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MR. GEORGE A. FRASER, Vice-President of the Victoria Country Club, is one of the foremost and most progressive business men of Victoria, where he has been in business for over three years. Mr. Fraser is a native of Woodstock, Ontario, famous as the place that has given birth to so many men who have made a name in the business and political world of Canada.

He was in public life, having represented the Grand Forks district in the Provincial Legislature for four years.

The Vice-President of the Victoria Country Club is among the leaders in the business and social life of this city, and is always ready to further any project looking to the progress and advancement of the city and Province of his adoption. Mr. Fraser is a believer in good, clean sport, and will use every effort towards furthering the cause of high class racing in this city.





DIRECTORS VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB LTD.

To the foresight, energy and love of sport of this gentleman is due the inception of the Victoria Country Club, and to him the largest amount of praise may be rightly accorded for the masterly conception which has so successfully launched the undertaking. Mr. Smart is a native of the Province of Ontario, having been born in the sport-loving town of Sarnia some thirty-two years ago. Still a young man, and with a full quarter of a century of active usefulness before him, he does everything with a zest and zeal that no difficulties or obstacles can daunt or hinder.

For the last three years Mr. Smart has been the Manager of the Provincial Exhibition. Under his management it has increased in popularity and success each succeeding year, being a record-breaker. During his office the grounds have been almost entirely remodelled, and a large number of new and artistic buildings erected.

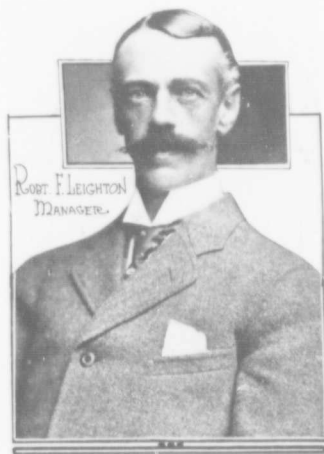
Mr. Smart surely loves a good horse, and the Horse Show that he gave last year during the Exhibition was unanimously pronounced the best ever held in the Province, and as long as we can count such men as the above at the head of the Country Club and similar institutions, the best interests of the "Sport of Kings" adequately safeguarded.



ROBERT F. LEIGHTON, the Manager of the Victoria Country Club, is a native of Yorkshire, England, but he has been a resident in British Columbia for the last 16 years. Mr. Leighton has been identified very closely with racing on the Pacific Coast; his first connection being as Secretary of the Vancouver Jockey Club, a position he held for many years. A close personal friend of the late Senator A. T. Van de Vanter, Mr. Leighton was very largely instrumental with that gentleman in founding and operating the Meadows Race Track in Seattle.

Among other positions Mr. Leighton was Secretary and General Manager of the California Polo and Pony Racing Association, the aristocratic amateur organization which gives so many brilliant Polo Tournaments and Amateur Race Meetings in the south, at Coronado, Burlingame, San Mateo, etc.; also Judge for the past 2 years at Santa Anita.

Mr. Leighton has a wide knowledge of racing conditions in British Columbia, Oregon, Idaho and Washington, as he was Secretary for three years of the North Pacific Fair Association and has attended in various capacities, all the race meetings in those States. He has a keen belief in the future racing prospects in this section, and realizes that the Victoria Country Club's meeting will do much to foster and encourage the breeding of thoroughbreds in this Province.



FRANK ST. D. SKINNER who is to act in the capacity of Presiding Judge at the race meeting conducted by the Victoria Country Club, is a Canadian by birth, hailing from Hamilton, Ont. He has lived on the Pacific slope, however, for the past twenty years and has been identified with racing ever since its inception (on a large scale) on the Coast.

Mr. Skinner has acted as Judge and Steward at a number of meetings in California, Washington and Oregon, and for the past two seasons has been Steward representing the Pacific Jockey Club at Butte, Montana. He is up to every angle of the sport and enjoys the confidence of the horsemen and public at large. Mr. Skinner is probably the oldest Gentleman Jockey in active service in America. He has ridden on almost every course of importance on the American Continent and expects to win many more races before retiring.



