and wend their way to the attractions of their choice, were in fit mood for merry-making, and so merry it was from the starting of the school children's games at Beacon Hill to the late returning from that same fair park make gay by many lights and soul-inspiring music.

For several days of the present week visitors have been taking time by the forelock and dropping in, until by Thursday night hotel after hotel was finding its accommodations unequal to the occasion. With that night's train upwards of a couple of hundred came down from Nanaimo and other Island points, while by sea, the ferries from Vancouver, New Westminster and the cities of the Sound were all adding large contributions to the numbers coming here to keep Victoria Day.

The weather thus assured and the other conditions of success so happily realized, it was only left for the citizens to do their parts, and well they did them. An active and resourceful committee, headed by His Worship Mayor Hayward and Secretary Wm. Moresby, had got their preparations well in hand, so that there were very few of those left over or neglected things to distract their feelings on the First Day morning, and they are to be heartily congratulated at the ease with which the big celebration almost seemed to start itself, as well as the marked success that crowned all the features on yesterday's programme.

The city was well decorated. Time and time again she has donned her gala dress until now the act seems half-habitual, and at but shortest call the garb of pleasure is once more in evidence, and flags and banners flaunt the air and bunting in its many shapes and colors warms every eye and tunes each heart to pleasure. The civic buildings are all most artistically adorned. The City hall, grim, stern old pile, that lends itself unkindly to the act, succumbed before their efforts and in holiday attire looks quite inviting. The Fire halls, too, are bowries of ornate work. Streets and grim poles are lighted up by the bright touches of color, and the many trailing bannerets, with quaint design. Throughout the residential parts the Union Jack and sundry ensigns float proudly on the breeze, while private decorations and illumination, sometimes on quite elaborate scales, are quite the rule. The business portion, however, falls somewhat short in this regard. A good deal has been done, but not nearly what for long has been the rule. On Government street, Messrs. W. & J. Wilson's store is attracting much attention, its heavy folds of ensigns, rich and deep in their true shades, setting off that business establishment very well indeed. Over at the Westside, too, much careful decorating is in evidence. The hotels as a rule are dressed for the occasion, the New England being particularly attractive in its bunting and illumination, while Morton's also bears the marks of chaste and happy design.

With last evening's trains and steamers still further crowds arrived, and a good many of the Indians, too, all eager for the races of today.

As it always happens, today, the Second Day of the Feast, keeps, if possible, the higher carnival of the two, and so far as the programme and the preparations may portend, this will again be marked-ly the case. The attractions of the Gorge—that favorite resort of which Victorians and their friends never seem to tire—will then be seen, while at Oak Bay another exhibition of baseball will be given, at which, barring the bad luck of yesterday, victory should rest in proud reward of the prowess of the local boys.

Last night the city was illuminated, and electricity was turned through devious channels to aid in all the fantastic appearances where artifice rivals the fair moon thereof. Great crowds thronged the streets and fun and merriment were everywhere apparent.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Winners in the Matches Shot at the Clover Point Range Yesterday.

Although the scores in the rifle match at Clover Point yesterday morning were close, the shooting was not very good, as the light was rather bad and the marksmen were bothered by the wind. Mr. Pook won first prize in the aggregate match, with a score of 93. Sergt. Bailey was second, with 92. At 200 yards, Walter Winsby came off best with 33, W. Duncan being second, with 32. Mr. Pook was first at 500 yards, his score being 31. W. P. Winsby was second, with 30. At 600 yards, Sergt. Bailey headed the list with 31, Mr. Pook being second, with 30. The complete scores were as follows:

200 YARDS.

1st, Walter Winsby	33
2nd, W. Duncan	32
3rd, Mr. Pook	32
4th, J. Caven	32
5th, Sergt. Jeremy, R.E.	32
6th, W. H. Bailey	31
7th, R. J. Butler	31
8th, C. A. Goodwin	30
9th, W. Savoy	30
10th, S. W. Bodley	30
11th, A. Brayshaw	30
12th, J. P. Hibben	30
13th, F. A. Futcher	29
14th, W. P. Winsby	29

500 YARDS.

1st, Mr. Pook	31
2nd, W. P. Winsby	30
3rd, F. A. Futcher	30
4th, W. H. Bailey	30
5th, E. H. Fletcher	30
6th, S. W. Bodley	30
7th, A. Brayshaw	29
8th, Sergt. Gabriel, R. E.	29
9th, P. O. Hale, E. R. A.	28
10th, W. H. Lettice	28
11th, R. B. King	28
12th, W. Duncan	28
13th, R. J. Butler	28

600 YARDS.

1st, W. H. Bailey	31
2nd, Mr. Pook	30
3rd, R. J. Butler	30
4th, Corp. Caven	28
5th, W. Winsby	28
6th, W. P. Winsby	28
7th, A. Brayshaw	27
8th, A. W. Currie	27
9th, E. McDougall	26
10th, J. C. Macluro	25
11th, S. W. Bodley	25
12th, Sergt. Churchard	24
13th, W. Duncan	24
14th, F. A. Futcher	24

AGGREGATE MATCH.

