

Labor Day Celebration

One of the Most Successful Demonstrations Ever Held on the Coast.

A Highly Creditable Parade in Which Thousands of Union Workmen Marched

Labor Day, 1901, has passed away, but memories of it will linger for years in the minds of those who assisted in its celebration in Victoria. It was not only the trades unionists and men who work with their hands who turned out to honor the day, for men of all sorts and conditions cast away their burdens of every day toil and made high holiday. At an early hour the streets began to swarm with people, women and children in the majority, all drifting towards a common centre—the district through which the parade was to pass—and ere the city hall clock marked 10 the approaches were packed with expectant humanity. The procession was late in starting, owing to the non-arrival of the train from Nanaimo, but at 11 o'clock the bells pealed out the news that the parade was in motion, and strains of marching music announced its coming.

The order of the parade was as follows:

D. L. Kelly, Marshal.
J. Freeman, W. Cleary, Deputy Marshals.
Fire Department and Apparatus.
Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo Trades and Labor Councils.
Invited Guests.
Carpenters and Joiners' Union.
Shipwrights Union No. 1.
Typographical Union.
Pressmen's Union.
Fifth Regiment Band.
Stonemason's Union.
Moulder's Union.
Machinist's Union.
Street Railway Employees Ass'n. Union.
Sixth Regiment Band.
Omnibus Drivers' Union.
Cigar-makers' Union.
Boiler-makers' Union.
Tailor's Union.
Longshoremen's Union.
Domestic Hotel Business.
Painter's Union.
Teamster's Union.
Nanaimo Silver Cornet Band.
Excelsior Bakery.
Young Canada with Orphans' Home Children.
Island City Paint Company.
B. A. Paint Works.
Ladysmith Band.
Ladysmith Miners.
Extension Band.
Alexandria Miners.
Nanaimo Miners.
Sustained Characters.

The fire brigade, as upon all such occasions, made a very attractive display, the bright and nifty fitting and the brilliant red of the wagons being set out to great advantage by a profuse use of flowers, flags, bunting and greenery. The carpenters and joiners looked fine, uniformed in new overalls and jackets with white linen caps. They were followed by the shipwrights, who had an elaborate and beautiful float, on which was mounted the launch "Union", manned by a crew of pretty, laughing children.

The Typographical and Pressmen's unions followed and then came the stone cutters, with a ponderous float on which were mounted the launch "Union", manned by a crew of pretty, laughing children.

The street railway employees displayed a model trolley car mounted on a tastefully decorated float.

The cigar-makers displayed a cigar that would have delighted the heart of Gargantua, had he lived in the age of tobacco. The tailors gave a practical exhibition of the sartorial art, cutting, besting, sewing and pressing, but their banner bore the sorrowful legend, "Only a few of us left; the rest driven out by foreign competition." What legend the correctness of the old saw, there were enough in the parade to make up several men.

The boiler-makers gave a demonstration of the work of boiler-making and were not only seen but heard for several blocks, the strokes of their hammers at times almost drowning the notes of the bands.

The painters' float was much admired and received hearty applause along the route of march. It was an artistic construction, suggesting a felicitous blending of lightness and color. Queen Titania sat in a gorgeous chariot drawn by a huge butterfly with outspread wings, which she guided with reins of flowers and the illusion was still further enhanced by attendant sprites who whisked their way in advance of the beautiful

The Excelsior bakery had several of their delivery wagons lined up, prettily decorated and each surmounted with a mammoth French loaf labelled, "This is Union Made."

The British American Paint Co. elephant was a lifelike representation, and gave much delight to the children, who cheered the mammoth beast as he swung along with a measured cadence

which reflected credit on his peripatetic limbs. The Island City Paint Works had a splendid display of their manufactures attractively arranged, which was much admired.

The evolution of the Dominion hotel bus from an humble express wagon fitted with side seats dated 1885, to the splendid vehicle recently described in the Colonist, was a happy thought of the enterprising proprietor of that popular hotel.

There were several other floats of minor degree and number of comic characters, clowns, harlequins and non-descripts who added to the fun of the parade. Dickenson and his dog were there of course, the sturdy animal bearing the emblems of empire with his accustomed grim dignity.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.
The judges were Messrs. Chas. E. Redfern, W. W. Northcott, E. K. Riebeck, A. E. Brydon and J. G. Brown and the task allotted to them was not an easy one. They desire to express their appreciation of the highly artistic manner in which the various organizations belonging to the Victoria fire department were decorated, which reflects great credit on the skill displayed in the arrangement of the different devices, and which added so much to the general effect of the procession.

