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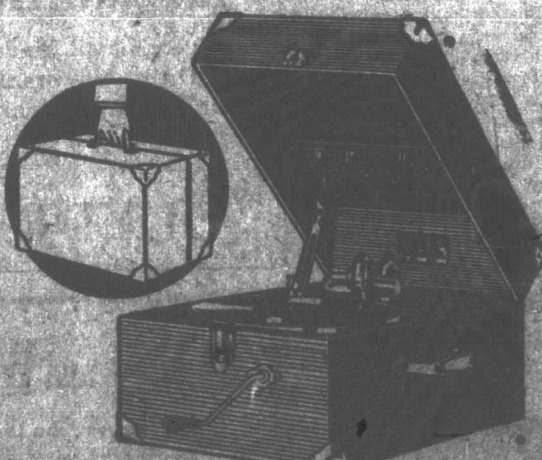


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SOME GOOD HORSE RACING

When the New Track Was Opened
on Dominion

The Edmundston Driving Club, Al-
derman J. Frank Rice, president, J.
W. Hall, secretary, opened its track
for class racing on Saturday After-
noon, July 1. Rain threatened in the
afternoon and two races were not
finished owing to the rain coming
whilst the races were on. Notwith-
standing, however, that the weather
was not all that could be desired over
seven hundred people were present,
and the races to be held here this
summer will prove to be big social
events in the life of the town. It has
meant an immense amount of work
to get the track in its present shape
and to build the stables, and as soon
as the grandstand is finished it will
be one of the best tracks in the pro-
vince. There were five races sched-
uled.

The first, Class A 2, four horses
were entered, Rosa Reed owned by
J. W. Hall; Lena Wanda owned by P.
J. Martin; Kenneth K. owned by
George Strain and Silvery Bill owned
by P. Martin. This race was finally
called off on account of rain after
three heats and a tie. Class A 2
Trot, Three horses entered, Tiger
Green owned by J. Nebury; Colonel
Kerworthy owned by J. W. Hall; and
Edith G. owned by J. Guerette. Two
heats were run in this race in which
there was a tie and it was called off
on account of rain. Class B, Green
Pace, three entered, Billie Bill owned
by J. P. Rice; Rex owned by Vital
Robert; and Junior Ward owned by
H. M. Clavette. Junior Ward won two
heats of the three heats and Billie Bill
drew second place in all three heats.
Class C, two entries—Woodchuck
King owned by P. Ringette and Alice
Homeland owned by T. M. Richards.
Woodchuck King came in first in
both heats. Class C, four entries—
Harry Bill, owned by Joseph Andet;
Fred G. owned by T. Gagnon; Black
Beauty owned by P. Ringette; and
Jeff owned by Joseph. Jeff came in
first and Black Beauty second in both
heats.

It is safe to say that if the man-
agement of the race course keep the
races clean and exercise a jurisdiction
over the entrants and the visitors, and
keeping to the minimum the things
which have in some places brought
discredit upon horse-racing, then the
club and the racing from time to time
will be a decided benefit to horse
breeders and will be the source of a
great deal of enjoyment to the lovers
of the sport of kings.

GRAND FALLS

Quite a number of the High school
boys and girls went to Andover Mon-
day to try the exams.

Rev. J. J. Graham left Monday for
St. John to attend the Presbytery
there, and then goes to Montreal for
forty-two weeks with his family.

Mrs. John Hennigar, Mrs. C. C.
White, Miss Elizabeth McLeod and
Miss Marjorie Wiley went to Chip-
man on Wednesday as delegates to
the Convention there on the 5th, 6th
and 7th.

Mrs. S. Smith and little granddaugh-
ters went to Fort Fairfield to the cele-
bration on the 4th.

Allen McLaughlin was in Frederic-
ton this week on business.

