

ODDFELLOWS SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY AT TRENTON

Though weather conditions early on Wednesday morning did not look promising, the Oddfellows and their friends were not to be deterred from coming to the first district field day of District No. 3. At an early hour in the morning the town commenced to assume a holiday appearance and before the noon hour it was difficult to make one's way comfortably along the main streets. The proceedings proper commenced at the night before, excellent band concert being put on by the splendid Smith's Falls band. The committee made no mistake in engaging this organization and at a meeting of the local committee held on Tuesday evening the members of the band were entertained by Mr. Robert Weddell, an excellent courtesy which, according to their manager, was highly appreciated.

The working members of the field day committee had a heavy contract on their hands, which for three months has fully occupied their time and tested their ability. The results of Wednesday's events shows how unselfishly they applied themselves to the work in hand.

The sports at the grounds. Boy Scout, croquet, water sports, lacrosse, tennis, basketball and games, were all carried out to the letter, and it can never be said again that Trenton is unable to put on a real good athletic day.

The Toronto canton won the first prize of \$150, and the handsome Senator Corby cup, while the Picton canton, won the second prize of \$100. The judges, Majors Parks, Ross and Foster, gave entire satisfaction. Major Ross placed the committee greatly in his debt by kindly judging the Boy Scout canton. From Kingston also came the District Deputy N.G. of Granite Lodge and a number of members to show their interest in the heavy task undertaken by the Trenton brethren. A number of Rochester brethren were also present, but owing to untoward circumstances the turn-out from that city was a disappointment.

The baseball match between the I.O.O.F. team of Frankfurt lodge of Frankfurt, N.Y. and the Kingston I.O.O.F. team, was well contested and resulted in the Canadian boys winning and carrying off one of the handiest cups ever put up in this district.

Mr. Richard White won the "quick hitch up" race, the special prize for which was given by Mr. W. C. Mikel. Mr. Mikel was present in the judges' stand and presented the prize personally.

The parade, including Trenton Cadets, Brighton Girl Guides, Trenton Girl Guides, Napanee Boy Scouts, the Brighton Boy Scouts, Trenton Boy Scouts, Toronto Canton No. 7, Belleville canton, Picton canton and many subordinate lodges, was the best ever seen here. The beauty of the scene was greatly enhanced by the procession of beautifully decorated automobiles which had been, all morning carrying the Daughters of the Empire members wherever their charms could be best used to pry the coin from the purses of the visitors. We are glad to note here that the ladies were most successful in their efforts and realized over \$400. The Girl Guides looked charming and marched with precision while the cadets, of whom Trenton citizens are so proud, looked as though they had just returned from a training camp. The Boy Scouts, particularly those from Brighton and Napanee, were most admired by the large concourse of people who lined the route. Our own Scouts were in the swim too, but being lost were not out to trim the other boys, though they shared in the prize winning.

Pat Jennings put up his fine and instructive swimming stunt, which kept a large number of people interested during the morning, while Captain Armstrong and Mr. H. F. Wiltner provided the visitors with a well managed Scout program and motor boat and swimming contest.

The Daughters of Rebecca proved of invaluable assistance at the grounds and the financial results of their efforts proved very satisfactory. The dramatic club members of the order played "When a Man's Single" in a most charming and capable manner, at the Weller opera house, almost every seat being occupied.

As the space allotted to us is limited we are not able to give the list of successful competitors, but we think that all went home satisfied with the program carried out by the Oddfellows of Trenton. We are not at all inclined to be modest in regard to the success of the day. It took 3 months for the committees to work for which six months should have been assigned, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that, though it was rushed, it was well done. The only kickers we have heard of are a few who did not subscribe toward the expense, and as this is usually the way some people act, it is causing the committees to worry. Two years ago the worst kickers in connection with the failure of Lucky, the aeroplane flyer, to get up as advertised, were those who would not pay for admittance to the grounds. Every town has a duplicate bunch of them.

We noticed on the judges' stand, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, W. C. Mikel, K.C., W. D. M. Shorey, W. Carnew, E. G. Porter, M.P., C. M. Stork, Stewart Masson, K.C., R. Weddell, J. W. Johnson, M.P., and several others from out of town.