1st, Mr. Pook	93
2nd, W. H. Bailey	92
3rd, R. J. Butler	89
4th, W. P. Winsby	87
5th, W. Winsby	87
6th, Corp. Caven	86
7th, A. Brayshaw	86
8th, S. W. Bodley	85
9th, W. Duncan	84
10th, F. A. Futcher	83
11th, A. W. Currie	78
12th, E. McDougall	78
13th, E. H. Fletcher	78

The prizes were as follows:

200 yards—1st, $4; 2nd, $3; 2 prizes, $2.50 each; 2 prizes, $2 each; 2 prizes, $1.50 each; 6 prizes, $1 each.

500 yards—1st, $3; 2nd, $2.50; 3 prizes, $2 each; 1 prize, $1.50; 7 prizes, $1 each.

600 yards—1st, $4; 2nd, $3; 2 prizes, $2.50 each; 2 prizes, $2 each; 2 prizes, $1.50 each; 6 prizes, $1 each.

Aggregate—1st, $5; 2nd, $4; 3rd, $3.50; 4th, $3; 5th, $2.50; 2 prizes, $2 each; 2 prizes, $1.50 each; 5 prizes, $1 each.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS.

School Boys, Soldiers and Sailors Take Part—Athletic Exhibition.

Yesterday was a beautiful morning at Beacon Hill, and the immense crowd that wended its way across James Bay enjoyed itself to the full. Of the three attractions, the competitions were of course first favorites, if the size of the crowd of spectators was any criterion. A score or two of folk went to the outer wharf to see the yacht racing and quite a few passed round the Dallas road so as to catch a glimpse of the white-winged craft. Clover Point, too, had its little allotment, the devotees of the rifle, the target and the butts. But everyone crowded to the Hill. Family parties were everywhere in evidence, while women and girls and boys and school children were there in crowds to see the sports. A beautiful day, soft, balmy and bright—King's weather it must now be called—a huge crowd well marked with color by the ladies' dresses and the naval and military, who were out in large numbers, all aided the committee's work, while the latter's arrangements were so perfect and complete that a splendid morning's sports were offered and everyone had a right good time.

This year's competitive sports owed much of their attractiveness to the efforts of the schools. Teachers were there to aid in their carrying on, schools were represented and the high rivalry of children's prowess ran deep and wide, and the races were contested with that whole-souled enthusiasm that marks the youngster and the master-man as well. Every event was well filled with competitors, so much so that time after time the start was scratchy because of the crowd, and the little squad of hard-working sprinters, as they soon stretched out along the course, presented many an incident for amusement and laughter.

All the races were of the eighth of a mile length, a single circuit of the roped-in ring upon the green sward just west of the Hill. There were five of them in all, and in the results honors were about easy between the North Ward and the Central schools, the champions of which carried off some five prizes each out of the 15 offered. Of the remainder the Collegiate institute got two, St. Louis college, Colwood and a private school, one each.

The results were as follows:

1. 200 yard run, school boys under 8 years—(1) Harry Mittalstadt of the Central, (2) Edric N. McAdam, private school, and (3) Jack Stewart of the North Ward.

2. 220 yard race, school boys under 10—(1) Everett Taylor, (2) Stanley, and (3) Jack Roach, all of the North Ward school.

3. 220 yard race, school boys under 12 years—(1) Hy. McGregor of the Central, (2) George Menzies of the North Ward, and Fred Willie of Colwood.

4. 220 yard race, school boys under 14 years—(1) F. Baylis of St. Louis college, (2) R. Minor of Central, and E. Therriault, also of Central school.

5. 220 yard race, school boys under 16 years—(1) H. Marshall of the Collegiate, (2) L. Bell of the Collegiate, and (3) H. A. Morley of Central.

In all of these races the prizes offered were of the value of $3, $2 and $1, respectively.

