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to The Editor

KE MEETING.

ur report of the political oke on Monday night last, e public—if not expressly, ation—that the Premier or om Victoria were rotten- r their leaving the hall. I eeting and returned with o Victoria, but I did not r even feel any of the s that your reporter states t the Premier or his party. is absolutely false in this d is also a reflection on the oke. I presume it is re- ur reporter that a few eggs ly hens of Sooke were not me of the government sup- r several months past I ing to live up to the teach- ditorial, "Be just and fear e I hope that you will con- ggestion of "egg-otistical" t political meetings; other- ower of the eggs may re- ward a greater yoke than You will please pardon as I am in excellent spirits litical atmosphere is very cially at Colwood and in Victoria.

S. PERRY MILLS.

NCONSISTENT.

e been very much pleased of e attitude of the Times in contest; but its position in Messrs. Brown and Yates illogical. They may be—no ery good men, and they may good government which reins; but—they stand ndorse Martin and his plat- vedly. Now, the fight be- n and the advocates of con- government may—probably ose one, and the election of wn and Yates may result in nan retaining the premier- amity which all wise men e to avert—as the Times has many excellent arguments. s its position inconsistent. at demonstrandum." The ke is not "Turnerism vs. so the chief, indeed only, f the Times falls to the

A VOTER.

B. C., May 23.

HIBBERT TUPPER

Views in Montreal on Provin- and Dominion Politics.

l last week Sir Charles Hibbert s interviewed. He was seen Viger Hotel by a Star repre- nd gave an interesting chat ic affairs of the day. ntend to bring up the Yukon ent again?" Sir Hibbert was

ve something more to say, and rnment object to long speeches ct I will give them honeycom- is time. On going into supply occasion to address the house imes on the different phases of maladministration. I will be w—even in the absence of the as- manded last year, and without evidence which I could have ob- e a commission of judges—how government has been guilty of tration of affairs in the Yukon." of British Columbia affairs, Sir d he expected to see Joe Martin

ll the Laurier government recall -Governor McInnes?"

Martin is defeated, it will be im- maintain Mr. McInnes in his He will necessarily have to be

hould be defeated will there be tive administration?"

t a matter of so much import- government follows, whether it or Conservative, so that Messrs. nd Martin have nothing to do The presence of these two person- he head of the administration harm to the province than any rnment could, whether Liberal or ve."

ave caused the province to lose of thousands of dollars, have caus- Columbia capitalists to place tments outside the province, while are afraid to come and try their The most influential business men rties, as well as the workingmen, posed to Mr. Martin."

ish Columbia enjoying prosperity ?"

or two ago, when I arrived there, was flourishing in this privileg- of Canada, and I do not see why sperity could be continued to-day r the reasons I have mentioned. noticeable depression in business, halt in the development of the

u think this state of affairs will ?"

is only temporary. With the de- essrs. McInnes and Martin every- ll flourish once more. I believe Columbia is the richest province in n natural resources."

onse to an enquiry about the gen- tions, Sir Hibbert said the Liberal- tives would be too happy to have w. "Dame rumor says they will August or October."

are the chances of the Liberal- tive party?"

k there will be a sweep such as r been seen before in Ontario, and Pacific Coast. The fact is, in this s hard to find a man who serious- pts to justify the government."

you be a candidate in Nova Scotia, bert?"

icton county Mr. Bell and I will e candidates."

what you have seen and from what r, then, the Laurier government defeated?"

government is, in fact, demoralized. eems to be no cohesion in the min- party, which is already sliding to

bbert related some amusing illustra- the disintegrating process now go- n the Liberal party, and, in conclu- plying to a question as to the Mari- ovinces, said:

ve not been able to be there for a ne, but we received good news. The ent of Prince Edward Island can- ntain itself except by force. In cotia our friends are full of confi- In New Brunswick, I do not think erals will carry more than two

DIED.

TT—In this city, on the 17th inst., ur Wallace Barnett, a native of istock, England, aged 66 years.

RDSON—On the 19th inst., at the ily residence, cor. Catherine and de streets, Victoria West, Ralph B. hardson, aged 75 years, a native of ham Co., England.

—On Thursday, the 17th inst., at 42 ry street, city, Isabelle Mann, widow he late James Tyson, late of Selkirk, tland, aged 67 years.

Candidates Nominated

There Will Be a Contest in Every District of the Province.

Although Government Will Not Be Represented in All of Them.

The Premier and Hon Mr. Yates Running in Two Constituencies.

