

WILL HOLD HIGH CARNIVAL.

Elaborate Preparations are Being Made for the Great Event in Halifax.

The Gibraltar of the North is Preparing to Entertain Thousands of Visitors—The Naval and Aquatic Display will be Magnificent—Some of the Promoters of the Carnival and How They Have Worked for its Success.

The maritime provinces are receiving the biggest advertisement through the Halifax Carnival that they have ever had, and that city has made the greatest hit known in the history of any maritime city. The carnival preparations have not been done up in a hurry, and the success is due to the untiring and willing efforts of the well selected committees for the past 4 or 5 months. A stranger in Halifax last week could get as much information from those in charge as he will the day before the opening. Everything is in readiness, and those in charge are now able to lay back and welcome their visitors.

All week the various railways and steamship lines have had large passenger lists; far above the average on any other occasion of the kind. Besides the regular hotels and boarding houses, arrangements have been made for the accommodation of visitors. New buildings partly underway when the carnival started have been rushed through and converted into hotels for the time being.

Such work as this shows quite plainly to the public that the carnival committee meant business from the start and all will be pleased to know that their labors will be handsomely rewarded.

Festivities in a garrisoned city and naval station, of which Halifax is the only one of its kind in British North America, are always on a grand and more magnificent scale than is possible in inland locations, and as the harbour of Halifax offers exceptional advantages for boat racing and naval display it can be readily seen what is in store for those who attend the carnival.

The fact that a large portion of the navy of the British and foreign squadrons will be in port to lend their assistance in participating in the programme of events in itself, is an attraction well worth enjoying. For those in search of novelty the promoters promise a budget of surprises all of which can be found in the programme published in this issue.

Harbor Illumination.

A meeting of the Carnival Illumination committee was held on Monday last when a programme of what will be carried out on Thursday evening next was presented.

The display will begin at 8:30 o'clock with a salute from one of the forts. Immediately after, twenty bonfires will be lighted from Ives' point, McNabs island, along the Dartmouth shore to the Narrows, and two fires will be started on rafts in the harbor—one off George's Island, the other off Waddell's wharf, Dartmouth. While this is going on there will be fire works display from the centre of the harbor, off the Queen's wharf.

Then the procession of illuminated and decorated boats will be started, the crafts forming up between the Halifax shore and the southern end of George's Island, proceeding up the harbor rounding the illuminated war ships and returning down stream.

For this procession three prizes are offered \$25—\$15—\$10 for the best illuminated crafts. Following this will be the ascension of 200 illuminated balloons of fantastic shapes and designs. The grand finale will be the burning and blowing up by sub-marine mines of a 60 ton hulk which has been condemned by the naval authorities.

During the night the search lights at Point Pleasant battery will be in operation.

The carnival will open Tuesday afternoon, July 28, with regatta events, including man-of-war gig, Labrador whaler, amateur four-oared fishermen's flat and professional single scull races, together with a polo match on the riding grounds. In the evening there will be a concert in the beautiful public gardens, of which the city is proud, and there will be illuminations and a magnificent electric light display.

On Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock a monster bicycle meet and parade will be conducted under the auspices of the Ramblers' Bicycle Club, in which all visiting wheelmen are invited to participate. In the afternoon the regatta will be continued, the events being man-of-war gig, fishermen's squad cutter, professional four-oared gig and double scull races. In the evening electric light track events, running and bicycle, will take place at the Wanderers' grounds.

The third day, Thursday, will be marked by the grand review of the sailors and marines of the British North Atlantic squadron by Admiral J. E. Erskine in the morning; trotting, pacing and running races

at the riding grounds in the afternoon, under the auspices of the Halifax Driving Club; and the grand harbor illumination in the evening. An opening salute will be



ADMIRAL J. E. ERSKINE, Commanding B. N. A. Atlantic Squadron.

fired by one of the forts in the harbor, followed by the lighting of immense bonfires. The grand pyrotechnic display will be from boats moored in the middle of the harbor and off Queen's wharf. About 200 balloons will be sent up. Then there will be a procession of boats which will proceed around the electrically illuminated warships in the harbor. A large ship will be fired and blown up by submarine mines. The warships will use their powerful searchlights, and altogether a spectacle will be presented unrivalled in the history of this old city.

Friday's programme includes two yacht races, and the great international four-oared race for the championship of the world. There will also be another polo match on the riding ground and a band concert in the evening at the Public Gardens.

On Saturday, the closing day, the Wenzel cup race takes place.

Halifax proposes to do herself proud, and she is destined to succeed.

As great interest is taken in the professional four oared race, we again publish the portraits of the St. John and Halifax crews.

Hundreds of citizens will go from St. John prepared to cheer them over the course and to give them an ovation should they cross the line ahead. Excursions on both the I. C. R., bay and valley

critics who think that this is a weak feature of the crew.

The average weight of the Halifax crew is 164 pounds.

The men are hard at training each day and have the confidence of all Halifax.

The time to select and train the crew was too short, as has already been pointed out by PROGRESS but good use has been made of the two months or less at the disposal of the Halifax men. The crew is under the control of Jerry Holland, than whom a better trainer could not be secured. It was he who trained the Halifax fishermen crew who won the world's championship at Philadelphia in 1876, and twenty years added to his age has not lessened his ability in the slightest. Neither the methods of boat construction nor the principles of training have changed since then. It is a fact worthy of mention that not only is the Halifax trainer the same today as he was twenty years ago, but the crew's headquarters are at the same place—Miss Lawson's on the North West Arm.

The English crew arrived early last week and have their work laid out in a systematic manner. They are hauling down their weight and are putting in as hard practice.

Not much has been heard from the Canadian crew since they arrived this week, but perhaps they will be heard loud enough on the day of the race. Sporting men who have seen them believe they are winners.

PROGRESS was a little late in undertaking to illustrate the carnival, and but few of the many photos in its possession are published today. The portraits of the men at the head of the affair was consid-



GENERAL MONTGOMERY-MOORE, Commanding Her Majesty's Forces in B. N. A.

ered the best idea as Halifax has been pretty well illustrated of late.

PROGRESS is very much indebted to Secretary Macleith for the valuable information given its representative during his short stay at the first of this week.

Overstepped the Mark.

When the crew of the barquentine Herbert Fuller were brought into jail on Tuesday last the United States Consul would

WILL THEY BUY THE LADDER?

The Horton Extension Ladder Would be an Expensive Luxury.

HALIFAX, July 23—Should the city of Halifax purchase the Horton extension ladder they will do the most outrageous thing ever perpetrated in our civic history. The cords are being worked and the strings



HON. M. B. DALEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

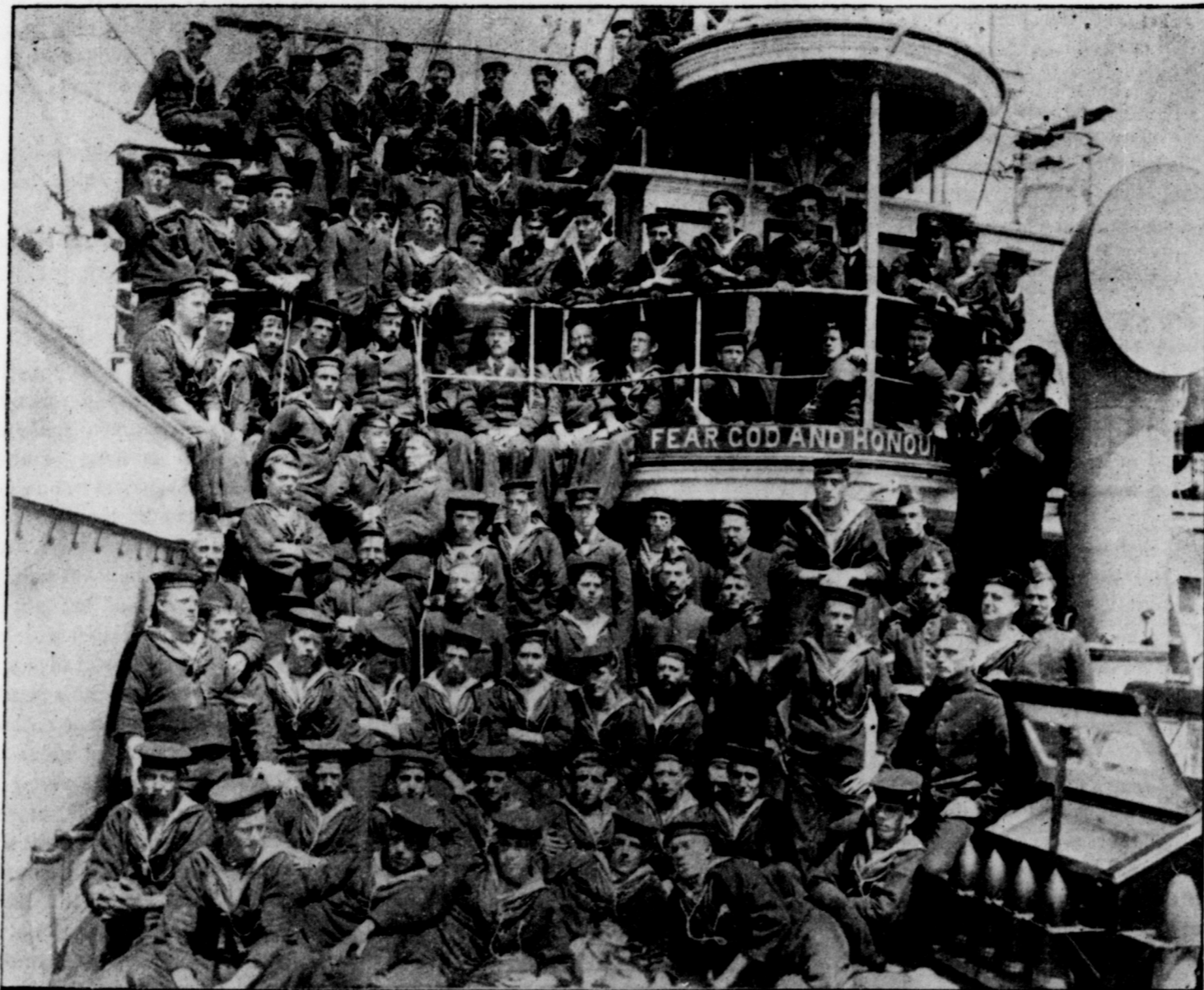
pulled, to palm off on the city a white elephant of the most expensive and ruinous kind, equal in many respects to the one so often burg about by a well-known bank clerk of Halifax.

This Horton extension ladder is a machine invented by Mr. Horton, a builder of this city. It was built for him by Macdonald & Co., and was subsequently purchased by a company who expected to make a bonanza by it. But in their hands it has developed its white elephant characteristics, and the company are now anxious that the incubus should be borne by the corporation and not by them. Visions of fortune and wealth to be made by the ladder have faded into thin air. The ladder is a failure mechanically and financially, and the only hope of its owners seems to be to victimize the city and save themselves by inducing the council to purchase it.

Halifax does not need this ladder even if it were any good, and they certainly do not require a machine that could never be turned to any useful purpose. It is cumbersome, heavy and unwieldy, though it shows its inventor to be possessed of some ingenuity.

Attempt after attempt has been made to prevail on the city to buy this ladder, its price being first fixed at something like \$3,500. Now the company would probably take \$3,000. Aldermen, beware! The ladder will become too expensive a white elephant even for a wealthy city like Halifax to maintain without causing much dissatisfaction on the part of taxpayers. Here is an estimate, furnished by a practical fireman, of what this ladder would cost the city to own it for one year:

Original cost.....	\$3,000
Three horses.....	400
Amuse.....	250
Rent of storehouse.....	300
Wages of two drivers.....	854
Annual repairs.....	300
	\$5,114



GROUP OF SAILORS ON BOARD H. M. S. TARTAR.

routes are already announced and the 62nd Fusiliers band has seized what should be a golden opportunity and are conducting a cheap excursion to the Nova Scotian capital.

