

Canada's Birthday

Victoria Has Glorious Weather For The Annual Outing and Picnics.

Celebration at Vancouver Attracts Large Crowds For The Various Sports.

Throughout Dominion People Rejoice In The National Holiday.

Victorians celebrated Dominion Day everywhere but in the city. In the early forenoon the streets leading to the railway stations and steamboat wharves were crowded with holiday-makers hastening to embark for the day's enjoyment, but later on the town was as quiet as on a rainy Sunday. There were excursions to all points of the compass, and private picnics, bicycle, boating and driving parties innumerable, so that one half the population may be said to have spent the holiday out of town.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles excursion to Ladysmith, attracted probably the biggest crowd, at least 1,000 persons taking advantage of the occasion to visit that new and progressive place, and incidentally enjoy the sports and other attractions provided by the fun-loving birds.

The Sons of England chose Goldstream as the scene of their annual outing, and about 800 responded to their invitation. The Calvary Baptist church picnic at Langford was attended by over 300 people. The James Bay Presbyterian and Boys' Brigade also picnicked at these pretty grounds.

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The Presbyterian Sunday school picnic at Albert Head, was another of the big attractions of the day. The steamer was crowded on every trip, between 700 and 800 happy children with their parents and friends taking part in the festivities.

Then there was the Methodist Sunday school picnic at Bazar Park, to which the Victoria and Sidney railway carried over 1,500.

The Congregationalists held their outing at Cordova Bay, and had a large crowd, and many good things to eat. Emmanuel Baptist church at Oak Bay.

The C. P. R. special excursion to Vancouver tempted a thousand or more to assist in the patriotic celebration which has become one of the annual events in the life of the Terminal City.

The weather here was perfect for outdoor enjoyment, the sky being overcast with heavy clouds which tempered the sun rays.

AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, B. C., July 1.—(Special).—The glorious first was celebrated in grand style in Vancouver today, and record crowds were on hand to witness it at all the sports. The weather was perfect, and from morning until late at night the streets were crowded with pedestrians in holiday attire. The visitors from Victoria and the steamer was very numerous than on any similar occasion. Among the visitors at the different sports were His Excellency Lieutenant-Governor Sir Henry Joly and Sir Charles Tupper.

The procession in the morning was hardly as good as previous years, but as it inaugurated the day's proceedings it was witnessed by enormous crowds. The feature of the parade was the marching of the marines and blue jackets from the fleet in the harbor.

In the evening there was a grand military concert at the opera house, which was packed to suffocation. The chief attraction of the concert was the drill excellently performed by the company of young ladies dressed in fetching uniforms. In the evening all the business streets of the city were brilliantly illuminated by the company and presented a very attractive appearance.

AT THE CAPITAL.

Ottawa, Ont., July 1.—(Special).—Dominion day passed off quietly, for although the holiday was generally observed, there was no special excitement. Citizens contented themselves with jaunts to nearby pleasure resorts, or to the country.

HOT TIME EAST.

Toronto, July 1.—The thermometer mounted to its high level today, reaching 92 during the afternoon. In London it touched 97. It did not, however, interfere with the successful celebration of Dominion Day. There were over 2,000 at the baseball game this morning and 6,000 at the Toronto-Montreal lacrosse match in the afternoon. The regatta also drew a great crowd. The smaller sports drew proportionately smaller crowds.

The parade and celebration were hardly as successful, few bodies turning out to the parade, partly because of the lack of proper organization, but chiefly because of the heat. There were in all about 900 in the parade, the Boys' Brigade being specially well represented. Four post office automobiles headed the procession. The marching of the Queen's Park, where the speaking occurred. Speaker Brodour, of the Dominion House of Commons, and Hon. G. E. Foster were the speakers.

AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, July 1.—(Special).—There was beautiful weather for Dominion Day and the people enjoyed themselves at excursions and picnics. Sports were held in the city. The Victorians won the lacrosse match from the Winnipeggers by 6 to 3 goals.