The nomination of candidates for the provincial legislature took place yesterday throughout the province, the event arousing very little interest except in constituencies where there was some doubt as to either party putting candidates in the field. There were one or two surprises, caused chiefly by the partial success of Premier Martin's frantic efforts to bring a representative out in every district. There are no government candidates in either North or South Nanaimo and while it is known that the other parties will go to the polls in Cariboo and Cassair, from which districts the results of the nominations have not been received, there is no information that the Government will contest those constituencies. Also among those who have been placed in the accompanying list as Government supporters are one or two that Mr. Martin cannot depend upon following him although they endorsed his platform. On the other hand the Opposition and Conservatives have candidates in every constituency without conflicting with each other.

The greatest surprise was the nomination of Hon. J. S. Yates as a Government candidate in Nanaimo as well as in Victoria and of Mr. McKinnell as a Conservative in Nanaimo. The Government do not expect to elect their candidate in Nanaimo but they may so split the Liberal vote as to permit of Mr. McKinnell being elected. Another surprise was the withdrawal of Major Mutter, the Independent for Cowichan, thus making sure that Mr. Ford, the Government candidate will lose his deposit. At the last moment a Government candidate was secured at Rewelstoke, preventing the election of Mr. Taylor, the Conservative, by acclamation. Mr. Helgesen has withdrawn from Cariboo and his place on the Government party ticket taken by Mr. Jones of Stanley. The Government were endeavoring to get candidates at last reports, but no word was received last evening as to whether they were successful.

In Victoria the nominations passed off very quietly, the citizens being too much interested in the celebration to bother about elections. Mr. T. Tutman acted as returning officer. The candidates with their proposers and assentors follow:

J. L. Beckwith, proposed by J. Meston, seconded by D. McMillan; assenting, J. Teague, R. Dinsdale, J. Colbert T. A. Brydon, J. Forman; agent S. Perry Mills.

J. G. Brown, proposed by P. C. MacGregor, seconded by Alex. Wilson; assenting, A. G. McCandless, Jas. Bell, H. Catteral, Jas. Tagg, A. G. Hay; agent, S. Perry Mills.

R. Hall, proposed by T. B. Hall, seconded by Capt. W. Grant; assenting, A. J. McLellan, L. Goodacre E. B. Marvin; agent, John Kinsman.

H. D. Helmcken, proposed by J. Baker, seconded by D. Spencer; assenting, A. G. McCandless J. G. Cox, J. H. Lawson; agent, W. C. Moresby.

Joseph Martin, proposed by Dr. Lewis Hall, seconded by R. C. MacGregor; assenting, John Bell. W. T. Hardaker, J. Nicholles, B. Perry Mills; agent George Jay.

A. E. McPhillips, proposed by B. R. Scabrooke and C. A. Holland. Assenting, S. A. Bantly, M. McTiernan, W. H. Cullin, H. H. McDonald.

J. H Turner, proposed by E. B. Hanington, seconded by L. Goodacre; assenting, John Kinsman. Edward Bragg, E. V. Bodwell, T. J. Burns; agent, R. S. Byrn.

J. Stuart Yates, proposed by John Bell, seconded by J. T.McIlmoyl; assenting, David Kirkwood. L. Catterall, A. Stewart, R. T. Williams, H. Catterall; agent, George Jay.

At Esquimalt the same quietness prevailed as in the city. The candidates nominated are:

George Bizantson, farmer, Rocky Point, proposed by John Jardine and I. S. Annette; assenting, George Webb, W. J. Wale, Joseph Atkins.

Donald Fraser, accountant, Victoria city, proposed by Thos. Adam and J. E. Williams; assenting, Frank Jones, James Donegan. Geo. Skinner.

William Henry Hayward, farmer, Metchosin, proposed by Roland Stuart, and Geo. F. Bushby; assenting John A. Murray, James Phair, John Weir.

David Williams Higgins, publisher, 157 Cadboro Bay road, Victoria, proposed by Thomas Argyle, and Aaron Gent; assenting, John F. Charters, Albert McN. Jones, Wm. R. Scafe, Douglas R. W. Muir, Joseph J. Baird, Frederick McAdam.

Charles Edward Pooley, barrister-at-law, Fernhill, Esquimalt road, proposed by William Fisher and John Muir; assentin, Henry Cogan, James Phair, William F. Bullen.

In South Victoria it will be a straight fight between Mr. D. M. Eberts and Mr. George Sangster.

Mr. Eberts was proposed by Adam Glendenning; seconded by John Sinclair, the assentors being H. C. Dougal, Joseph Nicholson, Jr., John Irvine, J. S. Shopland, W. Kynaston and John Braedn.

Mr. Sangster was proposed by W. Thompson and seconded by George Deans; S. Reid, R. Porter and S. Sea assenting.