The bands accompanying out of town lodges were the following—Belle town I.O.O.F. band and 15th Regimental band, Brighton band, Napanee band, Frankfurt band and Smith's Falls band. All took part in the parade.

Former District Committee Chairman Wilson, of Napanee, who, we

believe, is more or less responsible for the field day suggestion, was present, he having motored up from Napanee. We were glad to see that he was looking quite well after his serious illness. The committee is indebted to Col. Cooper of Belleville, the next Grand Master of the Order, and to Col. Barrett, of Picton, for valuable advice.

The decorations provided by Bro. Thompson of Belleville were profuse and well distributed.

Altogether the affair was the most successful large gathering ever held in Trenton and best of a financial success.

The Wickedest Woman in London

A fortnight ago, walking through Hyde Park, I noticed a quaint body in antique dress driving a fine pair of horses and evidently out to attract attention for herself. I did not know at the time that she was Mme. Bertha Trost, a very notorious character. My lady was quietly arrested by the police late last week and was quickly put in a steamer en route for Germany, her own land. The papers this week have been full of stories of Bertha Trost, her beauty establishment and antique shop in Clifford street, and her house of mystery at Marlborough Gate. Mme. Trost lived in great style with a large staff of servants. She has abundant means, and her home was furnished in the most costly and extraordinary fashion including even a coffin with her own name on it. She had abundant money she lived on the weakness of the idle rich. Much that she did cannot be told and cannot be hinted at. But enough is known to enable one to say that when she went to the wickedest woman in London. Her criminal and old-world dress, her affected airs, and elaborate poses were all part of the elaborate scheme for batten on the degradation and the vices of the worst section of society. They say that Mme. Bertha Trost was so clever that, while the police well knew the nature of her business, they were never able to touch her. It is good that the war has given the authorities an excuse to bundle her out of the country.—London (Eng.) Daily Mail.

Shooting Accident in South Ops

A serious shooting accident took place on Monday, at the residence of Mr. C. Wagstaff, Pottery, Corners, near Lindsay, when the niece, Miss Vera Wagstaff, of Toronto, aged seventeen years, was shot by her little cousin, Norman Wagstaff.

It would appear that the young folks were talking about the war (Miss Vera having a brother at the front) when Norman lifted a rifle, and with the remark, "Is this how they shoot in the war?" pulled the trigger. The weapon was immediately discharged, the bullet tearing the girl's cheek badly and also taking off a portion of her ear. The bullet then lodged in the wall.

The report of the rifle brought the members of the family to her aid. Dr. Blanchard was immediately sent for and the unfortunate girl was removed to the hospital, where she is reported to be resting comfortably today. Little Norman, as might be expected, was greatly alarmed as a result of the accident, and his alarm was shared in by the other members of the family.

Busy on War Order

Ames, Holden, McCready, Limited, report that their factories are busy on war orders for the Canadian soldiers. These orders are a portion of those recently placed with various Canadian manufacturers by the War Purchasing Commission at Ottawa for Canadian troops now being outfitted.

This company have submitted a new pattern of Army boot to the Government, which has been approved and adopted as being the most suitable in point of fitting, comfort, and wearing qualities for the requirements of our Canadian soldiers. The boot in question is made of Tan Calf skin with double soles and Godey's Welt sewn, and a steel plate on the heel.

It is expected that further orders will be placed at an early date, not only for the soldiers now being trained in Canada, but also for Canadians at the front who are requiring more boots and who, it is understood, much prefer the Canadian boot for comfort and service. Such action on the part of the authorities will be much appreciated by Canadian labor.

Autoists' Fines

An autoist was fined \$5 and costs on Friday afternoon for driving recklessly on Front Street.

A citizen was fined \$1 and costs for not having the rear light burning on his car.

EXAMINATIONS.

There has been a good deal of complimentary comment upon the character of the arithmetic paper at the recent Midsummer Examinations. Without entering into detail of the characteristics of the paper that made it objectionable, it is enough to say that competent judges have pronounced it unfair and impractical, something of an arithmetical puzzle instead of being composed of questions that would be a fair test of the candidate's knowledge. A paper that is tricky, and in this and other regards, does not provide a fair test of the candidate's knowledge, is not a desirable thing.