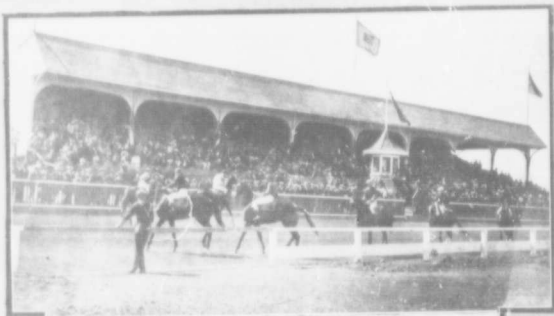


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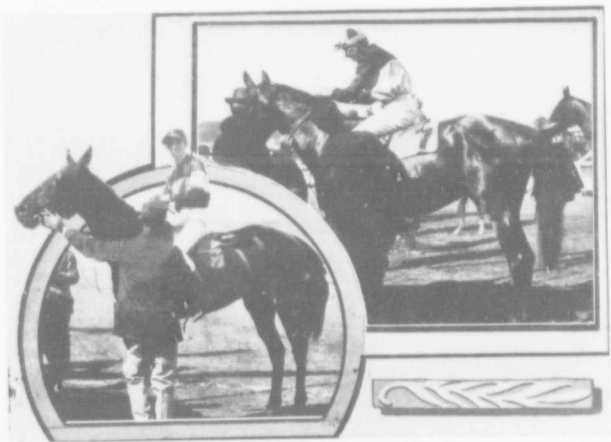
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OPENING DAY SCENES.



Moxyun taking up winner of the Opening Day Handicap. The start and finish.

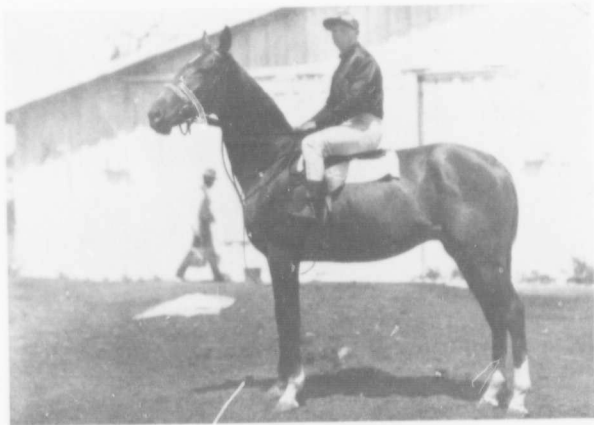


REDONDO AND JOHNSTOWN, OPENING-DAY WINNERS.



KING JAMES, br h, 4 (McCarthy up)
By Plaudit—Unsilghtly Owned by S. C. Hildreth.

King James was without doubt the best horse in training in California during the Winter season of 1908-1909. He started but five times at Santa Anita, and met defeat only once. This was on the occasion of his first start, when he was defeated by Chapultepec. King James won in succession the \$6,000 Speed Handicap; the \$7,500 California Handicap; The Eastlake Handicap, and a purse race. His winnings put his owner at the head of the list of winning owners at Santa Anita.



GEO. N RANDALL, br. c., 1907. (Berry up.)

By Cunard—Marcie A.

THE OPENING HANDICAP

For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to second and \$50.00 to third. Weights announced Wednesday, June 2, 1909.
To be run Saturday, June 5, 1909.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

One Mile



JACK ATKIN, br. h. 1904

By imp. Sain, out of El Salado by Emperor of Norfolk.

Started in 1908 in 24 races, won 12, 8 times second, and twice third. Won \$39,190.

Being by Sain, always at the head of all other stallions in the number of races won, in the last four seasons, and out of a full sister to two such sprinters as Crusades and Americano, how could Jack Atkin help being a great racehorse—up to a mile, at least? His winnings at two years were \$6,800; at three they were \$9,835; and last year up to September 20, they were \$33,600, making a total of \$50,295 for three seasons. He has won twelve races this year, including the Carter Handicap at Aqueduct and the Metropolitan at Belmont Park.



AUNT POLLY, ch. m., aged.

By Nephew—Lillie N.

THE LADIES' PLATE

For two-year-olds, foals of 1907. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to the second and \$50.00 to the third. Winners of a sweepstakes to carry four pounds; of two, seven pounds extra. Others, non-winners of five races allowed two pounds; of four races, four pounds; of three races, seven pounds; of two races, ten pounds; beaten maiden, fifteen pounds.

To be run Saturday, June 12, 1909.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

Four Furlongs



CELT, ch. c. 1905. (Notter up.)

By Commando out of Maid of Erin.

At the fall meeting of 1907 at Gravesend, Mr. James R. Keene uncovered a large and handsome two-year-old called Celt. It was his second start of the year, his debut having been made in the Flatbush Stakes, at 7 furlongs, run in 1:24 4-5, in which he finished second to his stable companion, the unbeaten Colin. In the Junior Champion, Colin remained in the stable and Celt won the easiest of victories, beating Uncle, Meelick and Firestone in 1:10. This year he has signalized his quality and confirmed his two-year-old merits by winning the rich Brooklyn Handicap in a field of eight, giving seven pounds to as good a horse as Fair Play, who has since won \$38,000.00 in purses and stakes.



MILPITAS, b. h., 1904. (Archibald up.)

By Installator—Anna Mayes.