It was understood yesterday that Mr. J. J. White, the Government candidate had withdrawn in North Victoria, but the report received by way of Sidney last evening from Vesuvius Bay where the nominations were held, was that Messrs. J. P. Booth and H. L. Robertson, Opposition and White Government had been nominated. Mr. White was anxious to withdraw but the Government supporters prevailed upon him at the last minute to stand. Mr. Robertson is a son of Capt. Robertson, who was twice defeated in the district.

VANCOUVER NOMINATIONS.

Twelve Candidates for the Four Seats Belonging to that City.

Vancouver, May 26.—(Special)—At ten minutes past noon to-day the entire twelve candidates seeking election on June 9th were nominated in the following order:

Jas. McQueen, (Martin) gentleman.
Hugh Bowie Gilmour, (Martin) mechanical engineer.
Robert Macpherson, (Martin) carpenter.
Joseph Martin, (Martin) barrister.
Francis Williams, (Labor) tailor.
Wm. Hy. Wood, (Conservative) accountant.
Chas. Wilson (Conservative) barrister.
W. Maclain (Socialist-Labor) machinest.
R. G. Tallow (Conservative) broker.
Jas. F. Garden, (Conservative) civil engineer.
Jos. Dixon, (Labor) carpenter.
Francis L. Carter-Carter (Provincial Party) journalist.

THE CANDIDATES.

	Govt.	Opp.	Con.	Labor	P. Party.	Ind.
Victoria City—						
Turner		1				
Helmcken		1				
McPhillips		1				
Hall		1				
Martin	1					
Yates	1					
Brown	1					
Beckwith	1					
South Victoria—						
Eberts		1				
Sangster	1					
North Victoria—						
Booth		1				
White	1					
Robertson		1				
Esquimalt—						
Pooley		1				
Hayward		1				
Higgins		1				
Fraser	1					
Bizantson		1				
Cowichan—						
Dickie		1				
Ford	1					
South Nanaimo—						
Dunsmuir		1				
Radcliffe					1	
Nanaimo City—						
McKinnell				1		
Smith			1			
Yates	1					
North Nanaimo						
Bryden		1				
McInnes						1
Comox—						
Mounce		1				
McPhee	1					
Vancouver City—						
Martin	1					
McQueen	1					
Gilmour	1					
Macpherson	1					
Williams				1		
McLain				1		
Dixon				1		
Carter-Cotton						1
Wood				1		
Garden				1		
Wilson				1		
Tatlow				1		
Westminster City—						
Reid				1		
Brown	1					
Chilliwack—						
Ashwell				1		
Munro						1
Vedder		1				
Richmond—						
Wilkinson				1		
Kidd						1
Rowan	1					
Delta—						
Barrie					1	
Forster						1
Oliver		1				
Dewdney—						
McBride				1		
Whetham	1					
West Lillooet—						
Smith				1		
Skinner			1			
Lachore		1				
East Lillooet—						
Prentice			1			
Graham		1				
North Yale—						
Fulton			1			
Deane						1
Palmer		1				
West Yale—						
Murphy				1		
Beebe		1				
East Yale—						
Ellison				1		
Raymer			1			
Snodgrass		1				
Revelstoke—						
Taylor					1	
McRae	1					
Slocan—						
Keen				1		
Green						1
Kane		1				
Nelson—						
Fletcher				1		
Houston					1	
Hall	1					
Rossland—						
Mackintosh				1		
Curtis	1					
N. E. Kootenay—						
Armstrong				1		
Wells						1
Burnett	1					
S. E. Kootenay—						
Costigan				1		
Fernie						1
Smith	1					
Cassiar—						
Irving				1		
Clifford				1		
Cariboo—						
Hunter				1		
Rogers				1		
Kinchant					1	
Jones					1	
Alberni						
Thomson			1			
Neill					1	
Redford		1				

SUMMARY.

Government	32
Opposition	25
Conservative	16
Labor	5
Provincial Party	9
Independent	5

AT NANAIMO.

Mr. Dunsmuir Pressed to Accept the Nomination but Declined.

Nanaimo, B. C., May 26.—(Special)—The nominations went off here very quietly. A small crowd gathered at the court house speculating upon the possible dark horses, but no thunderclaps surprised them. Upon Mr. Dunsmuir's arrival from Victoria he was met by an influential deputation and strenuously pressed to contest the riding. Mr. Dunsmuir, however, firmly declined, preferring the honor of representing the district in which much of his time is spent, and which was the first to invite him to take the field.