Interspersed with these were the popular army and navy games. These were of the usual well known sort, and from start to finish proved great mirth producers. The flag ship Grafton was particularly well represented, while men from the Engineers and Artillery were also there in strength, and the friendly rivalry always existing between the several branches of the service added materially in the general effect of several of the events. The tilting at the water bucket, the sack and obstacle races made a great deal of fun, and were hardly contested every time. In the sack races in particular much amusement was occasioned by the different styles of the contestants, and it is not yet definitely settled whether it is best form to take that race in a succession of jumps and tumbles, or by putting one toe in one corner of the bottom of the bag and one in the other to proceed with mincing steps as fast as may be, and punctuate the same with frequent falls.

The results of the eight events of this section of the sports were as follows:

1. 440 yard flat race, prizes $5, $3 and $2—(1) F. Atkinson, R. E., (2) W. Brown, R. G. A., and (3) John McHarkness of H. M. S. Sheerwater.

2. Boot and shoe race, prizes $3, $2 and $1—(1) T. Sampson of the Virago, (2) G. Taylor of the Virago, and (3) G. Pepperill of H. M. S. Grafton.

3. 220 yard three-legged hurdle race, for prizes of $4 and $2—(1) Brown, R. G. A., and Atkinson, R. E., and (2) Smith and Codd of the Virago.

4. Half mile flat race, for prizes of $5, $3 and $2—(1) S. Smith of H. M. S. Grafton, (2) S. Champion, R. G. A., and (3) J. Franklin, also an R. G. A. man.

5. 220 yard sack race, for $3, $2 and $1—(1) F. Atkinson, R.E., (2) Mr. Ryder of H. M. S. Sheerwater, and (3) Mr. Brown, R. G. A.

6. Tilting at the water bucket, for $4 and $2, and a ducking thrown in—(1) Mitchell and Bowles of H. M. S. Grafton, and (2) Franklin and Campion, R. G. A.'s.

7. Obstacle race, for $4, $3 and $1—(1) Jas. Hughes of H. M. S. Grafton, (2) C. Mitchell of the same ship, and (3) J. H. Bowles, also a Grafton man.

8. Tug-of-war. In this three teams entered. Gr. McManus had an R. G. A. aggregation, Sergt. Bowers captained the team of R. M. A. men, while Petty Officer Smith coached the Grafton blues. The R. G. A. team out-pulled both the others, the bluejackets being a fair second. The following men made up the champion team: Gunners Nyhan, Geane, Wilson, Ralf, Cook, Gilligan and Treaster.

Towards the latter end of these games the members of the Victoria Athletic club gave a very interesting exhibition of athletic and acrobatic performances, the events of which were interspersed between the games, and made the concluding features of the morning's amusement. This exhibition was a most creditable one throughout, being replete with feats of strength, agility and nerve, and Prof. Bob Foster smiled with self-content, and no little self-congratulation, too, as he watched the work of the men of his own school and training.

The first part consisted of a great number of pyramidal acts, of surprising variety and well put up throughout. In this Messrs. H. P. Mellish, E. Milne, A. Erskine, A. Marcon, W. Braden, C. Wrigleswortb and T. Nell all took part. Good horizontal bar work followed, with an exhibition of bag punching by Mr. Margeson, some parallel bar work and a lot of good contortion and tumbling by W. Braden, H. P. Mellish, H. Erskine and C. Wriglesworth.

This section of the exhibition was highly appreciated throughout and hundreds lingered on past lunch time to see its concluding features.

During the morning the Saanich Indian band made their first appearance in uniform and played numerous well known airs with excellent effect and a great deal less of the noisy playing than usually characterizes these musical natives. There was also a good deal of amusement afforded by the fire and gas balloons, which were sent up and lovingly watched as they drifted over in the direction of Goldstream, while many others of the crowd of amusing things were also well in evidence.

AN IMMENSE CROWD.

Oak Bay Grounds Crowded For the Ball Game Yesterday Afternoon.