THE VICTORIA DERBY

For three-year-olds, foals of 1906. Entrance \$10.00 with \$20.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$1,000.00, of which \$200.00 to second and \$100.00 to third. Non-winners of three races other than selling in 1909, allowed 5 pounds; maidens, ten pounds.

To be run Saturday, June 19, 1909.

\$1,000.00 GUARANTEED

One Mile and a Quarter



FLYING SQUIRREL, ch. c., 2.

By Cesarion. Katie W. Owned by R. L. Thomas.

Flying Squirrel earned the title of champion two-year-old of the California Winter Season of 1908-1909. The colt is by Cesarion, the sire that has produced the greatest number of winning two-year-olds during the present year. Flying Squirrel started at Santa Anita five times, and each time was returned the winner. He can run equally well on a fast or heavy track, and in his present condition ought to turn out to be one of the best two-year-olds of the year.



FERN L., br. m., 1905. (Ross up.)

By Dewey or Otis—King's Lady.

THE EMPRESS HANDICAP

For all ages. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to the second and \$50.00 to the third. Weights announced Wednesday, June 23rd. Winners of other than a selling race after the weights appear to carry five pounds extra.

To be run Saturday, June 26, 1909.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

Six Furlongs



MISS SAIN, b m. 4.

By Sain - Miss Baker. Owned by Mr. I. H. Wheatcroft.

Miss Sain is one of the gamest mares that has been produced by Sain, one of the country's leading stews. She is partial to heavy going, her best races having been run on a soft track. Her chief victory was in the Glendon Handicap, which was valued at \$1,500. All of her starts have been against horses of class, and she has invariably finished well up in the front division. In the Speed Handicap at Santa Anita, Miss Sain finished fifth, beating Jack Atkin by a length. On another occasion the Wheatcroft mare beat the doughty Jack Atkin by two lengths. Mr. Wheatcroft is justly proud of Miss Sain, which is one of the most reliable of the St. James stable racers.



EDWIN T. FRYER, b. h., 1904.
By Juvenal—Speedy.

THE DOMINION DAY HANDICAP

For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance \$10.00 with \$20.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$1,000.00, of which \$200.00 to the second and \$100.00 to third. Weights announced Monday, June 28th. Winners of others than a selling race after the weights appear, to carry five pounds extra.

To be run Thursday, July 1, 1909.

\$1,000.00 GUARANTEED

One Mile and One Quarter



PRISCILLIAN, ch g. 1905. (E. Dugan up.)

By Hastings, out of St. Priscilla by imp. Raydon d'Or.

This great colt is one of the late comers of the present season and is a gelding. He did not race last year, but has shown himself second only to Colin and Celtic this year. So far he has won seven races, with a total value of \$18,500, which is big money considering that he was not entered in any of the earlier and more valuable events of the year, and he has won each of his starts without defeat or anything approaching thereto. His best and most remarkable effort is his victory in the Commonwealth Stakes at Coney Island, in which he shouldered the crushing impost (for a three-year-old) of 126 pounds, and won cleverly from a good field. Priscillian could be sold to match against any horse of his age in America.



LIVIVS, b. c. 1904 (Koerner up.)

By Long Street - Lizzie B II.

THE COUNTRY CLUB SELLING STAKES

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to the second and \$50.00 to the third. \$2,000.00 weight for age. One pound allowed for each \$200.00 less to \$1,000.00; then one pound for each \$100.00 to \$500.00. Starters with selling prices to be named through the entry box the day before the race at the usual time for closing entries, and starters so named will be liable for starting fee.

To be run Saturday, July 10th.

Seven Furlongs



NEALON, br. h., 1903. (W. Dugan up.)

By imp. Sain, out of Sister Josephine by Hanover.

Few horses achieve such a reception from the crowd when led upon the track. He won the Suburban Handicap of 1907, valued at \$16,800, from a field of sixteen, with Montgomery second and Beacon Light third, conceding thirteen pounds to the latter; the Municipal Handicap at Belmont Park with 126 pounds; the Twin City Handicap with 122 pounds, conceding a year and five pounds to Dandelion (second) and nine to Beacon Light (third); with Scythian, Carthage, Oxford, Tenasco, Ironsides and Sir Lynwood implored. His only noteworthy defeat in that year was for the Saratoga Cup at a mile and three-quarters, when he was beaten by Running Water, to whom he was giving five pounds.



ST. ELMWOOD, b. h., 1904. (Howard up.)

By St. Semphronium—Instalatrix.

THE JUBILEE HIGH WEIGHT HANDICAP.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

For all ages. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to second and \$50.00 to third. Weights announced Wednesday, July 14th. Winners of other than a selling race after the weights appear, to carry five pounds extra.

To be run Saturday, July 17th.