A good deal of disappointment was to be noticed amongst the labor section when it appeared that Mr. Ralph Smith was not to receive the seat by acclamation, and that disappointment was much embittered when it appeared that the friends of Mr. McInnes were foremost in bringing out Hon. J. Stuart Yates of Victoria, apparently in the hope that a portfolio would be a good bait in this city.

Mr. McKinnell who makes up the triangular fight is well known in Nanaimo where for years he has been manager of the co-operative store. With his splendid local reputation and a host of friends all ready and enthusiastic in his support, his prospects for election at this early date appear to be exceptionally good.

The candidates, their proposers and seconders are:

Independent Labor—Ralph Smith, proposed by Dr. McKechnie and Wm. Runcle.

Martinite—James Stuart Yates, Chief Commisioner of Lands and Works, proposed by Thos. Hardy and James Gordon.

Conservative—Gilbert McKinnell, proposed by Richard Drew and A. R. Johnston.

Gen. Roberts Across the Vaal

His Official Report Tells of the British Advance Towards Johannesburg.

Boers Make an Unlikely Claim That They Have Retaken Heilbron.

Pretoria, May 26.—An official bulletin says: "The British have crossed the Vaal at Groblersdrift, near Parys. The high level bridge at Verenbing has been blown up by the Federals.

"General Dutoid advises that the burghers are coming forward in force determined to fight to the end.

"After re-taking Heilbron the Federals followed the British as far as Wolvehock."

Note.—This was the only war news received by the Colonist last night owing to trouble with the telegraph wires.

London, May 26.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Roberts:

"Wolvehoek, Orange Free State, May 26.—The advanced portion of this force crossed the Vaal on Queen's birthday near Parys.

"Hamilton's column is at Boschbank.

"Our scouts are now at Viljoen Drift, on the frontier north of Wolvehoek.

"The local mines are uninjured and working on as usual. There is no enemy on this side of the river.

"Hunter reached Vryberg on May 24th."

London, May 26.—As anticipated the first news from Roberts after a long silence was the announcement that the British had crossed the Vaal river.

It is probably Gen. Hutton's column which crossed at Parys, and may be expected to make a dash at the railroad in the neighborhood of Patchefstroom, whence there is direct communication with Johannesburg.

Gen. Hamilton's column is at Boschbank, which is close to the river about three miles northwest of Wolvehoek.

Roberts' headquarters may be expected to also cross the Vaal river and create a diversion on the flank of any Federal force in the neighborhood of Vereeniging. As he has only about 15 miles to travel, the speedy announcement may be expected that the British commander-in-chief himself has gained a foothold in the Transvaal, and that he will remove the Federal position south of Johannesburg in the middle of the coming week.

Gen. Rundle ought to be close to Bothley by now, and it is expected to hear of a decisive action on the Harrismith railway, in which part of Buller's force will co-operate in the direction of Van Reenan's Pass.

Should the Pretoria bulletin announcing the reoccupation of Heilbron by Federals be true, it will be a totally unexpected development, as Gen. Ian Hamilton occupied Heilbron on Tuesday and nothing has been heard from there since.

UNDER THE BAN.

Chicago, May 26.—By a close vote, and after a debate which exceeded in bitterness anything during the session, the Methodist general conference practically decided today to make no change in the attitude of the church in regard to card playing, dancing, theatre-going and other forms of amusement which, since 1872, have been under the ban of the church. Preceding the vote to accept the minority report, which recommends that no action be taken, the conference at times was in a state of wild disorder, due mainly to attempts to amend the section of the book of discipline under discussion. Some sharp language was indulged in by the angry delegates before the vote was taken.

BULLER AND HIS "BOYS."

General Sir Redvers Buller, in a letter to a friend in England says: "We began fighting on February 14, and literally fought every day and nearly every night also till the 27th. I am filled with admiration for the British soldiers; really, the manner in which they have worked, fought, and endured during the last fortnight has been something more than human; broiled in a burning sun by day, drenched in rain by night, lying but 300 yards off an enemy who shoots you if you show as much as a finger; they could hardly eat or drink by day, and as they were usually attacked at night they got but little sleep, and through it all they were as cheery and willing as could be."

"Mabel always said she would never marry any but a professional man."

"And has she fulfilled her desire?"

"Yes. Her husband is Professor Thidleton. He has an educated goat and a trained monkey that he exhibits on the stage."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Finale of Celebration

Queen's Birthday Demonstration Concluded With Successful Features Yesterday.

Regatta At the Gorge Draws An Immense Assemblage.

Lacrosse, Yachting, and Other Attractions Attended by Large Crowds.

The greatest and grandest celebration of the Queen's Birthday ever held in the city of Victoria, and for that matter, in Western Canada, is over. It reflected honor alike on the city which bears the name of the universally beloved sovereign and the public-spirited committee, led by His Worship Mayor Hayward, who arranged the different events and numerous features and details.