Not in fact is it alone in its class, for it is, perhaps, problematical whether any examination paper among the multitudes that are set for pupils or students, provide a fair test of knowledge. The element of luck may easily be a determining factor in a student's success at an examination. If the questions happen to come within the range of a candidate's greater knowledge of some facts or features of a subject, the questions are well answered, and a high standing achieved. But if a set of questions happens to largely deal with parts of the subject under examination, with which the student may not be familiar, though the student, who for this reason fails, may easily have a far better general and more useful knowledge of the subject than the candidate who passed with flying colours simply because luck favoured him. In another, among many other ways, examinations are not always a fair and adequate test of useful knowledge of a subject, or range of subjects at examinations.

The object of education is to develop the mind, and in the process store it with useful knowledge, so effectively that it will be a life possession, a permanent asset of equipment, for the duties of life. One of the evils of the examinations system is the encouragement to "cramming" involved. A brilliant baby of girl may have the faculty of learning easily. Such a student can in a short time cram for an examination, in a way to pass creditably on paper. But there is no thorough mastery of the subject or subjects, only a superficial and temporary smattering that may fade away before the vacations are over. The advantages of examinations, especially in our public and high schools, consist in the meeting of an emergency. The pupils must be pushed forward to make room for others coming behind, and this condition is so urgent, that it necessarily comes to be the teachers' chief ambition to have his pupils pass, and by his success in this, is his teaching efficiency gauged.

It comes to this that the examination evil seems to have become a necessary evil—an evil, since it necessarily ignores the benefit of thorough mastery of any subject, only demanding knowledge enough of it to pass. This seems to be inevitable, with the multiplicity of subjects with which the curriculum is overloaded. Enough subjects to require almost a life time for practical mastery, are crowded into the short space of "school age." The result is that few, if any, subjects are sufficiently mastered to be of use in the world of action that follows the period of school-training, without some special supplementary training in subjects which a particular vocation requires should be thoroughly learned.

The subject is one on which one may not dogmatize; but to the man who thinks the situation over thoroughly, the suggestion comes whether greater, if not exclusive attention should not be given to the three R's; that is the rudiments of a sound English education. Thorough equipment with these, to the exclusion of a smattering of minor subjects, would send forth the child into the world equipped to continue his education upon the lines which in his place in life shall be most useful. The house of knowledge has so many rooms, that a key to each, if its provision were possible, would be a burden. A master key that opens every room would be useful. If we could provide such a master key through the teachings of our schools, educationalists would rejoice, and the rising generation would be better prepared for the actual duties of life.—Peterboro Examiner.

KITCHENER'S WAY.

A fussy old party managed to buttonhole Lord Kitchener the other day in one of the British war lord's less busy moments. "And what would you do, sir," he inquired, "if the Germans should manage to land 25,000 men upon some, ah—comparatively—ah, unprotected part of our coast?"

"Bury 'em," replied Kitchener.—London Star.

German Band Story a Fake

The story that has been afloat around town that a German band, which accompanied the excursion here from Rochester on Friday, was not allowed to land, is incorrect. There were six men in the orchestra. Three of them got off when the Ontario docked. The others, who were older men, said that they preferred to remain on the boat when asked by Inspector Ewing what they wished to do before the gang plank was removed.

On Tuesday a German organization in Rochester, or chiefly German residents in that city, was to have run an excursion here, but of their own accord they enjoyed a cruise on the Ontario instead and did not land at any Canadian port.—Cobourg World.

Whiz-Bangs Described by a Lakefield Boy

A Lakefield boy in France writing home on June 21st says:—

Some of the boys of the 22nd Battalion have come over to reinforce our old No. 3 and they look like a good hardy bunch. Their baptism of fire was not one to impress the fact on the mind that the trench is a perfectly safe place; it looked really comical to see them ducking their heads, or if out back of the trenches taking a header toward the breastwork, when the Germans tossed over a few high explosive shells or sent a shower of whiz-bangs. The whiz-bang is a shell which gives no warning but just bursts. Most of the shells may be heard coming but the whiz-bang—well, they are well named. The like of those rather gets one's goat, but I suppose one gets hardened to it or else everyone would be a nervous wreck.