After much consideration they awarded the prizes as follows:
Representative Business Float—1st, Island City Paint Works; 2nd, British American Paint Company.

Trade Union Float—1st, boiler-makers; 2nd, painters' float.

Best Decorated Team—1st, hack, 228; 2nd, 229.

Messrs. J. Crow, president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, J. Hodgkinson, president of the Nanaimo Trades and Labor Council, and John Long, president of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, were judges of the following competitions, and awarded the prizes as under:

Most Typically Dressed Union—1st, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers; 2nd, Boiler-makers' Union; 3rd, Strongest Union, Numerically, on Parade—Three prizes of \$15 each. One for unions with a membership of 50 and over; one for unions with a membership of 25 and up to 50; and one for unions with a membership of 25 or under. Prizes will be awarded when secretaries of unions certify to the strength of unions.

Best Sustained Character on Parade—1st, tandem bicycle; 2nd, elephant.

The parade was pronounced the best yet witnessed in Victoria, and the opinion was generally expressed that more of the industrial establishments might have made displays. The unions, one and all, turned out locally and many of them went to considerable expense to make a good showing. The youngest union in the city must not be forgotten, the B. A. Paint Works, who, although the opinion was generally expressed that more of the industrial establishments might have made displays, the unions, one and all, turned out locally and many of them went to considerable expense to make a good showing.

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four thousand being present during the afternoon. There were far too many events on the programme for athletic sports, and the officials were obliged to hamper the efforts to pull the races off as quickly as possible, by the crowd which would insist on crowding over the grounds. But the best of the day was the bicycle race, which proved highly interesting and exciting. The Fifth Regiment band played a number of popular selections during the afternoon. A number of fruit and ice-cream stands did a rushing business.

Fifteen events were run off before the conclusion of the game. The baseball match and the rest took place at the conclusion of the game. The bicycle races were held at Beacon Hill, while the baseball was being held.

"Pat" Deasy, while the sports were in progress, made a great amusement by his curious management of the megaphone. The 100 yards race was very close. Sherick of Port Townsend just managed to beat C. Blain by two feet.

200 yards race was a fine contest. Del Rowe, Vancouver, secured the lead. C. Blain was second, followed by J. Bland, Victoria. In the quarter mile Del Rowe, Vancouver again won with J. Bland, Victoria, a good second.

The printers and proofreaders race was one of the best events of the day. There were only two entries, C. McNeill and Ditchburn. Both men started well together, and twenty yards from the finish they were neck and neck, and the finish they were neck and neck, and the finish they were neck and neck.

In the half mile race (professional), S. Hood, Nanaimo, won from E. Coleman, Nanaimo, after a home stretch, when Hood passed him, and won by two yards.

The fat mss' race caused great amusement. Mr. J. Tagg secured the lead with Mr. Long second and Mr. S. Sea third. Mr. Tagg was a certain winner, and Mr. Long looked very humorous.

The obstacle race was well contested. Del Rowe, Vancouver, had a hard race with E. White, Victoria, but in the final sprint Del Rowe won with White a good second.

In the top step and jump, G. Hackling won, followed by J. Bland, Victoria. Hackling was a close second with J. Bland.

Sergeant Redgrave, Constable Handley and Constable Handley entered for the policeman's race, which proved to be one of the best events of the day. Sergeant Redgrave and Constable Handley made a fine start, and Constable Handley put a sprig in the top two made a fine dash for the line, Sgt. Redgrave succeeding in winning from Constable Handley by a yard.

The quarter mile bicycle race was well contested by M. Jackson and Carroll, the former finally winning. Joe Hancock, won the mile bicycle race easily, with a crowd of spectators.

In the boys' bicycle race, E. Hancock was an easy winner, with E. Carroll second.

The results are as follows:
Boys' Race (under 12)—1st, Brook Laidrum, value \$5, by Fletcher Bros; 2nd, E. B. Bland, value \$5, by Fletcher Bros; 3rd, E. B. Bland, value \$5, by Fletcher Bros.

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Representatives of T. and L. Councils Decide on Nanaimo for Next Celebration.

A conference of representatives of the three trades councils—Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria, was held in the Sir William Wallace hall on Monday night, and a final decision was arrived at whereby Labor Day celebrations will be held alternatively in the three cities.

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