Baseball, lacrosse and rifle matches, with the great regatta at the Gorge, and a general illumination of the city made yesterday one of the important days of the celebration. Each event attracted large crowds and the enthusiasm was in no wise less than on Thursday and Friday. An immense bon-fire on Hospital Point and a largely attended band concert at the drill hall were the features of last evening's festivities. Residents and visitors alike are loud in praise of the celebration of 1900, and nothing but expressions of admiration are heard on every hand.

THE REGATTA.

Immense Crowds Witness the Splendid Water Carnival on the Arm.

Yesterday was an ideal day for the grand regatta on the Victoria Arm. The weather in the forenoon was somewhat threatening, but the sun shone at intervals during the afternoon through the clouds, and a refreshing breeze contributed to make the day a perfect one in every respect. The rain of the previous evening had the effect of moistening the verdure and the many pretty private lawns lining the Arm on either side and the sun-lit waters, with the green-clad woods and gardens, with a multitude of gaily bedecked boating parties who lined either shore made an exquisitely beautiful picture.

Though the regatta had been postponed from Friday afternoon in consequence of the inability of the warships' boats to come round from Esquimalt, owing to the heavy seas running, there was an immense crowd in attendance. Either shore was lined from Croft's Point to the Gorge Bridge with an enthusiastic crowd of sight-seers. The E. & N. railway company, barges and steamers plying on the Arm, and hacks and express wagons handled the large crowd in an expeditious fashion, and but few complaints were heard as to the facilities for transportation. The roads leading to the scene of the regatta, usually very dusty at this season of the year were used by hundreds of pedestrians, the dust having been effectively laid by the rains of the previous evening.

His Worship Mayor Hayward, beaming with good nature at the successful termination of the Queen's Birthday festivities, with Mrs. Hayward, Miss Hayward and members of the reception committee, during the afternoon entertained hundreds to lunch and refreshments on the civic barge, which was resplendent in a wealth of bunting and laden with good things to refresh the tired sight-seer. Numerous visitors from the Sound cities paid a visit to the barge and were hospitably entertained by Mayor Hayward.

The races were in every way excellent. The course was kept fairly well cleared; and nothing of an unpleasant character occurred to mar the afternoon's pleasure, a feature of which was the prompt calling of the different events.

What were of course the most enthusiastically applauded races of the series were the contests between the Indians—prolonged cheering greeting the appearance on the course of the dusky denizens of the forest. The naval races proved, as always, a most attractive feature. General regret was expressed at the defeat of the James Bay boys in the four-oared lapstreak amateur event, for the championship of British Columbia. Our boys were plainly outclassed by the crew from the Terminal City—the latter being much heavier and apparently in better condition. Owing to a misunderstanding about the turning of the buoy, this event did not result satisfactorily.

The first event on the programme was called shortly after 1 p.m. It was for ten-oared cutters from Her Majesty's ships at Esquimalt—course round Island and return to starter's barge—about three miles. There were three crews from the Warspite, two from the Arethusa, one each from the Virago, Leander, Pheasant and one from the Royal Artillery. At the start the R.A. crew forged ahead, but was unable to maintain the position, the Virago crew being the victors after a hot race. The R.A. crew was second and the Arethusa third.

The double scull school boys' race was won by the team from the Collegiate school, Oscar Scholefield stroke.

The next race, marine whalers and gigs, five oars, proved most interesting. There were crews from the Warspite, Leander, Arethusa, Icarus, Pheasant and the Naval Yard. The course was around the Island and return—three miles. After a hard race, testing the mettle of the men in no slight degree, the Pheasant crew came in the victors by a good lead over their rivals. The Icarus crew was second and the Leander third.

One of the most interesting events of the afternoon's sport followed—the race between Indian war canoes. There were eight crews competing—Valdes, Kuper Island, Themthemlege, Cowichan, Semiahmoo, Lummi, Whatcom and Port Madison. The course was the full three mile one—around the Island and return. The utmost enthusiasm greeted the contestants on their appearance at the starting line, and all along the course. From start to finish the different crews worked liked Trogans, but the Valdes crew getting a lead at the start maintained it throughout, though pressed hard by Themthemlage, the victor only winning by a few inches. The Saanich crew came third.

