

HUNDREDS AT THE BEACHES

Waikiki Mecca of Townfolk and Tourists During Yesterday.

Yesterday was the biggest day of the year at Waikiki, and from early morning until nightfall the waters along the beach were alive with scores of bathers.

The bath house at the Moana had every dressing-room taken by three o'clock in the afternoon, and the condition at the Inn was the same, while members of the Outrigger Club were out in force.

It was a glorious day and the hundreds of tourists in the city enjoyed it to the utmost.

Along all the beaches, the hotel grounds from the Seaside to the Inn, and out on the pier, every available sitting space was utilized by the hundreds of spectators who were watching the bathers in the water, and the surf riders farther out near the reef.

The surf during the afternoon was the heaviest of the past few weeks and the breakers were being ridden by dozens of experts while the novices with the board were also out in force.

All afternoon the canoes were out on the water with a full complement of enthusiasts, and the rollers came in so far that the canoes nearly reached the sandy beach, before the breakers dropped them.

The city crowd which was out was the largest of the season and every one surely did enjoy himself.

To the visitors the sight of the surf riders was awe-inspiring and the questions asked and comments made as half a dozen of the Hawaiians came in on the crest of a big breaker showed the hold which the sight took upon the spectators.

Even the surf riders could come nearly to the pier on the crest of the waves, and those who crowded that structure had a fine chance to see them coming in with the full force of the waves behind them.

Should it be a fine day next Sunday and the surf heavy it will be the greatest day of the year, for there will be still more visitors in the city than there were yesterday, and the fame of Hawaii's surf will go to the ends of the earth when these tourists return to their homes.