Fake Cripple Gets Thirty Days Rest

Clarence St. Clair, who was striking the country with a bad arm work, got drunk at the G.T.R. station in Cobourg last Thursday and was nearly killed by falling under a passenger train. When arrested he smashed all the windows in the lockup, and on Friday he was given thirty days in goal for being a vagrant and fined \$5.50 for breaking the windows.

DENIS DALY PASSED AWAY

Was the Founder of the Well Known Firm of Tea Dealers of Napanee...

The Napanee Express gives the following particulars in regard to the late Denis Daly, head of the well known firm of tea-dealers of that town.

The funeral took place on Sunday last of Denis Henry Aldworth Daly, one of Napanee's oldest and most distinctive citizens. He was the youngest of a family of ten, the oldest of the family being his sister, Eliza, (the late Mrs. Neil McIntyre, of Kingston). He was named after his father, Denis Daly, and his mother, Maria Aldworth.

His father, Denis Daly, had been a cotton manufacturer in Dublin, Ireland, but with the introduction of machinery, which superseded the old hand looms, the business, in common with other similar firms in Ireland, with a single exception, became bankrupt, and in 1840 he came out to this country with a part of his family, including Eliza, Edward, George and Denis, all familiar figures through this part of Ontario. They settled in Kingston. Some years after the family rented a farm on the High Shore of the Bay of Quinte. The market for their produce was in Kingston, and for a number of years the late Mr. Daly was a familiar figure on the Kingston Market. They took back with them dry goods, groceries and teas which they sold in the surrounding country, but finally they specialized in teas to the exclusion of the other commodities. The family then moved to the Deseronto Road where they purchased a farm, and a little later Denis and George bought another farm in the neighborhood, and also branched out in the tea business for themselves. These two branches finally resulted in the business of Edward Daly, centered in London and of Denis Daly around Napanee.

Finally some years after the death of George Daly, which occurred in 1876, the farm was given up and Denis Daly moved into Napanee with the family of the late George Daly, and they made their home at Riverview, the Rogers residence on Piety Hill. In 1883 the late Mr. Daly married Mary Francis Bennett, daughter of the late William Lewis Bennett and of Mary Smale Bennett.

Two of their children died, Harry Aldworth in 1906, and Donald Aldworth in 1908. Mr. Daly is survived by Mrs. Daly and three children, Richard Arthur, Roland Oliver and Kathleen Frances.

Each Saved the Other's Life

Mr. Frank Watson spent last week the guest of Mr. Matt. White at Round Lake. We understand from Mr. Watson that he saved Mr. White's life when the canoe they were fishing in capsized at Gull Rock but Mr. White earnestly states that it was just the reverse and that he also saved the canoe. No spectators being on hand to witness the incident we are forced to accept both versions, and to suggest that they tie their tackle to the boat on the next occasion they visit the lake.—Havelock Standard.

Chicken Thieves Made Big Haul

Mr. John Hendren, who resides at the east end of the village, had twenty-two birds of the Rhode Island Red variety stolen from his hen house sometime Saturday night. The tracks of the marauders were visible to the boundary, where they evidently loaded their booty into a rig and made off.—Norwood Register.

Two Horses Killed

Mr. Thomas Taylor of Belmont lost two valuable horses on Saturday afternoon, when the afternoon express killed the animals, which had strayed on the track.—Havelock Standard.

Is This True?

It has been reported to us that one young lad who had been given a dollar to enjoy the sports on the holiday, was persuaded by one of the tag girls to purchase a tag. He expressed his willingness to buy and handed over his only dollar, which to him looked like a hundred, expecting the tag to cost ten cents. Instead, however, the young lady kept the green-back and informed the youngster that there was no change. This may only be an idle rumor, but should it happen to be true we would respectfully suggest that the Girls of the Empire Tea Room investigate and have the money refunded to the boy. He no doubt worried all day over the loss of his money and missed the enjoyment he had been looking forward to for weeks.—Port Hope Guide.