The next race was a most unsatisfactory one. It was for four-oared lapstreak boats (amateur) for the championship of British Columbia. The competing crews were from the Vancouver Rowing Club and the J.B.A.A. The course was from the starter's barge around buoys at Gray's Point and return. The first start was spoiled by the J.B.A.A. crew fouling with a steam launch, which was right ahead in the course. Noticing the misadventure, the Vancouver crew magnanimously quit rowing and returned to the starting point, their sportsmanlike action in this regard being loudly applauded by the host of spectators. Another start being made the crews got off successfully, but Vancouver was plainly a winner from the start, the J.B.A.A. boys being outclassed in skill and physique. The Vancouver crew won easily. In this race the competing teams were: Vancouver Rowing Club; colors, scarlet and white; H. O. Alexander, stroke; Geo. W. Seymour, No. 3; J. D. Ball, No. 2; R. C. Spinks, bow James Bay A. A.; colors, navy blue and white; J. C. McNeil, stroke; W. Laing, No. 3; A. Donaldson, No. 2; W. H. Jesse, bow.

The Indian, two men canoe race, the next event, was won by a crew of two dusky boys from Valdes Island, after a well-contested race.

The next event, double dingy race with crews of officers of H.M. forces and lady coxwains, was won by Capt. Byron Drake's crew, Miss Laura Loewen, coxwain; Lieut. Darley's boat, Miss Royds, coxwain, came second.

The Indian war canoe race followed and proved a most interesting event. There were nine entries and after a beautiful contest the Cowichan crew shot over the line the victors, followed by the Valdes and Kuper Island crews, who took respectively second and third prizes.

The six-oared naval race (galleys followed. The Virago crew won, with the Icarus and Arethusa second and third.

The klootchmen's canoe race proved most interesting. There were four contestants and the victors were a crew of fair ones from the Cowichan rancherie, who were loudly cheered on crossing the finishing line.

The double dingy race for amateurs was cancelled.

The all-comers' race, open to army and navy sea service boats, was won by a crew from the Virago, Warspite second, Arethusa third.

A crew from the Leander won the prize for the comic punt.

Great credit for the success of the regatta must be given to the following, who superintended: Referee, Captain Fegen, R.N.; judges, Captain Walker, R.N.; Captain Startin, R.N.; starter, Captain Startin, R.N.; committee—Lieut. Heaton-Ellis, R.N.; Lieut. MacHutchin, R.N.; Lieut. Royds, R.N.; Lieut. Benwell, R.N.; Lieut. Arbuthnot, R.N.; Sub-Lieut. Chapman, R.N; clerk of the course, M. Case, R.N.; starters, Capt. J. S. Cox, Capt. Chas. Clarke; clerk of course, Capt. A. J. Dallain; superintendent of Indian races, Chief Michael Cooper.

The Fifth Regiment band rendered a choice programme during the afternoon.

Under instructions from His Worship Mayor Hayward a monster bon-fire was lighted on Hospital Point in the evening, bringing the day and celebration to a fitting close in a blaze of light.

CHAMPIONSHIP LACROSSE.

Westminster Wins from Victoria By Four Goals to Two.

In the first match of the lacrosse season played at the Oak Bay grounds yesterday afternoon before some fifteen hundred spectators, the blue of Victoria went down before the stick-handlers in maroon from New Westminster. The Victoria players were beaten by a score of four goals to two.

It was twelve minutes past three when the teams lined up—the new rule whereby teams coming on the field twenty minutes late lose a goal by default, making the players punctual. The ground was in the best of condition and the sun shone across the field, giving neither team a vantage point. Nor was there the faintest suspicion of a breeze to mar the sport. It was an ideal day for the game—but the game was not an ideal one. There were too many muffed passes, too many wild shots, too much erratic judgment and other deficiencies in play, which are the result of lack of team practice.

The teams lined up as follows:

Victoria.		New Westminster.
S. Norman	Goal	Cheney
W. Lorimer	Point	A. W. Gray
C. L. Cullin	C. Point	F. Lynch
A. Beltry	D. Field	W. B. Galbraith
E. M. Burns	"	T. Gifford
M. Finlaison	"	C. D. Peele
C. Blain	Centre	A. Turnbull
K. Scholefield	H. Field	H. Latham
W. Stephens	"	W. Elford
G. Tite	"	S. G. Peele
Wilson	O. Home	A. McQuade
F. Smith	I. Home	S. Peele

Referee—Dave Smith. Vancouver.

Umpires—W. H. Cullin and E. O. Malins.

Timekeepers—Dave Patterson and H. Major.

