Dominion Day parade as seen through the camera

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THE McCLYMONT PARK pool and playground officially opened Saturday. Bright, warm sunshine brought many persons, with their children to enjoy the pleasant surroundings or to have their first outdoor swim of the season.
— Staff photo by John Pain

Cabin entered

A cabin at the Roman Catholic Church camp at McNichol Creek on the Tsimpsean Peninsula was broken into late Saturday or early Sunday.

RCMP said that a coal oil lamp, a bench, three blankets and a pillow were taken.

Total value of the stolen articles was unestimated.

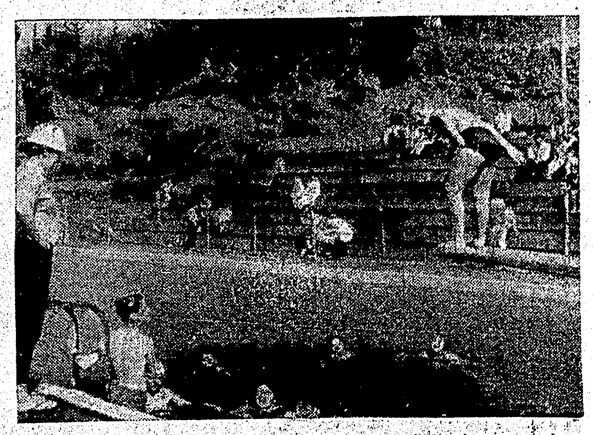
Liquor stolen

A bottle of liquor and a case of beer was stolen from the trunk of a vehicle parked in front of the Savoy Hotel Saturday afternoon.

RCMP said that the trunk was entered through the back seat of the car owned by Earl E. Colter of 743 Sixth Avenue East.

MAKING A FAST START the auxiliary fire department entry in the northern classic chuckwagon race while the Canadian Legion and Eby and Sons "special" are still getting underway. The event was one of the highlights of an afternoon of assorted sports, sideshows and midway at Roosevelt Park Saturday as a part of the Dominion Day celebrations. The auxiliary fire department won the event.
—Staff Photo by Gary Oakes.

HONORABLE MENTION was given this ornate float prepared by the Italo-Canadian Club as its entry in the Prince Rupert Dominion Day parade. The club's entry in the Miss Prince Rupert contest, Leona Colussi, was an eye-catching addition to the classic design.
— Staff photo by John Pain



WATCHING SWIMMERS. Lenore Gilchrist (left) keeps a close eye on the youngsters who enjoyed their first outdoor swim of the summer at the McClymount Park pool Saturday. In spite of the hot sunshine of Dominion Day the water was still very cool and many contented themselves with sunbathing on the warm cement.
— Staff photo by John Pain

GREENVILLE BAND was awarded, with its team of majorettes, the first prize for bands in the Dominion Day parade. After the parade through the city streets they took part in a massed bands recital at Roosevelt Park with the Aiyansh band and the Prince Rupert Civic Band. The band performances were of a high standard and were spaced throughout the long column of 45 entries which was almost five blocks long.
— Staff photo by John Pain

MAJORETTES from Aiyansh provided a colorful spectacle as they showed their paces before the huge crowd at Roosevelt Park Saturday. The twirlers marched well with the other units in the Dominion Day parade, although they lost the award to the Greenville team, they gave them a close run for their money. The team returned home Sunday. Bright sunshine and hot weather made a perfect day for the parade.
—Staff photo by John Pain.

CLOWNS AND CHUCKWAGONS added a light touch to the Dominion Day Parade. They were amongst the 45 entries which helped to make the parade under Parade Marshall R. G. Anderson, such a success. Added to which, of course, the weather could not have been kinder to Prince Rupert.
— Staff photo by John Pain

THE AIYANSH BAND combined with the Prince Rupert Civic Band and the Greenville band in a massed bands recital at Roosevelt Park as part of the finale to the morning's parade. The band travelled down specially from Aiyansh to take part in the celebrations and provided a musical break which was a great help to the parade. Also on parade was a massed pipe band from Kitimat and Prince Rupert.
—Staff photo by John Pain.

"FRANKENSTEIN" and "Jerry Lewis" tailing the Elks Club float on which the Evan Kemp show played their way through the Dominion Day parade Saturday enlivened the route for many bystanders. The parade, organized by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge 342, was one of the most successful held in Prince Rupert. Some 45 entries comprised the procession from clubs, firms, and private entries.
—Staff photo by John Pain.

LOADING UP to win the weight - carrying contest at Roosevelt Park Saturday is Art McKinley. He finally humped 450 pounds of gravel to win the event. Art Murray (below) congratulates Art on his effort. The piled sacks are visible behind Mr. Murray, one of the Elks Club organizers of the parade and entertainment.
—Staff photos by Gary Oakes.