By far the largest crowd that has been seen in the Oak Bay Athletic grounds since they were thrown open to the public, gathered there yesterday to see the ball game between Victoria and the University of California. Victoria lost again, the team's bad luck seemingly staying with them. The University boys are a strong aggregation, and if Williams is only their second best pitcher, Victoria has no privilege to win in the return match to be played this afternoon at the same grounds. The home team could not find Williams at all yesterday, getting but four hits off him. The Collegians did not do much better, having but six hits to their credit. They had a little of the best of it in the error line, also having six against four for Victoria. Neither side got an earned run, all being scored on errors. At times the game was a pretty one, at others it was not up to much, but this dissatisfaction may arise through comparison with the games played against Pendleton and Vancouver. There was a little change in the makeup of the Victorias, Rithet taking Gowen's place down at first. He played the position perfectly, McConnell was back in his old position at short, and did his work well. The rest of the infield, Wrigglesworth and Smith, leave little to be desired. Burnes is certainly developing into a star fielder, as was his brother Tom some years ago. Harrison did not have an opportunity to distinguish himself yesterday, while Haynes failed to go after several flies that he might have nailed and one that he did chase got away from him. It, however, was a long run. Holmes was a trifle wilder than usual, and kept Schwengers busy, but that star catcher still maintains his record of no pass balls. Williams, the University pitcher, is one of the best seen here this season, but he is not very well supported by Hatch behind the bat, while yesterday the fielders were a little off, through, no doubt, a loss of sleep, they being unable to get berths on the steamer coming from Seattle. They are a strong team, however, and today's game should be a good one.

It looked bad for Victoria at the start and only once or twice during the game did the silver lining make its appearance, only, however, to slip back behind the clouds after the Collegians had again taken the lead.

Hamlin, the captain of the team, started off with a hit over second, which carried him safely to first. Kennedy followed with one in the same place, which took the captain to third. Adams was given his base on balls, and with three men on bases it looked bad. Things improved slightly when Hendricks knocked out a fly to Burnes, and McKeon had tapped one to Holness, but it was spoilt, when in throwing the ball home to catch Hamlin, the Victoria pitcher hit the runner and the ball bounced off his back to the grand stand, giving Kennedy a chance to score as well. It was thus two runs in and two men on bases. It made Jimmy grind his teeth, and he went back into the box and struck out both Heitmuller and Gardiner. It should have been one, two, three with Victoria. Smith gave Adams a fly at short; Rithet could not get the ball beyond the pitcher, and McConnell had three strikes, but Hatch dropped the ball, the little Victoria short stop sprinted for first, and a bad throw allowed him to reach the initial bag in safety. He got to second on an over throw, and tried to take another on it, but was caught at third.

Two more went up for the Californians in the second. Hatch handed Smith an easy fly, which that player muffed. Williams knocked one out to right, advancing Hatch to second. Hamlin struck out, and Kennedy also had three strikes, but Schwengers dropped the ball and picking it up threw to third, catching Hatch, who was forced to run. Wrigglesworth in throwing to second in an effort to catch Williams, sent the ball wide of the mark, and Williams and Kennedy both scored. Holness again came to the rescue by striking Adams out. Wrigglesworth found the ball, but it was fielded by Williams, and Holness was out at first. Burnes was hit by the pitcher and walked to first, and got to second and third on a bad throw to second by Williams after Schwengers had hit the ball. The ball was thrown to the third in an effort to catch Burnes, and Kennedy, the baseman dropped it, and Burnes went after the home plate. He reached there safely, but it was a desperate chance, particularly for a slow runner. Schwengers, in the meantime had reached third, and it looked like an even score, but Harrison struck out and Haynes sent a fly to second.

Hendricks opened the third by hitting the ball, but did not reach first in time, and McKeon and Heitmuller striking out made a short innings. It was different with Victoria. Holness struck out and Smith hit to second. He should have been caught, but the ball was badly fielded by Gardiner. Rithet made a pretty sacrifice, advancing Smith to second. That player went to third on a passed ball. McConnell was given his walking ticket, and Burnes filled the bases, when he got first on a passed ball after three strikes had been called. Wrigglesworth got first in the same way as Burnes and McConnell reached home on the same passed ball. With two men on bases it looked as though Victoria should be good for four runs in the innings, but an unfortunate foul fly retired the side. However the game was close, California having four and Victoria three.

The position of the University was not improved in the fourth, Overall, the big pitcher, who took Gardiner's place at second on account of the error made by that player, was first at bat and dropped a long fly into Burnes' hands, the second ball up. Hatch hit the first ball to Holness, and was out at first, and Williams, who came next, sent a long one to Burnes. Only four balls had been pitched. Victoria evened the score in their half. Harrison struck out; Haynes went to first on balls and got to second on another passed ball. Holness struck out and Smith came along with a nice little hit over second, which brought Haynes home. Rtihet was out on a fly to second.

It was one, two, three again with the University. Hamlin placed the ball where it was handy to Holness, and was cut at first; Kennedy handed a similar one to McConnell and Adams struck out. With an even score the prospects for Victoria were bright with the best batters coming up. McConnell and Wrigglesworth were out because they could not get the ball beyond the pitcher and third baseman respectively. Burnes hit to short, and was safe, and Schwengers followed with one to third, which was fumbled. It was up to Harrison to bring at least one of them in, and he went at it all right, but the ball he hit dropped into the hands of Heitmuller in left field.

