

THE "ROSS" CELEBRATION

Glorious Kootenay, and a crowd. What more can be said for any celebration that Nelson has? It was a splendid day from the point of view of weather. It was a successful day from the point of view of sports and it was a happy day, judging from the faces of the pleasure seekers, crowds of whom were out throughout the streets from the early hours of the morning till the day had waxed and waned and there was another day beginning on which to celebrate. There was no idle moment throughout the hours of the celebration which began not long after nine o'clock in the morning and which did not end till daylight had pointed in a warning finger to the dancers in the Alice rink, before sunrise this morning. There was not a single arrest, the hotels were well served although crowded to the limit. Each train and boat as it came in was filled to its capacity and everything went as merrily as the marriage bells.

Perhaps the prettiest thing of all the hours spent in merry making was the parade of the children in the early morning. The little ones were so gaily decked out, their mothers looked so proud, the flowers were so fragrant that many a visitor from the prairie sniffed again and again and those originally from the old country declared that they reminded them of England. And what greater tribute could the Englishman or woman pay to Nelson? A few in Calgary of all the great northwest will see those young flowers tomorrow morning decorating the Nelson booth, but to know them at their best they must come to this city of flowers and look around the gardens everywhere beautifying the dwelling houses.

On the other hand the marksmen, and many had gathered in from various parts of Washington and the coast, were having very good sport on the gun club grounds, sports that in the past have advertised to this city, sport which has elicited enquiry from the newspapers of the outside world as to its progress. And the interest is justifiable inasmuch as the scores which will be seen below were something that would be hard to beat in any part of this continent.

Everything attuned to pleasure and good will the crowds went down to the recreation grounds where the day was spent in athletic games. The visitors were all good sports and put up good games, games that were so much of a pleasure to watch that the crowd which was crowded so that there was no longer left even standing room. This was specially the case during the progress of the football match between Michel and this city, a hard fought contest.

The horse racing was a pleasurable feature, also the more especially as the starting was done most excellently, and the heats were so close that the winning post was almost a matter of inches. The horses were extended in real good shape. Later in the afternoon most of the crowd went down to the water front where a long program of racing was carried out; but not to its entirety. Some events had to be postponed until this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Nothing is more a beauty in Kootenay than its lake and to a few of the visitors who had come to the city for the first time on a glorious Kootenay day, which was also a celebration, and carried with it a regatta, the scene of beauty before them was a revelation of what this country can be when at its best.

And, as if to show that Nelson was not wholly taken up by things of a lighter vein, came the laying of the corner stone of the Methodist church. Here were seen grouped together on one platform ministers of every protestant creed, officials of the city, members of the fraternal societies, a cohort of the most illustrious of the city, a bevy of beauty, amid the sterner masculinity of the west, all marking the event of the building of a permanent home by one of the pioneer churches of the west. Just before daylight was heard the shriek of the pipes and the Klitties, landing from the Kuskanook, appeared on the city streets, headed by a couple of giants, whose look would make the ordinary settler tremble if wishful of floating any of Scotia's sons.

With night came the lighting of the city. The burning of the day, the decorations of the shops, the floating of many flags from a hundred poles, all paled against the strings of lights across the streets. There is to the eastern visitor something lavish in this way the Nelson lights itself in its homes and shops and streets and in this is seen on a celebration, although custom has made it stale to the Nelson man himself, yet to the stranger the effect is very striking. A notable add-on to these illuminations was the stringing of lights around the postoffice making that building stand out in wonderful beauty.

With crowds at the fair building listening to the Klitties and then going to the Alice rink for the dance of the night, the first day of the celebration came to an end. And there is yet today and both are but a forecast of the fair of September.

GUN CLUB

The trap shooting tournament was by far the best and the best contested ever held in Nelson. The number of entries was unusually large, no fewer than seven expert shots coming from Spokane, besides a number from Kaslo. All the visitors are delighted with Nelson and with the treatment accorded them and promise to come again.

The shooting was excellent and though the honors go to the visitors the local marksmen made a very creditable showing. C. D. Blackwood, especially making some very high scores. The highest aggregate was that of E. D. Farmin of Spokane who obtained 146 out of 150 birds while next came, close after, E. J. Chingren of Spokane, one of the best amateur shots in the west of the continent with 144. Mr. Chingren made a run of 99 birds without a miss, the highest run ever made upon the gun club grounds. The first event, \$10 added money, was won by E. D. Farmin; second, \$15 added, divided between Farmin

and Chingren; third, \$15 added, divided between Farmin and Blackwood, while the Cameron trophy which goes with this event to the best B.C. shot, went to C. D. Blackwood. The seventh, \$15 added, was won by Pleiss. The eighth, \$10 added, was divided by Chingren, Pleiss, Moche and Watson. The ninth, \$15 added, was won by Farmin. The tenth, \$15 added, was divided by Farmin, Chingren, Pleiss, Blackwood and Copson. The purses were divided into 40, 30, 20 and 10 per cent in all events.

Events: 1. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000, 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1150, 1160, 1170, 1180, 1190, 1200, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1270, 1280, 1290, 1300, 1310, 1320, 1330, 1340, 1350, 1360, 1370, 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 1440, 1450, 1460, 1470, 1480, 1490, 1500, 1510, 1520, 1530, 1540, 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1760, 1770, 1780, 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 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