J. W. BELL.

Ottawa, July 1.—(Special).—John W. Bell, of Desmond, M. P. for Addington, Ontario, was stricken with paralysis today and his life is despaired of.

FARM BURNING.

London, June 29.—A blue book was issued this morning containing the correspondence between Lord Roberts and the Boer authorities on the subject of the destruction of property. Its contents are generally known.

The president of the Transvaal and Orange Free State on February 3, 1900, protested against "the destruction and devastation of farms and barbed wire, the burning of British officers, and the white brigades, contrary to the usages of war."

Later, Generals Buller and Dewet made some complaints of "godless and barbarous atrocities of the British and their robber patriots."

Lord Roberts replied in a similar strain to all the protests, declaring that the British did not encourage barbarians, but that the burning of farms and buildings was necessitated by the treacherous shooting of the British from farm-houses and the wrecking of trains and the Boers of wanton destruction and guerrilla tactics, which he was compelled to repress by exceptional measures always employed by civilized nations in like circumstances.

STILL FIGHTING.

Uncle Sam's Weary War in Philippines Still Drags Along.

Manila, July 1.—Thursday next July 4, will be inaugurated a day for the civil government and moving day for the military headquarters, which will be transferred to the former Spanish headquarters outside the walled city. General Chaffee is preparing to push Malvar, the insurgent chief in Southern Luzon. He has ordered the transfer of the Fifth Infantry from Northern Luzon to Batangas province. The general has been informed that Malvar's principal headquarters are in a mountain town in Northern Tayabas, whose inhabitants are contributing to Malvar's support. Several insurgent officers and 350 bolomen have voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance at Chino, province of Batangas. Capt. Adams, with ten men, captured Albay province, has killed ten insurgents and captured a Filipino captain and ten men. A detachment of the Fourth Infantry, sent to the island of Luzon in Luzon, has captured Gonzalez, an insurgent leader his adjutant and several others.

Another detachment of the same regiment had a running engagement at Kanogan and destroyed a Filipino stronghold. Sergeant Brown and Privates Bigsby and Gatfield of the coast artillery were wounded. The president gave a reception to General MacArthur tonight.

News Of the Dominion

Attempt to Wreck Train on Which Hon Mr. Tarte Was Travelling.

Two Hundred People Lose Their Homes by Fire in Ontario Town.

Hamilton, July 1.—(Special).—There was a short-lived strike on the Hamilton-Grimby and Beamsville Electric railway today. The conductors and motormen, fifteen or sixteen in number went on strike for higher pay. They had been receiving 12 cents per hour and asked for 14 cents with pay for the time lost. They got it.

Midland, July 1.—(Special).—An attempt was made to wreck a train near here on which was Hon. Mr. Tarte en route to French river. The engineer, however, saw the obstruction on the track.

Sturgeon Falls, July 1.—(Special).—A fire in Cacher bay, a few miles from here, did \$50,000 damage, destroying numerous houses, and rendering 200 people homeless. The lumbermen, George Gordon & Co., and Shearer and Brown also suffered severely, but are insured.

London, July 1.—(Special).—Archibald Brown, one of the best known newspaper men in Canada, died on Saturday. He was for many years prominent in local journalism, and was one of the most popular men in town.

Paris, Ont., July 1.—(Special).—John Acland, aged 72 was run down and killed by a Grand Trunk train when crossing the tracks. He had been a resident here for many years.

Port William, July 1.—(Special).—The C. P. R. steamer Athabasca, Capt. George Monaghan, rescued 15 persons from the sinking barge Preston on Toledo on Lake Erie.

Toronto, July 1.—(Special).—The Grand Orange lodge will meet in Toronto July 23, instead of Winnipeg.

BOER PRISONERS AT BERMUDA

More Than Nine Hundred of Them Placed in the Island Camps.