The visitors got the winning run in the sixth. Hendricks sent one to short. McConnell got it in time, but made a wild throw to first, which Rithet stopped, but in such a position that he could not put it on the runner. McKeon followed with a two-bagger to second, which took Hendricks to third. Heitmuller struck out, and then Overall stepped up, and it looked dangerous. A wild pitch brought Hendricks in, and another let McKeon score. Overall had been given three strikes and on the third the ball bounced out of Schwengers' hand. McKeon, who had reached third on the last passed ball bolted for home, but Schwengers was there first. Overall stole second and third, and another man was placed on the bases when Hatch was given four balls. Williams retired the side by sending one to second, which reached first before him. Haynes hit to short and was caught at first; Holness struck out and Smith handed one to Williams, and was out at first.

There was no more scoring. Hamlin was out at first after hitting to second; Kennedy got a hit along the line to third and was safe at first; Adams struck out and Hendricks gave Rithet a fly. Rithet got first on balls and stole second, but got no further, McConnell being out on a fly to left and Wrigglesworth and Burnes striking out.

The eighth was brief. McKeon hit to first and was out; Heitmuller gave Burnes another fly, and Overall struck out. There was a chance of Victoria scoring. Schwengers hit to third and was safe on a wild throw, and he got to second and third on a passed ball. Harrison got to first on balls, but Haynes and Holness struck out, and Smith was out on a fly to third.

Hatch opened the ninth by striking out. Williams sent a fly to right and was safe on first and Hamlin sent one the same way. Haynes went after the second one, and while he missed it he caught Williams at second. Kennedy was out on a fly to Burnes. Three of Victoria's best batters struck out in the order named, Rithet, McConnell and Wrigglesworth.

The score follows:

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hamlin, c. f.	5	1	1	0	1	0
Kennedy, 3b.	5	2	2	1	1	1
Kennedy, s.	5	2	2	1	1	1
Hendricks, 1b.	4	1	0	8	0	2
McKeon, r.f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Heitmuller, l.f.	4	0	0	2	0	2
Gardner, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, 2b.	3	0	0	2	1	0
Hatch, c.	3	0	0	13	0	1
Williams, p.	4	1	2	0	5	0
	36	5	6	27	9	6

VICTORIA.

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Smith, 2b	5	1	1	1	2	1
Rithet, 1b.	0	0	1	8	0	0
McConnel, s.s.	5	1	0	0	3	2
Wrigles'wth, 3b.	5	0	0	1	0	0
Burns, c.f.	4	1	1	6	0	0
Schwengers, c.	4	0	1	12	0	0
Harrison, l.f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Haynes, r.f.	3	1	0	0	1	1
Holness, p.	4	0	0	0	2	0
	36	4	3	27	6	4

SUMMARY.

Earned runs, California, none; Victoria none.

Struck out, by Holness, 11; by Williams, 14; two base hits, McKeon; sacrifice hits, Rithet; wild pitch, Holness, one; Williams, one; hit by pitched ball, by Williams, 1; passed balls, Hatch, 3; base on balls; Williams, 3; Holness, 2. Time of game, 1.35. Umpire, George Smith. Attendance, 3,000.

RUNS BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
University of Cal.	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Victoria	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

YACHT RACES.

Light Winds Favored the Yachtsmen Yesterday—Many Entries.

A summer sky and a breeze, albeit a light one, favored the yachtsmen when the 32 yachts started out from James Bay yesterday morning, and there were some good races. The races began at 11:05 a.m., when the Wideawake, of Mr. A. T. Pierce; the Ariadne, of Commodore Frank S. Barnard, and the Frances, of Mr. Wm. Cottsford, of Salt Spring Island, went across the line right after the starter's gun boomed. Five minutes later a big fleet of B class started over the line. There were 13 in all, and as the fleet was well grouped in the race for the most part, the race was a good one for not only the yachtsman, but the spectator on Dallas road, where many had gathered to watch the events. The yachts which contested this race were W. S. Gore's Dione, C. W. Macintosh's Aloah, Parker Clarke's Copper Queen, from Crofton, Capt. B. W. Bowdler's Redskin, F. S. Barnard's Marietta, R Cassidy's Bamhee, Lieuts. Blandy and French's Oneida, Lieut. French's Gee Whiz; Daisy Bell; Hon. J. D. Prentice's The Bird, Mr. Barnes' Noreen, Thos. Hickey's Yrill, and Wm. Langley and B. H. T. Drake's Tillikum—the list being given in the order in which they crossed the finishing line, the Dione—a good winner, leading the Aloah by over seven minutes, and the Copper Queen following twelve seconds behind the Aloah. In the third race, started 10 minutes later, the A class yachts went away, four fishing boats were entered, the Annie, Swallow, Choice and Thistle, given in the order in which they finished, the Annie leading by six minutes.