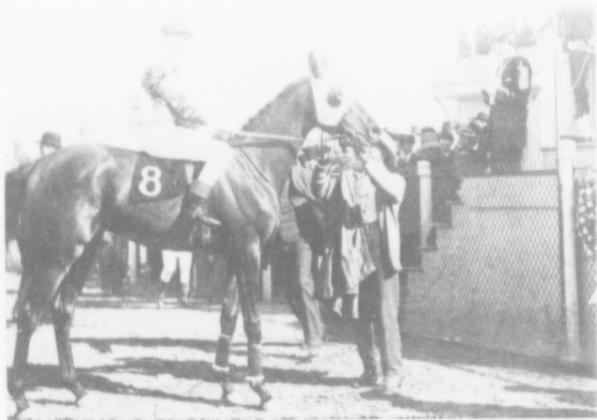
Five Furlongs



BALLOT, ch. h., 1904. (Notter up.)

By Voter, out of imp. Cerito by Lowland Chief.

This is one of the most consistent performers in American turf history. As a two-year-old he was considered good without being great, although he won the colts' end of the rich Matron Stakes at Belmont Park and was either second or third in six of the richest events of that season. At three years he won a total of \$61,330, including the Century Stakes of \$14,650 and the great Republic of \$16,700. This year he is so far credited with four races worth \$55,915, making \$117,245 for two seasons, which, adding to what he won at two years old, would probably bring up his entire winnings for three seasons pretty close to \$130,000. His best race was his victory in the Suburban, in which he carried 126 pounds and defeated a very choice field.



POLLS, ch. c., 1907. (Rettig up).

By Voter - Picayune.

THE CESARION HANDICAP

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

For two-year-olds, foals of 1907. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to second and \$40.00 to the third. Weights announced Wednesday, July 21st.

Winners after the weights appear of other than a selling race to carry five pounds extra.

To be run Saturday, July 24th.

Five Furlongs



MASKETTE, b. f. 1906.

By Disguise II. out of Biturica by Hamburg.

Maskette, bred and owned by James R. Keene, of New York, is the only filly in history to win the Futurity Race and the great Filly Stakes. Four other fillies have won a Futurity, but did not win the Great Filly. Maskette is entered in the English Oaks of next year, but Mr. Keene may not send her over to run for it. She is by Disguise II, who ran third in the Derby of 1900, to Diamond Jubilee and Simon Dale; and afterwards beat them both in the Jockey Club Stakes, worth \$10,000. Her dam, Biturica, is by Hamburg, who headed the list of Winning Sires in 1905. Maskette's winnings up to date have reached \$45,255.



ALBION H. S. M., 1905. (T. Koerner up.)

By Solitaire II—Lucille II.

THE EXPOSITION SELLING STAKES

For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to second and \$50.00 to third. \$2,500.00 weight for age. One pound allowed for each \$200.00 less to \$1,000.00, then one pound for each \$100.00 to \$600.00. Starters with selling prices to be named through the entry box the day before the race at the usual time for closing entries, and those so named to be liable for the starting fee.

To be run Saturday, July 31st.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

One Mile and One-Sixteenth



PINKOLA, ch. g., 1905.

By Pink Coat, out of Wyola (1898) by Wauwekus

Pink Coat, foaled 1865, was the sensation of Chicago in 1868. He had won one or two small races, but in the American Derby of that year, worth \$10,000, he started in a field of eight, at odds of 12 to 1, and won very cleverly from Warrenton and Isabej, with five others unplaced. He got lame early in the season and was retired till five years old, when he came out at Chicago again and won the rich Wheeler Handicap, at a mile and a quarter, in 2:04 1/4, beating Advance Guard, the Conqueror and nine others at odds of 6 to 1, while Advance Guard was 8 to 5. This was his last race. Last year his son, Pink Star, won the Kentucky Derby from Zal Orvelando and five others; and this year another son, Pinkola, has won the Derbys at New Orleans and Latonia, besides several good handicaps.



FRENCH COOK. b. c., 1906.

By Monsieur de L'Orme - Suspension.

THE FAREWELL HANDICAP

For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance \$5.00 with \$10.00 additional to start. The Victoria Country Club to add an amount sufficient to make the value of the stake \$500.00, of which \$100.00 to second and \$50.00 to third. Weights announced Wednesday, August 4th.

Winners after the weights appear of other than a selling race to carry five pounds extra.
To be run Saturday, August 7th.

\$500.00 GUARANTEED

One Mile

The History of Victoria Exhibitions



THE Provincial Exhibition at Victoria, from September 20th. to 25th, promises to eclipse anything heretofore attempted in this province. The great success attending last year's exhibition led the directors to broaden out, and enlarge the scope of the exhibition in many directions. These improvements will be seen this year.