The McLaren Theatre was packed
to the doors on Thursday evening by
parents and friends of the High School
Graduating Class of 6. Miss Beatrice
M. McLaughlin, Ralph Kirkpatrick, Al-
len Estey, Walter Warnock, Raymond
Burgess and Ross Glenn. There was
music by the orchestra, speeches by
Rev. J. Graham, Rev. A. J. Patstone
and Dr. Kirkpatrick, A. D. Jones, prin-
cipal of the school and chairman for
the evening, was very highly com-
mented on his three years of hard
work here, which resulted in the first
graduating class exercises ever held
at Grand Falls. The valedictory was
delivered by Miss Beatrice M. McCor-
mick. The class prophecy was read
by Master Edward Rouleau and
caused much laughter as each one of
the class's future was pictured. The
"Last Will and Testament" of the
graduating class to the school, also
was very interesting and caused much
mirth. Altogether it was a most en-
joyable evening and our town people
are all very glad that Mr. Jones has
decided to stay another year with us.
Grand Falls will have the same staff
of teachers next term with the ex-
ception of Miss Mallette.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of
Fort Fairfield were in town Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kerton were
in Fort Fairfield last week.
Mrs. J. P. Kelly was in Van Buren
Sunday.
Everett McCluskey of Limestone
was in town Monday.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

(Carleton Observer)

At 5.21 on Sunday afternoon there
was experienced one of the most se-
vere shocks of earthquakes ever ob-
served here. The quake was particu-
larly noticeable to those who chanced
to be upstairs, but even people who
were lying on the grass plainly felt
the tremor. Locally the most severe
demonstration was that the town
clock was made to strike, and in the
home of A. A. Moore the clock stopped
dead. The earthquake was reported
at practically the same minute from
Campbellton, Chatham, Fredericton,
Woodstock, St. Stephen, St. John and
throughout Prince Edward Island and
Nova Scotia. The Dominion Observa-
tory at Halifax recorded not only this
shock but one occurring about five
o'clock in the morning of the same
day. Washington observatory report-
ed the quake as occurring at an es-
timated distance of 100 miles, which
would take in the maritime provinces.
In fact the shake-up was purely local.
The Observer, from its ignorance of
the cause of seismic disturbances,
begs to submit as one possibility a
theory that the unusually heavy rains
have penetrated to the very depths of
the earth, and, so to speak, "the fire
was in the fire" with the consequent
explosion.

BRISTOL BREVITIES

Miss Evelyn McCarthy of New York
arrived this week to spend the sum-
mer with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Marich.
Daniel Libby of Houston is visiting
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Danks.

S. N. Banks and M. W. Caldwell re-
ceived the tender to erect the new
school-house and will start building
operations at once.

Mrs. Raymond Estabrooks and lit-
tle son are visiting relatives at Deer-
ville.

Miss Esther Jensen of Hartland
spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs.
N. R. Jensen.

Mrs. Harold McDougall spent the
past week with her parents at Glas-
ville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simonson
have sold their dairy farm at Mono-
ton and have returned to Bristol.

Mrs. Anson Boyer and Mrs. A. O.
Phillips spent three days at Marys-
ville last week, acting as delegates to
the U. Baptist Convention.

Mrs. McGlew and child of Mars Hill
have been visiting her sister Mrs. An-
son Boyer.

Miss Mary Miller of Connell was the
week-end guest of Mrs. Guy Welch.

Miss Leila Nevors of Hartland is
visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Dyer.

The Primitive Baptist Quarterly
Meetings were held here from Satur-
day until Monday and a large num-
ber of people were here in attendance.

Hartland boys came up Monday
evening to play ball with the Bristol
boys, but on account of rain the game
was called off.

BRIDGE OPENING

The plans for the opening of the
Bridge on the 24th of September are
gradually maturing. Martin Thorlaht
is enthusiastically every one with plans
for the day. The publicity department
will have advertising out within a
few days. If only we get a fine day
and every one co-operates to make
the thing a success, Edmundston will
have more advertising than it has
ever had before.

DOMINION DAY

Dominion Day was not as rainy as it
might have been but still there was
an air of uncertainty about it that a
great many timid people stayed at
home instead of picnicking.