Colorful floats given awards

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pendent nation within the framework of the Commonwealth and that besides being Canada's Day it was also "Commonwealth Day for the Dominion."

Bringing unofficial greetings from the United States was Harry McMurray of Yakima, Washington, one of 25 Americans in the Wally Byam Caravan Club parked on Roosevelt Park Hill.

Mr. McMurray thanked his Canadian friends for the "friendship and warmth with which they had been received since they arrived in Prince Rupert.

Bringing a touch of beauty to the proceeding was the introduction of the six candidates for the Miss Prince Rupert beauty queen contest by committee chairman Robert Jahsen.

In addition to the Prince Rupert Civic Band which played "O Canada" music was provided by the Kitimat Pipe Band, the Greenville Silver Harmonic Band and the Aiyansh Band. The massed bands played a selection together just before the marching units displayed their talents.

Bringing country music to liven up an already lively celebration was Evan Kemp and his Trail Riders.

Elks' concessions kept the huge crowd happy and supplied with food and drinks.

The afternoon saw kiddies sports, a chuck wagon race, strongman contest, swimming at Gyro pool in McClymont Park, two soccer games and at night there were the Evan Kamp show, presentation of the beauty queens, square dancing at the Bob Parker Ltd., car lot, the Grand Ball and the crowning of Miss Co-op Centre, Beverley Erickson as Miss Prince Rupert.

Trophy winners for parade entries were:

North Star Bottling Ltd. won the best commercial float prize; Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., took the prize for the best industrial float; the Elks Club were awarded the best clubs and organizations float; with honorable mention in this category to the Italo-Canadian Club.

The Greenville Band and majorettes received the award for their part in the parade; while the most comical float prize was given to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. McRae Motors won the best decorated car and Rupert Motors the commercial car entry.

SUN WORSHIPPERS

Jordan's antiquities department in 1961 reported discovery of a sun worshippers' altar near Amman dating back to the 1st century.

DEADLY GAS

A ratio of only one part carbon monoxide to 700 parts of air in an enclosed space, such as a garage, can be fatal.

FORMOSA TOTAL

Population of Formosa, not counting an estimated 600,000 Chinese Nationalist troops, was 10,017,000 in April, 1961.

Guns boom for Dominion's birthday as event marked in city, country

By The Canadian Press

Big guns roared a proud salute to Canada on its 94th birthday Saturday, and thousands flocked to dances, parades, races and resorts to make the Dominion Day party a success.

Twenty - one - gun salutes echoed from coast to coast. Pipes skirled in the Maritimes. Habitants in traditional costume danced on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, planes roared low over Winnipeg, and everywhere the thunder of racing hooves was heard by near-record crowds.

The focal point was Ottawa. There, an early crowd of about 5,000 watched in bright sunshine as Citizenship Minister Fairclough opened the celebrations.

On the spacious lawns before Parliament's Centre Block 26 numbers ranging from French-Canadian to Bulgarian, a tribute to the countries from which considerable numbers of Canada's people have come.

There were boat races on lakes at Dartmouth and on North West Arm, Halifax. A crowd of 18,000 attended the potato festival at Grand Falls, N.B., and thousands more commemorated Frontier Week at St. Stephen and Milltown, N.B., and Calais and Milltown, Maine.

Quebec City combined Dominion Day with celebrations commemorating Samuel de Champlain's discovery of Quebec, and artillerymen fired a salute from atop Mount Royal in Montreal.

In Winnipeg the Royal Canadian Air Force joined saluting apprentice gunners from Camp Shilo with a fly-past, but generally the day followed the pattern of any weekend. Forest fires kept many cottage owners in the city.

At Assiniboia Downs in Winnipeg 8,073 fans wagered $262,285, a four-per-cent betting increase over last year.

Fine weather brought good attendance at a number of sports events in Edmonton. Saturday was the last day of the spring racing meet. At night, Toronto City beat an Alberta all-star team 2-1 in soccer. Highland games were held at Coronation Park.

Edmonton's race-goers bet $433,201, compared with the spring meet high of $492,448 set on Dominion Day in 1957.

British Columbia had a heavy sports schedule with racing at Vancouver, harness racing at Ladner and softball tournaments at Vancouver, Nanaimo, Kamloops, Penticton and Prince George.

At the Sennelager training centre, Germany, Jules Leger, Canadian ambassador to the North Atlantic Council, took the salute of a mounted marchpast of 3,000 Canadian troops riding 700 vehicles. The parade marked the 94th year of Confederation and the 10th year of Canadian army service in NATO.