Here are the features promised for the exhibition of 1909, A complete group of new buildings, extensive grounds, a prize list second to none in the west, and an army of loyal exhibitors and patrons. The latter consideration is one that is too important to be overlooked. The exhibition of today has achieved its importance through the loyalty of the people of Victoria, Vancouver Island, and indeed the whole province.

The Provincial Exhibition held each year under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association at Victoria is one of the institutions of which the people of Vancouver Island are justly proud. The present Association was incorporated in 1889, but for many years before that date the exhibition at Victoria was an annual event.

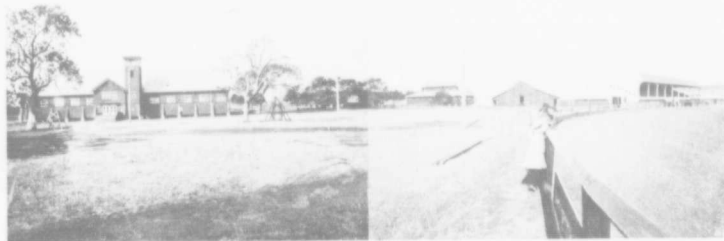
Although the archives are all but silent on the subject of the first exhibition held here, it took place Wednesday, October 2, 1861, in the Market Square on Broad Street, between Fort and Broughton Streets, with Mr. John T. Bidwell as Secretary. The Band of H. M. S. "Topaz" was in attendance,

and the show closed with a dinner at Ringo's Hotel, at which from sixty to seventy guests sat down. The late Dr. Tolmie presided. Of the prize winners and exhibitors at this exhibition, the following survive: Hon. J. S. Helmcken, who took first prize for bouquet of flowers; Mr. George Richardson, first prize for thoroughbred stallion; and Mr. John Parker, first prize for stallion for agricultural purposes. The other principal prize winners were the late Dr. Tolmie, of Cloverdale; John Work, Jr., of Hillside; Kenneth McKenzie, of Craigflower; Thos. J. Skinner, of Constance Cove; E. H. Jackson, of Cedar Hill; Geo. Harvey, of Coland Farm, and George Deans.

The complete success of this earliest effort led to the exhibition becoming a fixed annual event. Although the management varied from time to time, and the site of the grounds as well, the exhibition was regularly held. In 1864 the show was held in the old Caledonian Grounds on Cook Street. For some reason or other, there was a lapse of four years after this, and it was not until 1871 that the Farmers' Club was formed with Mr. Thos. Russell as Secretary. Its first exhibition was held in Bilsby's Hall, Yates Street, in the same year, and in the following years until 1884 exhibitions were held in Philharmonie Hall, Fort Street, and J. P. Davies' cattle yard, with the exception of two, which were held in Bowker's Park, the exhibition of 1882 being opened by His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne,

during the occasion of his visit to Victoria. In 1884 it was found that the shows had assumed too large dimensions for the limited space in which they were held, and so land adjoining Beacon Hill Park was secured, and an exhibition building erected. It was at the time thought that this building would suffice for the exhibitions for all time to come. But the rapid growth of the exhibition, mirroring as it did the rapid growth of agri-

of that time, amongst whom were William Dalby, H. Webb, T. D. Bryant, C. E. Renouf, N. Shakespeare, G. A. McTavish, D. R. Ker, John Grant, J. T. McIlmoyle, L. Goodacre, D. H. Ross, Thomas Earle, R. Seabrooke, Charles Hayward, E. G. Prior, James Abrams, D. McGillivray, W. J. Harris, J. Kirkland, G. W. Black, G. A. Smith, R. W. McMyun, Henry Fry, M. P. P.; D. Matheson, A. Stoddar and James Fell,



Provincial Exhibition Grounds.

cultural and horticultural development on Vancouver Island, and the Mainland, had not been reckoned with, and in 1889 the management again found itself confronted with the problem of enlargement. The old building, by the way, was 40 feet wide, sixty feet long, and two stories in height.

The new task was taken up immediately. The management

instituted steps to secure for the exhibition all the land lying to the east of Beacon Hill Park and forming part of the estate of the late Sir James Douglas, the first Governor of the Colony. However, this scheme fell through, and it was finally decided to purchase a six-acre tract just outside the city limits on the Cadboro Bay road. From the formation of the Farmer's Club

in 1873 up to this time the Provincial Exhibitions were held alternately on the Island and the Mainland, but this year it was decided to separate, the Mainland exhibition to be held at New Westminster.

The building erected at that time, nearly 20 years ago, on the new grounds at Cadboro Bay, was generally admitted to be the most handsome building of its kind in Western Canada. It was destroyed by fire on the 25th December, 1907. A year or two after its erection the Agricultural Association fell into financial difficulties, owing to the heavy expenditure on property and other reverses and an arrangement was entered into whereby the exhibition grounds were taken over and all liabilities assumed by the Corporation of the City of Victoria. From this time on the success of the annual exhibition was practically assured, the City of Victoria being given representation on the Board of Directors, and the annual exhibition being bonused by both City and Provincial Governments.