Although the breeze was a steady one from the southeast, the wind was scarcely heavy enough for some of the craft, including the Ariadne and Copper Queen, from Crofton, which would have made a good showing with a little more wind. There was a considerable number of spectators, and also a number of kodakers on hand. About 10:30 the yachts began to come out from the harbor and manoeuvre around the starting point, endeavoring to get a good position. When the three sets of racers got away and bore off towards the stake boat, they presented one of the prettiest sights seen in the Roads for some time past. In the fishermen's race the contest was keen, some of the craft overhauling vessels of B class, although starting 10 minutes later. The time limit in A class was four hours, and the yachts finished well within that time. Three hours was the limit for the B class, but the yachts did not require anything like that time.

The Wideawake, which won the prize in the A class, finished with a good lead, and the Dione, the victor in B class, added another fine victory to her good record of victories. The Annie, a fishing boat of H. Donaldson, which has done well in the past, won well from her rivals.

The time limits were not figured out by the judges, Capt. J. G. Cox, A. H. Burnes and R. Temple, last night, but the allowances were sufficiently decided to show the results. In A class the award was as follows:

Wideawake, Mr. A. T. Pierce; started 11:05, finished 2:06; first prize.

Ariadne, F. S. Barnard; started 11:05, finished 2:11:10; second prize.

Frances, W. Cottsford; started 11:05; did not finish.

B. CLASS.

Dione, Mr. Gore; started 11:10, finished 12:42:35; first prize.

Bamhee, R. Cassidy; started 11:10, finished 12:54:15; second prize.

Aloah, Mr. Macintosh; started 11:10, finished 12:50:10; third prize.

Gee Whiz, Lieut. French; started 11:10, finished 12:58:38; fourth prize.

The other yachts, given in the order in which they finished across the line, follow:

Copper Queen, Parker Clarke; started 11:10, finished 12:51:25.

Redskin, Capt. Bowdler; started 11:10, finished 12:51:40.

Marietta, F. S. Barnard; started 11:10, finished 12:54:15.

Oneida, Lieuts. Blandy and French; started 11:10, finished 12:54:30.

Daisy Bell; started 11:10, finished 12:59:10.

The Bird, Hon. J. D. Prentice; started 11:10, finished 1:04.

Noreen, Mr. Barnes; started 11:10, finished 1:09.

Yrill, T. Hickey; started 11:10, finished 1:12:30.

Tillikum, W. H. Langley and B. H. T. Drake; started 11:10, finished 1:05:40.

FISHERMEN'S BOATS.

Annie, H. Donaldson; started 11:20, finished 12:48:20; first prize.

Swallow; started 11:20, finished 12:54:15; second prize.

Choice; started 11:20, finished 12:55:55; second prize.

Thistle; did not finish.

In the evening the prizes were presented by Commodore F. S. Barnard in the yacht club house. Suitable speeches were made by several of the yachtsmen.

THE FIREWORKS.

Beautiful Exhibition Witnessed by Delighted Thousands.

The Hitt Brothers made a palpable hit last night, and gave pleasure to a crowd which included fully half the population of the city, with their cleverly designed display of fireworks at Beacon Hill park. The choice, started the last faint twilight that was dying, a magnificent signal rocket shot hissing skyward, and for the next hour the park was filled with one of the most brilliant pyrotechnical displays ever witnessed in Victoria. There were flights of rockets and bombs, fiery fountains in variegated colors, Roman candles, fiery serpents, and all the other familiar devices, besides a number of new and beautiful creations. Of the latter may be specially mentioned showers of silvery flames, which spread like the spray from a waterfall with pleasing effect, and a new idea in rockets, which on bursting, disclosed numbers of small fiery cubes, which emitted shrill whistles as they spread earthward in electric sparks. The setpieces were of great merit, especially a large star with the letters E. R., and an immense likeness of His Majesty, Edward VII., which was greatly admired and heartily cheered.

During the whole display a mighty chorus of wondering "O-o-o-h's" went up from the multitude, furnishing an accompaniment to the ecstatic outcries of the many thousand children who were present. The verdict of the spectators, emphatically given in the continuous outbursts of applause, was that Victoria need never again send abroad for fireworks—her home manufacture being quite equal to anything which she might import.