Dastardly Act

Some mean, contemptible person visited the farm of Mr. Wm. Benson, Bewdley, the other night and shaved the hair from the tails of two of his valuable horses. The poor beasts will now be obliged to go through the summer with no protection from flies. Mr. Benson has strong suspicions as to the guilty parties and every effort will be made to locate them.—Port Hope Guide.

Fell Thirty Feet

While shingling Mr. B. Crowley's barn Dan Armstrong had the misfortune to slip and fall thirty feet to the ground receiving painful injuries.—Hastings Star.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM NOXON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Bloomfield and with the exception of a few years spent in Ingersoll, lived all his life in this county, mostly in Bloomfield, but for the last ten years in Picton. In religion the late Mr. Noxon was a Friend. He married Arminta E. Brough who, with an adopted daughter, a niece, and many other relatives, remains to mourn his loss. The deceased was very fond of children, and was a good neighbor. He belonged to a family of fourteen all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, but now only four brothers and one sister are left. Mr. Noxon was in his 79th year. He died at his home on Queen street, Sunday evening as the first bells were ringing for worship, June 27, 1915.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at his late home at 2.30 in the afternoon. Rev. A. K. Scott of the Baptist church, conducted the services and spoke from the text I Cor. 2:9. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Interment took place in Glenwood.—Picton Times.

THE IDEAL VACATION ROUTE.

The Canadian Pacific conveniently reaches Paint Au Baril, French and Pickering Rivers, Severn River, Muskoka Lakes, Kawartha Lakes, Rideau Lakes, Lake Ontario resorts, etc. If you contemplate a trip of any nature consult Canadian Pacific Ticket Agent or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

"NEWS FROM HOME" FOR OUR SOLDIERS

The Women's Canadian Club Asks for Your Help in Sending it to Them.

To the Editor of The Ontario...

Sir—We all know how, when we are far away in distant lands, we are thrilled by the words "News from Home." How greatly intensified this desire must be among the Canadian soldiers fighting so bravely, in Belgium and in France, so far from home and loved ones!

Realizing how great must be this longing among our troops at the front, pupils of the schools of Belleville joined in the "News from Home" plan introduced into the Province by the League of Empire and carried it out most effectively under the direction of the Inspector and the teachers.

This is the plan—clippings from the local newspapers, little items giving home news of people, events and sports, short bright sayings and pictures that provoke a smile, pasted in to scrap books made of strong manilla paper and then sent off weekly to the men at the front.

A few sentences quoted from a letter received in April last in Toronto and written by Col. E. W. B. Morrison, commander of the 1st Canadian Artillery Brigade, testify to the feeling of the soldiers.

"I am sitting in a trench on the embankment of the Ypres Canal in Belgium. The German shells are howling and smashing around my guns, but we are 'standing fast' awaiting orders to open fire. Half an hour ago a bundle of the scrapbooks prepared by the children of the Toronto Public Schools reached us, and I had them served out to the gunners. They are reading them as they wait. A big shell has just landed and flung clouds of earth over my lookout post. It is a time of strain on the men's nerves. Meantime it greatly diverts our minds to read the scrapbooks and look at the pictures.

"It just occurred to me that the children at home would like to know that their painstaking work had been appreciated in this hideous turmoil and that they had contributed their bit to help the men behind the guns."

The schools are now closed until the autumn and concerted work on the part of the school children is in abeyance. If the soldiers are to get their budgets, some one must continue the work.

A letter has been received from the Secretary of the League of Empire in Toronto asking the Women's Canadian Club of Belleville to carry it on here. At a meeting of the Executive it was decided that the Club would undertake to produce a certain number of scrapbooks weekly and they ask for the hearty co-operation not only of all the members of the Club but also of the citizens generally.

The following is a list of the conveners:

July 12-17, Mrs. A. I. Bird, 190 Bridge St.
July 19-24, Mrs. Arthur McGinnis, 269 George St.
July 26-31, Mrs. Van Buskirk, 276 Charles St.
Aug. 2-7, Mrs. Curtis Bogart, 217 Bridge St.
Aug. 9-14, Mrs. Wm. McGie, 38 Forin St.
Aug. 16-21, Mrs. J. F. Wills, 38 Queen Aug. 23-26, Mrs. Jas. Ballis, 73 Commercial
Aug. 30-Sept. 4, Mrs. F. P. Thompson, 127 Bridge St. W.