Hamilton, Bermuda, July 1.—The 900 Boer prisoners, who arrived here June 28 on the British transport Armerian, were today moved into the camps prepared for them on Darrell's and Tucker's islands. These Boers are part of Cronje's army and were captured at Paardeberg. The prisoners are pleased with Bermuda and the climate. They are enjoying the sea bathing. They expressed themselves as grateful for the treatment accorded them by Great Britain. Some of the more wealthy prisoners have money in Bermuda. The gun boats Medea and Medway are guarding the islands.

BOURASSA'S LATEST.

Disowned by All Parties He Seeks to Speak for Canada.

London, July 1.—J. Henri Bourassa, member of the Dominion parliament and for years director of La Revue Canadienne, has arrived in London for a holiday. When interviewed he referred to the question of American capital in invading Canada.

"American capital," he said, "is breaking down the barrier between Canada and the United States. Americans are not concerning us, but they are buying us up. When this is accomplished it will only need a slight political difference with the home government, and a revolution movement, now dead, will revive."

EMPEROR WILLIAM.

Gives His Views on Future of Yacht Racing.

Berlin, July 1.—Commander Wm. H. Beecher, the naval attaché to the United States embassy at Berlin was the recipient of the distinguished consideration of Emperor William during the Kiel regatta. During the yachting banquet the Emperor engaged Commander Beecher in a long conversation about yachting matters. Emperor William opened the conversation by saying he thought the present type of surface skimming yacht, ballasted with a heavily weighted keel had reached its highest possible development and that it was necessary to return to the schooner type of yacht capable of going to sea and of carrying more sail.

FRANCE IN CHINA.

Paris, July 1.—The Chamber of Deputies has voted supplementary credits amounting to 80,000,000 francs, to defray the expenses of France's Chinese expedition. The vote was 474 to 21.

DARL RUSSELL'S TRIAL.

House of Lords Will Sit on His Case July 18.

London, July 1.—The Earl of Morley, chairman of the committee in the House of Lords, announced today that the trial of Earl Russell, by the House of Lords, on the charge of bigamy, will begin July 18. The trial will take place in the Royal Palace, and the president will be Lord High Steward, the Earl of Cambridge.

A Veteran of Cariboo

Major S. B. Abbott Visits Victoria After Absence of Thirty-Four Years.

Speaks of Oil-Producing Wells In the City of Los Angeles.

Veterans of the old Cariboo days and the golden age of Victoria will remember with pleasure Major S. B. Abbott, who was a prominent figure in the early history of the city. Major Abbott left Victoria in 1837, and has since had varied experiences in the United States, in all of which, however, he managed to "come out on top." He arrived from his home at Los Angeles last night, and is registered at the Dominion, the object of his visit being to look up his old friends and stroll once more through the scenes of his early manhood.

Major Abbott came to Victoria in the first Cariboo rush and after some successful work in the gold fields—one famous creek being named after him—returned to Victoria and entered upon the practice of his profession, that of an architect and civil engineer. He designed some of the principal buildings in those early days, many of which are still standing. He was a personal friend of Sir James Douglas, and speaks with admiration of that gentleman's ability and his sterling qualities. He held a high position in the Major took a lively interest in public affairs. He was one of the officers of Vancouver lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was deputy chief of the Victoria brigade under Chief John C. Keenan.

After leaving here Major Abbott built and operated the St. Helens mills, on the Columbia river, 20 miles below Portland. He also built the large mills of Knapp and Grant at Rippton, and the Simpson mill at Coos Bay, Oregon. Then he went east and was successively vice-president of the Parsons Commercial-Abbotts, Inc., during its heyday, and engaged in extensive railroad building and other public works in California and Texas. He was interested in the oil industry, in which he has been very successful. He is the owner of several valuable wells and is president of the San Fernando Oil Company, which is operating in the San Fernando petroleum mining district, Los Angeles county, California.