The park was beautifully illuminated with Japanese lanterns, their mellow colors showing charmingly against the dark background of foliage and casting beautiful reflections upon the mirror-like surfaces of the lakes. The pleasure of the evening was rounded out with an excellent programme of music by the City Band.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Report That Britain Has Practically Presented Ultimatum.

London, May 22.—The Daily Chronicle this morning claims authority to say that peace in South Africa is practically assured. This is also the general impression which prevails with the other newspapers and public. The former, do not go so far as the assertion published by the Chronicle. At a late hour last night, however, the government department declined to give any information on the matter. It is understood that important despatches were received yesterday from Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa and from Lord Kitchener, but nothing can be ascertained as to the nature of the contents of these messages. The fact that the cabinet was summoned so shortly after the arrival of the delegates at Pretoria is regarded as a good augury as the discussions at Pretoria could only have commenced Monday. The cabinet will meet late this afternoon in order to enable the ministers who are at a distance to reach London in time for the meeting. A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Pretoria says that the Boers are seeking permission to retain their horses.

The Daily Mail in its issue of this morning says it understands that owing to the protracted haggling of the Boer leaders at Pretoria, Great Britain has presented what is practically an ultimatum, the reply to which is awaited, and which it is expected they will accept. Despatches from Pretoria, continues the Daily Mail, say that during the stay of the Boer delegates there the conference will continue at Vereeniging, and that a majority of those present at the conference are trying to persuade the minority into a unanimous vote. In the meantime, the British columns have been resting and refitting, and are now all ready for immediate action. The Daily Mail says it believes the delegates at Pretoria will despatch the ultimatum to the conference at Vereeniging for its consideration.

STEEL AND COAL.

Committees Representing Big Companies Discuss Amalgamation.

Montreal, May 22.—Committees representing the Dominion Iron & Steel and Dominion Coal companies met today and discussed the scheme of amalgamation recently made public. As a result of the deliberations a report was prepared which will be presented to a joint meeting tomorrow. It covers minor details of the scheme. An emphatic denial was given to the report that the steel company would only pay 6 instead of 8 per cent. in coal company's stocks.

THE KING'S PLATE.

Lyddite Wins in the Ontario Jockey Races.

Toronto, May 22.—(Special.)—The regular spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey club opened at Woodbine course this afternoon, and will continue for nine days. Representative stables from all parts of the United States and Canada are in attendance, and horsemen from the far Western cities of the Dominion and from San Francisco. The track was in splendid condition, being faster than ever before. There were two withdraws from the King's plate, Cardigan and Court K., and added starter, Thos. Meaghers' Saucy Sally. This made a field of 18, the largest on record. The event of the day was of course the King's plate, which was won by Hendrie, with one of his four, namely, Lyddite.

Summary—King's plate, 1½ miles, Lyddite, 1; Fly in Amber, 2; Opinta, 3. Time 2:15.

All the winners today were owned by Canadians.

SLAUGHTER OF BLUE GROUSE

Two Sooke Indians Caught Yesterday With Fifty-Six Birds.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"I just take chances," one of them put it, when Magistrate Hall asked two Sooke Indians what they had to say about the case made out against them by the provincial police yesterday morning. They had been caught red-handed with 56 blue grouse in their canoe, but a few hours before, Officers Murray and Campbell had watched the pair of them reserve all night in order to gather in these free lances mid the hooters of the far Sooke Hills. Daniel George and Pierre Low were the two offenders, both young men, and both somewhat above the average Indian in point of intelligence, and education. Both told the same story of there being no work down in Sooke and their need of a little money to get groceries to vary the clam and fish diet that prevails on the reserve down at Milne's Landing. They did not want to steal so they just "took chances" with the game laws.

Supt. Hussey had a very strong case against them, which led to their entering a plea of guilty. In addressing the bench, Mr. Hussey spoke of the difficulty experienced in trying to break up their illicit traffic. The Indians were adepts in getting the birds and acted in collusion with the game dealers in this city. Time after time the latter's shops had been searched but all in vain, and still the trade in birds out of season went on and proved lucrative. For that reason he asked for a good stiff sentence as the traffic meant the wholesale destruction of the game birds.

The magistrate imposed a penalty accordingly, and fined each of them $75 in default of immediate payment 30 days in gaol.

This will remind you that the pain of strains, bruises and sprains, common incidents of active out-door life is drawn from aching bodies by Perry Davis' Painkiller, as a magnet draws bits of iron from sand.

LOUBET IN RUSSIA.