The stores closed from two to six
and the mill was shut all day. A
great many people went away for the
week-end, others went on fishing trips,
some parties got close to nature by
taking their meals out in the woods,
and a great many took advantage of
the races.

NEWSPAPER MEN LIKED EDMUNDSTON

We have received a number of ex-
changes commenting very favorably
on the reception given to the news-
paper men on their way to Ottawa.
One of the most flattering was that of
The Picton Advocate, which says "Im-
mediately on our arrival we were the
guests of the Board of Trade to a tur-
key dinner at the Windsor Hotel, and
it was a real dinner. Violets of the
best, perfectly cooked and served.
Long will that meal remain in our
memory. After dinner we were taken
on a drive around and about the
town and then to a reception in the
basement of one of the theatres used
as a community hall. Here we had
speeches galore and a program of mu-
sic, vocal and instrumental, which
would have done credit to a much
larger place. The Mayor of the town
is the editor of the French newspaper.
Max Cormier is the name and he is a
hustler and possessed of sound judg-
ment as a civic ruler as well as be-
ing an A1 newspaper man. He has a
great partner in Mr. Cormier, a beau-
tiful young woman of delightful man-
ner, who is a skilled musician and
member of a most excellent orchestra.
The past year there has been an in-
flux of English into Edmundston so
that an English newspaper has been
established there. It is owned by
Fred H. Stevens of the Hartland Ob-
server, and is edited by the Rev. John
Hardwick, a Presbyterian minister of
parts, who is very popular in the town
and to whom we took a fancy, because,
perhaps, he smoked his pipe like a vet-
eran. Edmundston is the boom town
of the Maritimes. In 1921 its popula-
tion was 1800, in 1922 it has over 4,500
inhabitants, which is not too bad for
the effect east. It has been made by
the establishment there of the pulp
mills by the Fraser Companies, Ltd.,
one of the greatest lumbering con-
cerns of the continent. Edmundston
has all the advantages and most of
the disadvantages of a boom town.
On the up wave everybody is optimist-
ic, full of pep and vision of greater
things.

There is a lot of building going on
and well paid employment for all.
Business in stores is brisk, trade in
every line is good. As with all rapid-
ly growing towns there is a certain
crudeness. The town has hardly tak-
en shape as yet; the houses and even
the streets are scattered. There are
problems—the streets, the schools,
water services, etc. With these the
civic rulers are grappling with con-
fidence, but also with due caution and
we will be much surprised if within
a few years Edmundston will not be
a most desirable town residentially
as it already is from a business view-
point.

(We thank Mr. Fisher for what he
has said about our town, but our
growth has not been quite as rapid
as he says. It should be 1912 instead
of 1921, but we are still growing—Ed-
itor.)

WERE THEY RUM RUNNERS?

Just after daybreak on Monday a
Ford car, driven by two young men,
drove rapidly up Main street and in
making the turn to the bridge ap-
proach, crashed into the wire fence
enclosing it. The front wheels of the
car went over the edge but the car
was held thus by the fence. The drop
below was several feet and the won-
der is that the car did not somer-
sault, in which case there might have
been a serious disaster. It is believed
that not the least part of the tragedy
would have been the spilling of a
cargo of contraband, for those who
had the best opportunity to judge de-
clare their belief that the boat was
laden with liquor. The car bore a
Maine tag, and a few hours later The
Observer learned that they had safely
arrived in Houlton.

CAVE-IN MIGHT HAVE CAUSED DEATH

(Carleton Observer)
While engaged in making an excava-
tion for the new addition to the Uni-
ted Baptist church one day last week
Clyde Rideout was completely cov-
ered by the caving in of earth and was
rescued just as his breath was ex-
hausted. He was so deeply buried
that he could not move hand or foot.
He was rescued just in time to save
his life. It might well have been that
no one was near to lend assistance,
in which case this article would have
been an obituary.

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