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# YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

## West Toronto

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Browning was employed by the Swift Canadian Company as day watchman. Last Friday the night watchmen went on strike, and on Saturday Browning was sent home at 2 p.m. with orders to return for night duty. About 3 a.m. he was discovered bleeding about the eye, and becoming unconscious was removed to his home.

On Sunday he regained consciousness for a time, but was unable to tell what had happened, and relapsed again into unconsciousness. He died at 4 p.m. on Monday. His family physician and two of the Swift Canadian Company's doctors were in attendance upon the injured man.

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## Danforth

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### PORTABLE SCHOOL REQUEST HOISTED

The school trustees of S.S. No. 7 and ratepayers of the section, held a meeting in Plains Road School Monday evening to consider the advisability of placing a portable school in the district north of the city limits to the ravine west of Woodbine avenue and Bell's Farm.

A delegation, consisting of over thirty ratepayers of the Woodbine Heights district, was present to urge their request for school convenience.

School trustee Robert Barker urged the ratepayers to reconsider their request for a portable building at present time, pointing out that the portable school was very much increased, and strongly advised the residents to wait until they received their tax bills.

The meeting was impressed with the speaker's remarks, and a motion intended to be put requesting a portable school was altered to an almost unanimous agreement for a six-month's' hold, only a few representatives of the Woodbine Heights district holding out for school convenience in their section.

### LITTLE LAD LOCATED CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT

Monday last Charles Large, aged 6, was missing from his home at 110 Woodbine, having wandered out away into the ravine in the forenoon and had not returned at four o'clock. His mother, Mrs. Large, searched party with lanterns scoured the district and the wanderer was found at 11 o'clock at night at a roadside.

### PREPARE FOR CORNER STONE

It is expected that the laying of the corner stone in connection with St. David's Anglican Church primary school building, Danforth and Hampton avenues, will take place within the next three weeks. Active preparation are at present being made for this important event by the contractor, Rev. F. E. Towell, in receipt of the parish.

### ST. DAVID'S OUTING

The annual picnic in connection with St. David's Anglican Church primary school Sunday school, Harcourt avenue, took place at Monarch Park yesterday afternoon. The children, under the supervision of Mrs. Bamford, superintendent, were served with refreshments by the committee in charge, under the supervision of Mrs. Bamford, superintendent.

### BIBLE CLASS PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Hope Methodist Church, Danforth and Hampton avenues, was held yesterday afternoon at Morton's Grove, Norwood road. Over 100 members of the church and their friends were present and a good program of sports and games was carried out. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent. Watson Hind is president of the organization and Miss Buckborough is teacher.

### BI-WEEKLY DANCE

Riverside branch, G.W.V.A., held its usual bi-weekly dance in the St. David's Danforth avenue, last evening, and a large number of members and friends were present. Commande P. O. Cochrane furnished the musical program, and refreshments were served by Mrs. W. E. Harding and members of the women's committee. Many returned soldiers from different battalions were among the dancers.

### FIELD DAY SATURDAY

Under the auspices of the school trustees, School Section No. 2, teachers, a field day and sports will be held on the Plains Road School grounds on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An effort is being made to make the event a red-letter day in the history of the section.

### NO FORMAL CLOSING

Registration Takes Up Time of Teachers at Earl Grey School. The kindergarten class in connection with Earl Grey School, Danforth and Hampton avenues, closed yesterday, and the remaining classes today, for the summer vacation. Thirty-three pupils were in attendance, and six wrote, in connection with the entrance to high school. There was no formal closing in connection with the registration and school examinations.

### FRANKLAND SCHOOL PICNIC

Frankland School, Logan avenue, Junior class, under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Mitchell, held a picnic in Withrow Park yesterday, and an enjoyable time was spent in playing and playing games of various kinds. Refreshments were served, and the children returned home tired and happy.

### SCHOOLS HAVE PICNIC

Pape Avenue Pupils Enjoy Outing Before Closing. Previous to closing for the summer vacation, the pupils of various classes at Kitchener School, Pape avenue, held a picnic in connection with the closing of their school. The picnic was held at the school grounds, and the children enjoyed a very enjoyable time. Refreshments were served, and the children returned home tired and happy.

## College Heights

### CHILDREN ASSIST IN PATRIOTIC CONCERT

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Handicapped, a young son of Mrs. Charles W. Winyard, president of the Brown Home and School Association, furnished the most acceptable. Miss Schofield and Mrs. George Thompson, a former instrumental soloist, and the latter in vocal choruses, together with all additional talent on the part of alien enemies and in support of the same, were possible to the military authorities.

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### WARNING AGAINST SEDITION

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