Crowd Viewing Horse Races, Provincial Exhibition.

Annual exhibitions were held, each year showing a decided improvement over the previous one. The exhibition grew so rapidly that in the spring of 1907 it was decided that it had outgrown the limits of its 6 acre boundaries, and,

owing to the energies of several leading citizens, the adjoining property, consisting of about sixty acres of land, including a first-class race track, was purchased from the Bowker Park Company at a cost of nearly 800,000. The necessary by-law for this expenditure was carried by a very large majority. No sooner were the buildings destroyed in 1907 by a fire of incendiary origin, than steps were at once taken to replace them. The Provincial Government and the City of Victoria came for-

ward with generous grants, and the buildings in which the coming exhibition will be held, elaborate and modern in every way, stand as a monument to the energy and determination of the people of this province, and their interest in the agricultural welfare of the country.

The value of a successful exhibition to the agricultural interests of the country is incalculable. The prizes offered do not, as a rule, pay the exhibitors' expenses of freight, etc., but this is a detail, and so considered

by the farmers. The real value of the show is in its bringing together the producers in various parts of the country, the pointing out by competent judges of defects in production, and the educational advantages so offered. The prize winner, as well, gains vastly from the legitimate advertisement of his goods, and his methods. A few examples of the possibilities of the exhibition may be seen in the following list of classes: stock judging class, practical demonstrations in dairy matters, fruit packing, domestic science, and a number of other important subjects.

No small measure of the success of the Victoria Exhibition is due to the secretary-treasurer of the Association, Mr. J. E. Smart. In the three years during which Mr. Smart has held office the exhibition has made gigantic strides, and the broad

plans for this year's fair reflect his progressive policy. It was in 1906 that Mr. Smart took hold of the exhibition. That year, for the first time in its history, the fair came out a success financially as well as other-

wise. There was a surplus at the end of the year. In 1907 there was a still greater increase. The Association came out \$1,500 ahead on the year's operations, although that year the surplus was more than offset by the expenditure of \$2,600 on the grounds, a sum, however, chargeable to capital account.

One of Mr. Smart's guiding principles has been to secure the very best attractions for the exhibition. The best attractions obtainable have been retained, and this, with judicious advertising, has proved an important factor in making the affair a success under its present management.

The horse show, which will be a decided feature this year, is one of Mr. Smart's ideas. In former seasons it had been found difficult to secure evening attractions. The horse show was thought of last year and its success is assured.



A Good Start, Provincial Exhibition.

Victoria, the Evergreen City of Canada



THE beautiful city of Victoria, the Pacific gateway to the great Dominion of Canada, and the capital of British Columbia, is acknowledged to be the leading Tourist and health resort of the Pacific North-West. Situated 6,000 miles away from the Old Land, whence many of the leading citizens first came, and being the most western city in the British possessions it is indeed "an out-post of Empire," and the only city that becomes preeminently interesting to all tourists who visit the Pacific Coast. The city is also a hive of industry and offers many excellent business and manufacturing opportunities.

Victoria being the first port entered by all steamships from Australia, China and the Orient, having large and varied commercial enterprises, and being the capital of the largest and richest of the Canadian Provinces, is of more than ordinary interest to strangers and, is none the less so, because it happens to be one of the most charmingly situated cities in the world. It is the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway system in Canada, has a population of nearly 40,000 and occupies an ideal situation at the extreme southern end of Vancouver Island, within a few hours sail of the Mainland of British Columbia and of the United States.

HOW TO REACH VICTORIA.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamers Princess Victoria and Princess Charlotte are the fastest steamers on the

Pacific, and most palatial craft in the coasting business in the world, and connect with the Company's Atlantic Express and with the "Imperial Limited" every day, at Vancouver, and after a glorious sail of four hours across the Gulf of Georgia and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, lands the tourist in Victoria in time for dinner.

The scenic panorama as you approach this queen city of "the Farthest West," is one never to be forgotten. The eye of the Tourist, enchanted, as he may be, with the marvelous scenery through which he passes along the lines of railway leading to Victoria, always rests with wonder and delight upon the panorama of emerald-like ocean, usually as smooth as polished glass, verdie clad isles and snow-capped mountains, spread beneath a canopy of azure blue sky, fringed with fleecy clouds, as the steamer glides noiselessly towards this city of the golden West.

A REMARKABLY TEMPERATE CLIMATE.