Victoria who were defending the south goal got the ball from the face and Finlaison and Burns carried it up to the visitor's flags. The Victoria home began well. Three times they made a determined attack on their opponent's flags, but Cheyne, who, during the course of the afternoon made a number of good stops, saved and Lynch, who formerly played with Nelson, carried the ball down. He, however, got mixed up in a scrimmage at centre and there was a call for the old Tulip and his bottles. Belfry got the rubber from the face and Blaine, Scholefield and Stephen took it in to the Westminster flags. Lynch saved and Gifford ran down, passing to his brother who carried the ball well down into Victoria's defense. Belfry saved though and gave the sphere to Finlaison and the ever ready Mike made a good run passing it to Blaine who threw to Stephens, who, however, failed to put it into the net. Scholefield saved from the throw out and threw well in front of the goal and Frank Smith secured and shot, but missed. Then Stephens found the rubber and tried, but he also failed to make good his shot. The visitor's defense then relieved and succeeded in carrying the ball down to Peel—commonly called Biscuits—and he han an open shot, but when checked shot wide. The Westminster home, however, continued the attack until Finlaison anticipated a pass and went down. He Blaine and Stephen did some combination work and the latter passed to Tite, who shot. Up and down the rubber travelled, the defense players making long throws, until Burns making a good run, passed to Tits. He gave the ball to Stephens who was heavily checked and dropped the sphere in a scrimmage in front of the visitor's goal. Snell saved and thre w down. Then the Westminster home made a determined attack on the home players' flags, five shots being swished in on Norman in quick succession. He saved though every time and Belfry securing, threw up and the crowd cheered. Tite secured and did some good work, but lost the advantage gained by passing wild, and back went the ball down field. Then followed a season of erratic passing on the part of the boys in blue, giving several offerings to the visitors, who, however, failed to improve them. Up and down the rubber went until at the end of nineteen minutes play some good combination work brought the ball in front of the Victoria flags and Latham scored first goal for New Westminster.

Blaine secured from the face in the second game—the longest of the match—and the Victoria home took the ball down on the enemy's flags. There was a scrimmage in front and they all but got the rubber through. Cheyne saved though, and Westminster carried the ball up. Cullin saved, and then followed some irregular up and down play, remarkable for nothing but wild passing and shooting on the part of either team, Victoria though showing more prominently the lack of practice as a team. The season of ragged lacrosse passed though and there was some creditable team work on the part of Scholefield, Tite and Smith, which almost equalled things. It was only the good play of Cheyne that saved his flags. Several times the Victoria home carried the ball into the opponents goal. But Cheyne was always on deck. Then Norman was called upon to protect his goal. After some good combination play the Westeminster men swept right in, but the little man in the flags lifted the ball over his head. Westminster secured and brought the ball in front; Cullin made a good play and sent the ball down to the Victoria home. Blaine caught well and gave Stephens, who shaved the posts.

Then happened an event which lost Victoria one of their strongest players. Lorimer had returned a long throw and Blaine, Smith and Tite had made two strong attacks on goal. Cheyne saved his flags, but did not relieve and there was a scrimmage in front. Frank Smith secured and tried to shoot over his head. In being checked he had his head cut and this necessitated the placing of two stitches by Dr. Ernest Hall. Smith was in consequence obliged to leave the field, and Dewar was put on in his stead. The Victoria field was then changed, Burns going up on the home and Dewar taking his place in the defence.

Westminster secured from the face and for a time it was their ball. Blaine finally secured and carried the ball down and after some long and not too-well judged passing Stephens threw for goal. Cheyne saved and threw to centre, where for a time the ball was held. The play was ragged from then on until just prior to the close of the game, the advantage, if anything, being with the Victoria players, who, however, failed to improve their advantage, because of their loose playing. It was give and take for the remainder of the 35 minutes, until finally Turnbull threw from about forty yards from the flags—and the ball went into the net. Had Wilson secured a pass, which was thrown a trifle low, a few minutes before that happened no doubt the result would have been different, for he had an open goal. If—but then, the ifs did not occur.

The third game was even more ragged than the second. Victoria started off well from the face, but their passing was greatly inferior to that of the visitors. There shooting, too, was still bad, and soon after the game opened, a capital chance was missed. They, however, returned to the attack and after two attempts, Tite ran down and after some team work Stephens passed to Burns, who gave the ball to Wilson and the latter scored, after 6½ minutes play.

C. Hand, a young Vancouverite, then enlivened the proceedings by a clean exhibition of trick bicycle riding, afterwards passing the hat. Then after a man in the grand stand, who had a whistle and made things unpleasant, had been attended to, the teams again took the field. As in the other games, Victoria carried the ball down from the face and Tite and Blaine put in two good shots. There was four minutes of lively play and Turnbull ran in. Cullin checked him, and the ball lobbed over on to Norman's schoulder, and rolled in. One of the Westminster players was in the goal at the time and had the new rule been enforced, whereby players were not allowed to check the goal tender unless he was playing the ball, the goal would not have been allowed.

