

RAIN MARS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION HERE

Ball Games and Races, However, Draw Large Crowds Despite Weather.

FEW ATTEND REGATTA

Port Stanley Greatest Sufferer by Inclement Weather—Many Stay Home.

Dominion Day in London was celebrated by thousands of persons, despite the inclemency of the weather. The day opened with rain, which subsided shortly after noon, when hundreds left their homes to take in the ball game, the races at Queen's Park, the boat races on the river at Springbank Park and the attractions at Port Stanley.

A general holiday spirit pervaded the city, and scores of persons came to London to celebrate the day. The hotels gave the best evidence that hundreds of strangers were in the city, while all traffic lines running into the city carried many people bound for London.

Crowds at Ball Game. The first ball game at Tecumseh Park in the morning was attended by a crowd which filled the grounds, although the game was played in a drizzling rain. The sun came out to assist London in the second game during the afternoon, and it is estimated that at least 3,000 people took in the contest.

Few on the River. The wet weather kept many from attending the regatta on the river at Springbank, although the crowd that did go down was quite enthusiastic over the races. Travel to Springbank was heavy in the afternoon, when the rain stopped, but nothing like what was anticipated had it been a perfect day.

Travel Out of Town Light. Travel out of town was light, although many took advantage of the holiday to go to Toronto and points a short distance out of the city on the C.P.R. and G.T.R. roads. The rain was also responsible for thousands giving up a trip to the Pottery, The London and Lake Erie railway carried fair sized crowds both ways, but the owners of concessions at Port Stanley expected the record crowd of the season. