

BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES.

3/8/54.

glorious weather
and into new Stadium
In the ~~new Stadium~~ in Vancouver, Canada --- it was the New Zealand team that led the parade of twenty-four [Commonwealth] countries in the fifth British Empire Games. ~~The [Commonwealth] countries~~ Taking the salute at the march past was Field Marshal ~~xx~~ Lord Alexander --- former Governor General of Canada. Here's the team from England --- led by their captain, the crack marathon runner Jim Peters.

India and Pakistan.

And the home team --- Canada.

Lord Alexander formally declared the Games open; [delivering a message from Her Majesty the Queen --- expressing best wishes for the Games' success.] And --- in line with tradition --- the release of hundreds of pigeons.

The Hundred Yards --- a Final fought out by Canada, Australia, Nigeria and Trinidad.

And the winner in ~~ix~~ nine point six seconds, was Agostini of Trinidad.

The Women's Hundred Yards --- a Final between Australia, Northern Rhodesia, England and Canada. And the winner here was that great Australian girl athlete, Marjerie Jackson-Nelson..... in ten point seven seconds.

Top spot of the early events was the Six Miles --- and at that distance, the experts conceded the best chance to the men from England; represented by such experts as ~~Captain~~ Jim Peters, Frank Sande and Peter ~~Driver~~ Driver. This turned out to be a true forecast --- and those names were first, second and third. A win for Peter Driver, with Sande second and Peters third. Driver's time was a new Games Record --- twenty-nine minutes, nine point four seconds.