French President's Reception Considered Phenomenal.

St. Petersburg, May 22.—Considering the lack of emotion in the Russian character, President Loubet's reception during his visit to St. Petersburg today must be considered phenomenal. The police allowed the populace much greater latitude than usual and the crowds on the central portion of the Nevsky Prospect were of unprecedented size. Traffic was blocked for a considerable length of time last night by crowds singing the "Marsaillaise" and making heroes of the French sailors. Today traffic on the Nevsky Prospect for vehicles was impassable for two hours after the French President had passed through that avenue. Consequently the illuminations which were planned for tonight have been cancelled in order to avoid a repetition of this congestion.

During the day, President Loubet placed a wreath on the tomb of Czar Alexander Third and subsequently visited the French hospital, received a deputation from the French colony, visited the Grand Dukes, left cards at the various embassies, and made his visit especially memorable by giving 100,000 francs to the charities of St. Petersburg, Cronstadt and Petershof.

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If you have a child that is sickly, fretful, nervous, restless at night, or suffers from stomach or bowel troubles of any sort, give it Baby's Own Tablets. Do not be afraid of this medicine—there is not a particle of opiate or other harmful drug in it. Give it to the sick child and watch the quick relief and rapid restoration to full health and strength.

The Tablets are good for children of all ages, and are taken as readily as candy. For very young infants crush them to a powder, or dissolve in water.

Mrs. Gaitskell Taylor, Paris, Ont., says:—"I have been using Baby's Own Tablets for my baby for some time. When I first started to give them to him he had indigestion, coupled with vomiting and diarrhœa. Before the indigestion came on he was a big healthy baby, but he kept growing thinner and thinner and was so cross I did not know what to do with him. I was advised to try Baby's Own Tablets and got a box, and had not given them to him long before he began to get better. The vomiting and diarrhœa ceased and his food began to do him good. He is now a fine, healthy baby and as good natured as can be. The Tablets did my baby so much good that I can highly recommend them."

Baby's Own Tablets should always be kept in the house in case of emergency. You can get them at all drug stores, or they will be sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing direct to

The Dr. Williams Medicine Co.
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"I hereby certify that I have made a careful chemical analysis of Baby's Own Tablets, which I personally purchased in Montreal. My analysis has proved that the Tablets contain no opiate or narcotic, that they can be given with perfect safety to the youngest infant; that they are a safe and efficient medicine for the troubles they are indicated to relieve and cure."

R. L. HENRY, M.A.C. (McGill), Public Analyst, Analyst for Province of Quebec.

CUP PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOLS

T. N. Hibben & Co. Make a Generous Offer to the Trustees.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Board of School Trustees held a meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the desk question for the new High school. All were present excepting Trustee Huggett now in England and Trustee Matson, who is still said to be out in Metchosin district. Four samples of desks were submitted, two by Messrs. Weiler, and one each by the B. C. Furniture Co., and the Pope Stationery Co. The latter's was the one chosen, and the committee was instructed to order about 250 of them at the price tendered, viz.: $3.90 each.

A communication was read from Principal Parkin, enclosing a memorial from the various athletic clubs of the High school, pointing out the inadequacy and general unfitness of the grounds there for the various games, such as baseball, football, etc., and asking the authorities to procure another field, the Blackburn field, if possible, which is close by, and to be had for a nominal sum for their sports. This matter was laid over.

A letter from Messrs. T. N. Hibben was then read, which contained the generous offer of a silver cup to be known as the "T. N. Hibben & Co.'s, Victoria High School Entrance Cup."

The cup to be awarded annually to the school whose pupils make the highest average percentage of marks in the High School entrance examinations, subject to the following conditions:

1. The award in the school year, 1901-2 to be based on the June examinations only; and in each succeeding school year on the aggregate results of the December and June examinations of that year.

2. The number of candidates from each competing school to be in 1901-2 not less than ten and in each subsequent year not less than fifteen.

3. No school to be eligible in any year if its pass list in that year is not 60 per cent or more of the number of candidates offered.

4. The marks of all candidates who fail, as well as of those who pass, to be included in the average percentage.

5. Candidates who have attended more than one city school during the twelve months next preceding the examination, not to be included in any competing list.

6. The date and name of school winning the cup to be engraved annually on the silver plate provided for that purpose.

7. The foregoing conditions to be subject to such modifications by the donors as may be necessitated by changes regulating the admission of High School pupils.

This most generous offer was accepted by the board, who forthwith instructed its secretary to transmit to Messrs. Hibben their most sincere thanks for so kindly and disinterested