Victoria has a climate devoid of extremes of heat or cold, and much similar to that of the south of England. There are practically but two seasons, spring and fall; zero weather, sun-strokes and prostrations from the heat are afflictions only known to Victorians through newspaper reports from other parts of the world.

The moderate temperature of the summer season makes Victoria the ideal place for holiday seekers. Her proximity to

the Pacific Ocean and the Japan current flowing past her shores, keep the temperature of the winter above freezing. During the summer months the prevailing winds are from the southwest, which, passing over the snow-capped Olympian Mountains and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, are comfortably tempered before reaching the city of Victoria.

No day is so hot as to be uncomfortable, and no night so warm as to warrant disregarding the blanket. The thermometer rarely registers, even on the hottest days in summer, over 80 degrees.

The winter climate is the most moderate in Canada, the average winter temperature being 38 degrees (above).

UNRIVALLED SCENIC ATTRACTIVE

The Prince and Princess of Wales said of Victoria in 1901: "It is the most beautiful city we have seen in our tour." The thousands of visitors who pass through the city annually bear out this testimony. They all agree that Victoria's scenic attractions are unexcelled anywhere, and cannot be equalled in the west. From Beacon Hill Park can be seen on one hand the rugged, snow-clad Olympians, and on the other, rising proudly away in the distance beyond the island-studded Straits of Juan de Fuca, the lordly Mount Baker.

This combination of magnificent scenery and almost perfect climate is going to be instrumental in making Victoria one of

the largest and richest residential cities on the continent. In the early Spring of this year a gentleman who returned from a visit to New York, in conversation as we walked along the cliffs in Beacon Hill Park and literally drank in the glorious warmth of the brilliant sunshine, and rapturously gazed over the beautiful expanse of the blue-shimmering sea to the snow-capped mountains nearly seventy miles beyond, said, "you people don't

yet realize what all this sort of thing means to this city. Think of it; think of this perfect day, of its beauties in its ideal weather, almost a perfect summer day, think of its perfection from its glorious surroundings, and then think of the weather I have experienced on my trip; twelve degrees below zero in Chicago where, when I walked from my hotel along the lake front I had to hold my hands over my ears to keep them from freezing; at every station along the road, almost, the weather was below zero, and they nearly burnt up the cars in keeping us warm, and yet here I am within twenty-six hours enjoying this

beautiful day without overcoat, on this splendid drive by the sea with my wife and child, just as we have got up from lunch; why man it has more value to any city than any gold mine ever discovered. Tell the people about it."

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and enjoy the confidence of the people. There are also several private colleges. Those desiring a high class musical training can secure it in Victoria.

Victoria has better hotel accommodation than any other city of its size in Canada. There are also a large number of excellent private boarding houses.

Hotel rates range from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per day, American



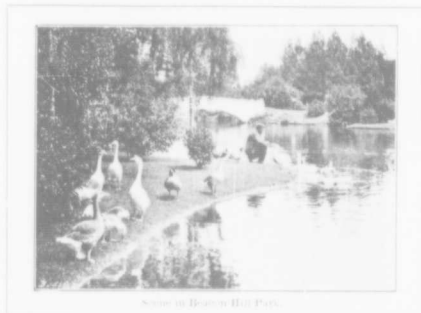
Harbor View, Victoria, B.C.

plan. Boarding houses from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day. The Canadian Pacific Railway has opened in the heart of the city, overlooking the picturesque harbour, one of the finest hotels on the continent, "The Empress," costing one million dollars. This hotel has been made necessary by the increased importance of Victoria as a commercial city and the enormous development

of its tourist business during the past few years. The view from the hotel and its surroundings makes it unique in Canadian palatial hotels.

MAGNIFICENT PUBLIC BUILDING.

The Parliament Building is acknowledged to be one of the handsomest and most imposing structures on the



Scene in Queen's Hill Park.

continent. It is one of the first sights to catch the visitor's eye as he enters the harbour of Victoria. It stands amid spacious and beautifully kept lawns, the vivid green of which testifies to the mildness of the climate.

H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, speaking at the Royal Academy May 11, 1902, said: "The splendid Parliament

Buildings of Ottawa, and Victoria, British Columbia, are indeed worthy examples of architectural designs."

In the Parliament Buildings there are three distinct Museums, namely, in the Agricultural Department, the Mines Department, and in a wing solely devoted to this purpose, there is what is known as the



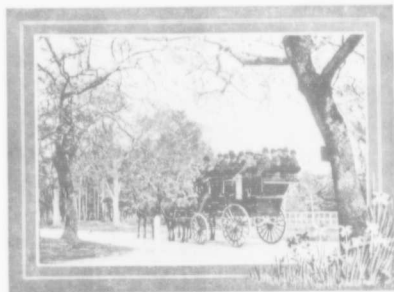
Empress Hotel

Provincial Museum. This latter contains a most interesting collection of British Columbia fossils, Indian curios and specimens of natural history, and it is said by experts to be one of the most perfect collections of its kind in America.