The average weight of the St. John men is less than 150 pounds and while size is not considered as necessary to athletic success in these days as it was in the olden times, still there are many competent

not allow the men to be interviewed by the press of Halifax, which made considerable of a draw back in the true statement of affairs for the evening papers. The next day a Boston Globe representative put in an appearance and got all the information necessary through the consul and crew. This partiality is adversely commented on by the members of the press generally, and is not likely to be soon forgotten.

Over \$5,000 would be thrown away on a useless piece of apparatus. It would cost every cent of the sum specified above. The ladder weighs over five tons and to move it properly three horses would have to be hitched abreast, while it could not be moved at all after the snow comes. \$5,000 for a ladder available only eight months in the year. Surely this is proof that the ladder would be worthless

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME AND LIST OF ENTRIES.

SUMMER CARNIVAL,

HALIFAX, N. S.

JULY 28, 29, 30 & 31, 1896.

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ADMIRAL J. E. ERSKINE, commanding British North Atlantic Squadron.
GENERAL MONTGOMERY-MOORE, commanding H. M. Forces in B. N. A.
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia, HON. M. B. DALEY.
COLONEL LEACH, V. C. C. B. Royal Engineers.
COLONEL ISAACSON, Royal Artillery.
COLONEL ANSTRUTHER, Royal Artillery.
COLONEL COLLINGS, Royal Berkshire Regiment.
His Worship the Mayor, D. MCPHERSON, ESQ.

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EVENTS.

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JULY 28th—AFTERNOON.

3 p. m. Man-of-War Cutter Race.—Open to Navy only.
1st Prize, \$20. 2nd Prize, \$10.
H. M. S. Tartar, No. 1. H. M. S. Tartar, No. 2.
H. M. S. Crescent Crew.
3.30 p. m. Labrador Whaler Race.
1st Prize, \$20. 2nd Prize, \$5.
De Young Edward's Crew. Downey-Power Crew.
Dreadnot's Crew. McKay-Bennett "
Argonaut " Leander "
Bluenose Crew.

4 p. m. Amateur Four Oared.

To be rowed in lapstreak or working boats not outriggered over 9 in. Open to crews of all Amateur Clubs, officers of the Army and Navy.
Prize, 4 Handsome Silver Cups.
Wanderer's Crew. Dartmouth Crew. St. John Crew.

4.30 p. m. Fishermen's Flat Race.—To be rowed by bona fide Fishermen.

1st Prize, \$12. 2nd Prize, \$6.
De Young Cleary. Bluenose.
The May Fly. Dido.
Butterfly. Gem.

5 p. m. Professional Single Scull Race

For the Championship of the World.
1st Prize, \$500. 2nd Prize, \$150. 3rd Prize, \$100.
Gaudaur. Bubeur. Louett.
Rogers. Barry. Durnan.
Casey. Haines. Hanlan.

4 to 6 p. m. Polo Match, Riding Grounds.

EVENING.

8 p. m. Concert at the Public Gardens.

Music by the military bands; beautiful illuminations; magnificent electrical display.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th—MORNING.

11 a. m. Monster Bicycle Meet and Parade

under auspices Rambler's Bicycle Club. All visiting and city bicyclists are invited to participate.

AFTERNOON.

2.30 p. m. Man-of-War Gig.—Open to Navy only.

1st Prize, \$15. 2nd Prize, \$5.
H. M. S. Tartar, No. 1. Crusier Acadia crew,
H. M. S. " No. 2. H. M. S. Crescent, No. 1.
H. M. S. Crescent, No. 2.

3 p. m. Fishermen's Squid Race.

To be rowed by bona fide Fishermen only.
1st Prize, \$20. 2nd Prize, \$10.
Shoo Fly. May Fly,
Herring Cove. Gem.
Drigo.