Please cut out the list and keep it for future reference.

If you desire to assist in the work you may do so by sending to the convener of the week, clippings, items of news, not over two weeks old, of interest to the men from Lindsay, Peterboro, Picton, Belleville and surrounding districts; no war news please; or if you wish to make a book as it is desirable to have them of uniform size and construction, you can obtain proper paper and information from the convener who will also post the budget to the right address.

Sample copies may be seen either at the home of the convener or in prominent windows on Front Street.

May S. Johnson, President Women's Canadian Club.

Piece of Sock in Wound

Sergt.-Major Grant, who is in a hospital at Edinburgh, is now, we are pleased to say, improving nicely. Major Grant went to the front with the 48th Highlanders, of which he is one of the most popular officers. He was wounded and removed to Edinburgh to a hospital. The one wound healed up all right, but in the other blood poisoning developed. It was opened up, when it was found that a piece of the Major's sock was still there. The operation and removal of this brought relief and last account were that he was doing well.—Port Hope Guide.

Sold Horse and Rig

Worth Two Hundred Dollars for Twenty.

A young man who is engaged as a farm hand at Mrs. Wm. Bellamy's, Rice Lake, came to town on Dominion Day to enjoy the sports. He drove to town in a very fine outfit, horse and covered buggy, belonging to Mrs. Bellamy. During the afternoon the young man decided to dispose of the outfit and sold it to a man residing near Newtonville for twenty dollars. The matter was reported to the police and at the time of going to press the case is in progress.—Port Hope Guide.

Retail Trade Active in Eastern Ontario

Trade in wholesale lines in Toronto has been quiet the past week, says Dunn's report. Weather conditions have been unfavorable for summer lines of merchandise, there having been but few warm days. The outlook for the grain crops, however, is satisfactory. A very large yield of winter wheat is expected. A large crop of this grain is now being harvested in the States; hence the lower prices. Banks continue to hold a conservative course and there is practically no speculation in commodities. These institutions have, very large liquid assets and some of them are likely to participate in the new British loan. Quite a good retail business is reported in many country districts in Ontario, where the farmers are in a prosperous state. Prices for a rule, for leading staples, are high. Wool is very high, fine washed bringing about 38c per lb. It is thought that this is only a temporary condition, as Australian wools can be laid down here much cheaper. The prices of canned goods are unsettled and lower, owing to the anticipated plentiful supply of new fruit and vegetables. Seven district failures are reported for the past week.

Auto Turned Turtle

Three popular young ladies are confined in their beds, one seriously and the other two slightly injured, as the result of an auto turning turtle near Odessa on Monday night, owned by a prominent Kingstonian and was driven by his chauffeur, who was uninjured. It was badly wrecked and will require considerable repairs before being fit for use again. The chauffeur and his three lady friends were the only persons in the car at the time. While proceeding along the road near Odessa the machine skidded down a slight embankment and before the chauffeur could apply the brakes or save the car it had turned turtle. One of the young ladies was pinned beneath the wreckage, while the other two were able to release themselves. Assistance was immediately summoned, and after some difficult work the auto was shifted and the young lady who was pinned beneath the car was released. Medical assistance was procured from Odessa and first aid rendered. After which the party were brought back to the city in an auto sent out from a local garage. Inquiries at the home of one of the girls showed that all three were out of danger. Further that the relatives refused to discuss the details at all.—Kingston Standard.

Italian Accidentally Shot While Hunting

Francesco Dipasquale, an Italian, who has been employed on the canal construction a few miles south of the town, was accidentally shot and killed on Friday of last week. In company with a friend he started out on Friday afternoon for a hunt through the woods on Convey's Island. Later in the evening when his friend, who had gone in a different direction, could not find him, a search was started resulting in the discovery of the unfortunate man's dead body, the next morning. The gun, which was lying close to the body, had exploded, the charge entering his stomach, with fatal result.

Coroner Loucks, with the aid of an interpreter, interviewed a number of fellow countrymen of the deceased and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The funeral took place on Saturday interment being made in St. Mary's cemetery.—News.