Mr. Abbott gives a glowing account of the rapid growth and prosperity of Los Angeles. There are, within the city limits, 288 producing oil wells and borings for 500 more are being made. So copious is the flow of oil in one section that the owners are unable to find a market to procure tanks fast enough in which to store it, so they were obliged to combine and construct an immense reservoir into which the oil is pumped and from there it is piped to the city, as it is measured as it enters the reservoir and his share of the output is credited to him as the trains are loaded. The oil industry is increasing by leaps and bounds. All the oil is being shipped from California to Texas as being used instead of coal, and the motive power of all the factories in the Pacific States is now supplied by oil.

Major Abbott has always taken a great interest in Free Masonry and in the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he has attained high rank and honors. He says he will be met by his old-time friends and comrades.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY.

Sir: If the recent vote on the High school by-law had no other result than to direct the attention of the people to the subject of higher education, it would have been very beneficial. I feel persuaded that a large number of the opponents of the by-law do not fully comprehend the subject, nor do they fully appreciate the advantages to be derived from the present educational system of British Columbia. It is a system which is being introduced in the first instance, and eventually there came to stay, as it has in other countries, and other developments. So, as a matter of fact, the question is not how it may be curtailed by voting down a requisite improvement, and thus really retrograding, but how it may be expanded and perfected, in order to meet the increasing wants of the province, and best fulfill its mission as one of the establishments of a civilized and progressive country of vital necessity to its growth and prosperity, with which, indeed, it is inseparably connected as a chief factor.

Up to a certain point, the regard for the subject of higher education, by many a voter that a line should be drawn at the High school, and the taxpayers should not be called upon to provide further education, may be found in the different grade schools. I would, however, go further than even the High school, and one object of my communication is to invoke attention to the great need of a university in this province of a higher system than we have, and to which our grade and High schools should be subsidiary. There cannot be a doubt that the education of the province is in need of enlightenment as gauged by the intelligence of its people, and take what example you will, the most intellectual is without exception, the most progressive, and the most advanced in the sciences, and in controlling the forces of nature, the great discoveries in chemistry and natural sciences, the development of the microscope, the invention of the steam engine, and the increased knowledge of ourselves in every sphere of human life and understanding, all go to prove that the battle is not the strong, but to the most proficient in wisdom. It is only a short time since university education was considered, as it is even now, by many as more of an adjunct to culture and refinement, and by no means the requisite of practical usefulness in the life of a nation. The university that now flags and adheres to the ancient regime, especially because "a back number," while the country that is behind in providing means for the highest development of its people must take a back seat in the world's progress, and though it may be able to produce a few men, it depends upon others to bring them from latent inactivity. Germany is justly to the fore in the possession of universities which attend to the practical part of the world, and though a land with inferior resources, yet in competition with other nations she is taking the leading part, and consequently is commanded advanced progress, must leap and bounds. Her schools are arranged to be preparatory to an advanced system of education, while her discoveries in the laboratories and scientific departments of her universities are adding millions of pounds to her trade with other nations. With reference to the great want of more universities in England, a recent English newspaper, in a brief item, remarks "that millions in America are heaping up benefactions to universities because they see the practical advantage of the possession of a university. Prof. Starling, who says: "If we wish to compete in equal terms with Germany

Up-to-date Styles

AT WELLS BROS. VICTORIA B. C.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstery, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchases.

Latest Novelties From Paris, Berlin, London

WELLS BROS. VICTORIA B. C.

CUMBERLAND'S FAREWELL.

A Series of Presentations to the Retiring Pastor, Rev. William Hicks.