The fifth and six games were slow, Victoria opened the fifth with a series of attacks on the Westminster flags, but Cheyne was a stonewall, and then, too, the players in maroon, had a habit of all falling back in a bunch to defend their goal. They needed to, for a time, for the Victoria home had bucked up and were making things interesting. Their passing was wild, though. They had undoubtedly the best of the game, but did not make as good use of the opportunities as did the visitors, whose only opening was productive of a goal, Turnbull again doing the scoring.

The sixth goal was an up and down one, and none too fast. Victoria again had the best of the play, Norman being called on a few times in the 26 minutes, to save, and Cheyne compelled to oft use his stick. At length though, Burns managed to get the rubber past him, Blaine carrying it down and passing to Tite, who swept it in front from the side.

Of the visitors Turnbull, Latham, Snell and Cheyne showed up very well, and Mike Finlaison, Colin Blaine, A. Beltry, C. L. Cullin, E. M. Burns, W. Lorimer and Wilson, the latest addition to the team, did good work for Victoria.

The next match to be played here is between Victoria and Vancouver, which was scheduled for June 9, but as that is election day, it will be played on either the 2nd or 16th.

SUMMARY.

1.—Westminster	H. Latham	19 min.
2.—Westminster	A. Turnbull	35½ "
3.—Westminster	A. Turnbull	9½ "
4.—Victoria	Wilson	6½ "
5.—Westminster	A. Turnbull	9 "
6.—Victoria	M. Burns	26 "

French Enters Johannesburg

Rumor In CapeTown That British Forces Have Entered the Golden City.

General Rundle Occupies Senekal With Slight Loss to His Men.

Capetown, May 28.—It is rumored here that General French has entered Johannesburg.

London, May 28.—Although the Federals are said to be preparing for strong resistance at the Klip river, those who have most closely followed the progress of the war since the British and Boer armies came into touch at Brandfort, are very sceptical as to the burghers seriously disputing Roberts' advance even there. If no stand is made at Klip river, the safety of the Boer guns at Laing's Nek will be seriously imperilled, for there will be nothing to prevent Lord Roberts from seizing the Johannesburg-Laing's Nek railroad. Indeed, it is probable that the railroad has been cut, and it is quite possible that the first official news will record the occupations of Heidelberg.

Lord Roberts may be forced to halt at Vaal river to repair the bridge, and get his guns and transports across, but the mounted men will not be delayed, and it is said in high quarters that the speedy announcement of the arrival of the British cavalry at Johannesburg will not surprise the war office.

A despatch from Mafeking on May 23 says the total casualties since the commencement of the siege were 803. Among the white combatants out of 44 officers, 22 were killed, wounded or missing, and 190 men out of 975 were killed, wounded or missing.

In the House of Commons to-day the government leader, Mr. A. J. Balfour, said he had no information in regard to the reported negotiations for peace with the Transvaal.

Senekal, May 27.—Gen. Rundle, with artillery, the Yeomanry and Wilts, Middlesex and Leicester Regiments, under Major Delbiac, has occupied Senekal, whence the Boers were driven by a few shells.

A field cornet and a number of other Boers were killed. The British casualties numbered eleven.

The Boers are believed to be concentrating near Bethlehem.

THE BOERS' PORT.

London, May 28.—Advices received here assert that supplies continue to go to the Boers from Lorenzo Marques, and that foreign recruits for the Boer army proceed from the same point.

STEYN'S FLIGHT.

A Story of How He Saved Himself at Bloemfontein.

The following breezy and probably somewhat fanciful story of President Steyn's flight from Bloemfontein is given by a New York Herald correspondent with the Boer forces.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, severe engagements were fought. The Boers repulsed a number of frontal attacks, but the steady swing of the British cavalry around their left flank compelled a retirement. This sealed the fate of Bloemfontein.

A panicky feeling swept over the civilian population. The railway station was besieged by refugees waiting the departure of trains. Several special trains had been reserved for this final rush, and they were soon jammed to suffocation. Other men, women and children piled indiscriminately into cattle and box cars, where they sat in disconsolate groups upon their belongings. Hundreds who could obtain no places in the trains left in vehicles and on horseback.

Even as late as daybreak Tuesday there was no certainty as to when the English would arrive. About eight o'clock all uncertainty was set at rest, when the Boer rear guard, stationed outside the town, came galloping in with word that the British were less than two miles away. This news electrified even the tardiest lingerers, but President Steyn still lingered. He had early in the day, sent his car with instructions to wait for him a few miles north. He closed and locked the presidency and the State house, and turned the keys over to the acting burgomaster, to be delivered to the English. Then he mounted his horse, rode to the market square and wa