

QUEEN'S PARADE

Again the celebration of the natal day of the most remarkable woman that ever sat on the British throne has come round, and Victoria is entering upon it with the enthusiastic loyalty which has ever characterized the people here.

The pride and affection of the people for the venerable Queen are redoubled at the thought that in the course of nature it may be perhaps the last occasion on which they will have an opportunity to display the love they feel toward the aged monarch.

Queen Victoria has reached an age far beyond the common lot of humanity, and it is with deep gratification that her people learn that she is in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits.

It is needless here to expatiate upon the history of a reign which has no parallel in British annals, or any other, for that matter, but the Victorian era will speak to future ages for itself.

At innumerable gatherings to-night the toast will be given from the lips of many a brave and loyal man: "Gentlemen, The Queen, God Bless Her!"

And it will be honored as no other toast can be. Throughout the length and breadth of the mighty empire the sentiment of loyalty will find expression in prayer and song and speech, coupled with fervent wishes for the continued health of our old Queen.

Death yesterday came to the relief of an unfortunate young man, Brakeman Houston, of Wellington, who died after eight days of lingering agony, from the effects of an accident which happened to him when he was coupling some cars at Wellington.

The number of deaths in America due to accidents in coupling was until quite recently something appalling, and the law found itself forced to take notice of the slaughter by putting in operation protective enactments—the law is never in any great hurry when it is only the workman's bones that are in danger.

In England they have amended this matter so that there is something like a fair measure of protection for the workman and a fair measure of responsibility for the employer.

Victoria's annual celebration will be opened this morning at Caledonia Park with one of the prettiest spectacles which has ever been seen in Victoria.

Victoria En Fete

A Very Successful Opening of the Queen's Birthday Carnival.

School Children Parade and Drill Before Well Pleased Crowds.

The Second Day of the Carnival Proves a Grand Success.

The Firemen's Tournament This Morning—Regatta at the Gorge.

The day dawned threateningly and the forbidding banks of clouds which overcast the sky during the early morning hours depressed youngsters and grown-ups alike.

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A natural point of vantage at one corner of the grounds were black with people. This, taken in conjunction with the fact that but few of the big excursions had yet arrived, augurs very well indeed for the complete success of the celebration.

The function was most instructive as well as interesting. It was a revelation to most of the citizens, and to all of the visitors, to have demonstrated before their eyes the wonderful proficiency with which the children of the public schools have attained in drill and in physical exercise.

The parade concluded, Col. Grant, R. E., and Lieut.-Col. Peters, D.O.C., who acted as judges, handed the result of their observations to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.

The schools then marched about the grounds, preceded by the banner of the band, after which the programme of sports already advertised, was carried out.

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tion every fifteen minutes. A return fare of 25 cents, or 10 cents for the little folks, is announced. The railway company are also giving excursion rates to all points on the line, the fare to or from Nanaimo and return being but \$1.50, with tickets good on the 24th and 25th.

As an extra celebration attraction the band of the Fifth Regiment will give a first-class promenade concert at the Drill Hall to-morrow evening.

The second day of the carnival has so far been characterized by the same favorable weather conditions as prevailed yesterday, and although the card does not contain so many attractive features as that of the opening day there has been no lack of entertainment for the visiting crowds.

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time of the competitors by five seconds. They were captained by F. Long and were composed of the following: Coleman, Lecker, McDougall, and Bradley, McDougall and Watson, John and Harrison, with Sheppard and Smith on the hydrants.

The aerial ladder was elevated to the full extent of its seventy feet, and the firemen ran races up its dizzy height, over the top and down the back side.

The exercise of considerable steadiness of nerve, and of a good stock of agility, was as he safely topped the ladder and descended on the downward trip the hand saw.

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children who will not be rolled among the competitors. THE RIFLE. At Clover Point, the menaced their competitors which were every one, but which changed half a gale of wind this afternoon and militated against good scoring.

Corporal Fletcher, Captain Williams, Sergeant Lettice, Mr. Marlene, Gunner Fuller, Major Hibben, Sergeant Winsty, Gunner Anderson, Gunner R. J. Butler, Match R-500 yards.

Team No. 1, Chief Test, Team No. 2, F. Leroy, 35 seconds. Ladder Climbing. T. Watson, 50 seconds. W. J. Deasy, 50 seconds. J. Swain, 63 seconds. G. Moss, 78 seconds.

THE STORY OF YESTERDAY. A Round of Enjoyment from Early Morning—Afternoon and Evening Events.

The conditions for holiday making which prevailed yesterday morning and early in the afternoon up to the hour of the Times were, in fact, continued throughout the day, and there was nothing to mar the complete enjoyment of those who took part in the celebration.

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