Cumberland, June 29.—The members of Grace Methodist church choir spent most enjoyable time on Monday evening, May 29, having assembled early for the usual choir practice, but before hand arranged tables laden with delicacies. When Mr. and Mrs. Hicks arrived they were more than pleased to see the tables spread in such a manner, but the surprise was complete when Mrs. Banks advanced with a beautiful silver tea service, which she presented to Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, in behalf of the choir and read the following address to Mr. Hicks: "We, the members of Grace Methodist church choir, of Cumberland, B.C., wish to show you our respect and love for you and Mrs. Hicks, and in some tangible way show our appreciation of Mrs. Hicks' assistance and of your untiring and inestimable services as choir tenor and organist, and in presenting to you this silver tea service with many hearty wishes that you may both be long spared to enjoy it."

Mr. Hicks replied in a very feeling and appropriate manner, expressing his great surprise at being the recipient of so beautiful a present; and also expressed his willingness whenever the opportunity should present itself to assist the choir in any way possible.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a very enjoyable manner, to the satisfaction of all present.

At 8 o'clock of the 31st May, the Ladies' Aid of the Grace Methodist church met at the residence of Mrs. J. McGuire, one of the Ladies' Aid members, and proceeded to the residence of Mrs. John Harris, who is also a member of our aid, to give Rev. William and Mrs. Hicks a surprise party for Victoria, a surprise and succeeded admirably.

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HOT DEBATE.

Italian Chamber of Deputies Suspends Sitting Because of Heated Words.

Rome, June 29.—The debate in the Chamber of Deputies today on the conflict at Ferrara, June 27, between agricultural strikers and soldiers, was so heated that the president was obliged to suspend the sitting.

Signor Giolitti, the minister of the Interior, replying to an interpellation on the subject, said he regretted the incident which was due to the introduction of foreign labor for harvesting. The government advised against foreign labor, but when the advice was not heeded it was obliged to safeguard the liberty of the works. The strikers attacked the troops, and the latter fired and killed three men, and wounded several others.

Deputy Bissolati asked if it was true that the officer in command was drunk. The minister of war, General Count San Martino, repudiated the charge, and said that the officer in command was followed and ended with the suspension of the session.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, when she is in the hands of a man, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be for they make her feel like a different person, they say all say, and their husbands say so too!

Britain Is Not Alone

Mr. Chamberlain's Tribute to the Colonies at Dominion Day Dinner.

The Mother Country Will Welcome Closer Connection With Her Children.

London, July 1.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal presided today at the Dominion Day dinner given at the Hotel Cecil, London, and attended by 300, the company, including Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Aberdeen and other former Canadian governors and generals, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. David Mills, Hon. Sydney Fisher and other Canadian ministers now in London, Gen. Ian Hamilton, Rear Admiral Douglas, Gilbert Parker, the Canadian author, and other well known men.

Mr. Chamberlain paid a high tribute to the French-Canadians in the South African war.

Admiral Douglas and Gen. Hamilton responded for the army and navy, the latter characterizing the fighting of the Canadian met at the residence of Mrs. J. McGuire, one of the Ladies' Aid members, and proceeded to the residence of Mrs. John Harris, who is also a member of our aid, to give Rev. William and Mrs. Hicks a surprise party for Victoria, a surprise and succeeded admirably.

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Kills Eleven Boys On a Pier at the Lake Front at Chicago.

They Sought Shelter From a Storm That Was Raging.

But Timbers Were Shattered and Victims Thrown Into Water and Drowned.

Chicago, Ills., July 1.—Eleven boys were killed and another fatally injured this afternoon by a single bolt of lightning. The victims were fishing in Lake Michigan at the foot of Montrose Boulevard, on the north side. The fatal bolt struck the pier where they were seated, and all were thrown into the lake. Only one boy has been so far recovered. A policeman attracted to the pier by the crashing timbers, found it impossible to rescue any of the victims. The heavy timbers of the pier had been shattered, and the whole structure toppled over into the water. He hurried to a patrol box and called for assistance.

Nearly half an hour elapsed before aid arrived. The work of recovering the bodies were extremely difficult, but finally all were carried ashore.