AS A HEALTH AND PLEASURE RESORT

The outdoor life is particularly charming. From the 15th

of May, almost right up to Christmas, most of the usual summer sports may be indulged in, with full enjoyment, while the numerous sea beaches round the city afford ideal recreation grounds for young children, and in the long summer days are crowded with little people and their parents or courses.



Coaching Party.

The national games of Canada, the United States, and England, are all played in Victoria, including Lacrosse, Baseball, Football, Cricket, Basketball, Lawn Tennis and Golf.

The Golf Links at Oak Bay are considered as fine and are as beautifully situated as any links on the continent. They are owned by the Victoria Golf Club, and visitors are allowed to use them upon very liberal terms. The naval and military

officers have also some fine links at Macaulay Point, so that Victoria is a centre of a large circle of golf enthusiasts. The links at Oak Bay are open summer and winter, with the exception of the months of July and August.

Boating and Yachting are favorite forms of recreation of both residents and visitors, and it is safe to say



Parliament Building

that nowhere on the continent are there greater facilities for the perfect enjoyment of these pastimes than in and around Victoria.

With a frontage of about fifteen miles upon the waters of the Pacific it is not surprising that there should be many lovely beaches around the city. One of these is at Oak Bay, a delightful spot overlooking broad waters, sinuous straits, timbered

islands and headlands. The links of the Victoria Golf Club are at Oak Bay and some fine Athletic Grounds and Bicycle Race Track. The Bay is reached easily by electric cars. Space prevents a description of Cadboro Bay, Fowl Bay and Cordova Bay (charming spots with fine sandy beaches), Gordon Head and McNeal's beaches, all within easy distance of the city.



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This magnificent park of about 300 acres is situated on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, within a few minutes walk of the business portion of the city. It commands grand panoramic views of the snow-capped Olympians, Mount Baker, Race Rocks Lighthouse, the San Juan Islands, Clover Point (where Captain

Vancouver landed in 17923, the Sooke Mountains, etc. This park contains zoological gardens, large recreation grounds, splendid old oaks, pretty flowering shrubs, grassy stretches and meadows, shady walks and beautiful lakes inhabited by gold fish and by stately swans and other water fowls.

ESQUIMALT

This quaint little town, connected with Victoria by electric street railway, will always be interesting to visitors, as the former home on the Pacific of Great Britain's Navy, where the Imperial Government until recently maintained a fleet of war-ships and about four thousand blue jackets. Since the reorganization of the navy, however, the dockyard has been dismantled and has passed into the hands of the Canadian Government.

However, one of H. M. gun boats and a survey ship remain at Esquimalt. This magnificent harbour, now that it is opened to commerce is one of Victoria's greatest assets and along its water front are now located several ship yards, saw-mills, salmon canneries and other industries.

THE BEAUTIFUL GORGE

This is a natural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in direction according to the change of tide. The Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria's

harbour, leads to the Gorge. Its beautifully wooded banks and promontories dotted with charming residences form a picture of rare beauty.

The pleasure of a vacation spent in any city is very much enhanced if one is able to vary his visit by short excursions into the country, and excellent facilities for such interesting and enjoyable outings are afforded at Victoria. The country round the city is dotted with villages and hotels that remind one of "Old England" just as much as does the city itself. Many of these are along the line of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, now part of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's system, which runs north about 80 miles to Nanaimo, through one of the most picturesque pieces of country in the West. Parson's Bridge, Goldstream, Shawnigan Lake, Koksilah, Cowichan Lake, Duncan, etc., are all favorite resorts where excellent hotels are found. For the convenience and pleasure of tourists who wish to visit these charming country and lakeside resorts, the management of the railway company has inaugurated a double daily service and issued special round trip excursion tickets at greatly reduced fares.

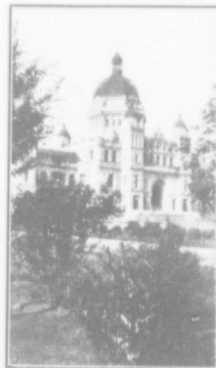


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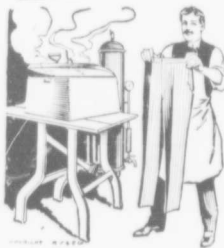
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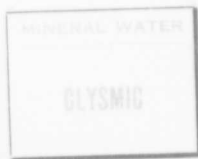
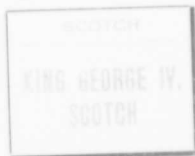
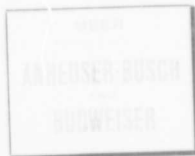


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