Owing to the terrific thunderstorm prevalent, the work of identification was extremely slow. The boys had gone bathing, and when the rain began to fall and it became evident that a severe electrical storm was coming, they rushed to a shelter they had built on the pier. Willie Anderson, 12 years of age, was the only survivor of the shock, which followed a moment later. To the policeman he gave a bare idea of the horrible ending to an hour's sport, and then fainted. He was carried to a nearby house where medical assistance was rendered. The pier was demolished in a trice, giving the boys not the slightest chance of escape. In age the victims ranged from twelve to fifteen years.

U. S. STRIKE TROUBLES.

Steel Corporation Makes a Statement of Its Position.

New York, July 1.—The following statement is reported to labor troubles was given to the Associated Press today at the offices of the executive committee of the United States Steel Corporation: "The United States Steel Corporation is simply a stockholding company and does not in any way direct the management of any company in whose stock the former is interested. Information has been received from the offices of the American Sheet Steel Company and the American Sheet Steel Corporation, respectively, that the questions which have been discussed in the past by the Amalgamated Association grow out of the request by the latter to extend union labor into mills in which union labor has not heretofore existed, and that the fact that the two companies above named have expressed a willingness to properly sign the Amalgamated Association scales for the mills in which the unions have heretofore existed, but not for other mills. No question of amount of wages is involved."

PIER BURNED.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Boston Docks Destroyed.

Boston, Mass., July 1.—A fire broke out on pier 5 of the Hoosac tunnel docks in Charleston this morning. Although the fire was quickly extinguished, the pier of the Warren Line Steamship company was destroyed with a large quantity of merchandise, the steamer Sachem just arrived from Liverpool was severely damaged. Six freight cars on the dock were consumed. The loss is \$200,000.

WOODSTOCK A GIEK.

Ontario Town Chooses Dominion Day for Inauguration.

Woodstock, July 1.—(Special).—Woodstock celebrated Dominion Day by taking rank as a city. The inauguration ceremonies took place in Victoria park in the presence of a great crowd, the Mayor, Dr. McLean, and the Hon. Jas. Sutherland, A. Patullo, M. P. P. Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., took an active part in the proceedings. The mayor officially proclaimed Woodstock a city pursuant to powers granted by the Lieutenant-Governor and interesting address followed.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises Held at Colwood and Craigflower—Annual Picnics.

The usual midsummer closing exercises of the Colwood school took place on Friday last before a large number of visitors. The closing exercises were held in the various branches of study by the teacher and by their ready replies reflected great credit upon themselves as well as upon their teacher. At the close of the exercises Mr. Shaw addressed the children and gave most excellent advice, which was thoroughly appreciated by all present. Mr. Shaw very kindly promised three prizes to the three best plants to be awarded from slips furnished by himself. After presentation of prizes, etc., all of the number of twenty registered pupils of the school were present. The time was spent by both old and young. The rolls of honor were awarded as follows: Regularity and punctuality, Mrs. W. Peattie, Morrow Stanhope Peatt. The first name entered upon the scroll of honor kindly donated by W. H. Hayward, M. E. E., was Stanhope Peatt. Special prizes were awarded to Dorothy Rant, Daisy Vale, Phyllis Peatt, Muriel Rant and Stanhope Peatt, which were kindly donated by Mrs. H. Peatt and the teacher, Mrs. Harding.

CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL.

The closing exercise of the Craigflower school took place on Friday, in the presence of a very large number of visitors, among whom were Mrs. W. R. Rowland, Mrs. E. Whittier, Mrs. W. Peattie, and the teacher, Mrs. Harding. The pupils showed that they were being carefully trained in the different subjects of study. After the rendering of a thoroughly appropriate program of recitations, public visitors joined in the usual picnic. It has been the custom for over twenty years to hold a picnic at the close of this school in midsummer. Many of the parents of the pupils present on this occasion could recall memories of the days when they were scholars of the school. A more congenial program has been devised by the people of this school district. The provincial rolls of honor were awarded as follows: Department, Annie Marie Rowland; punctuality, Mrs.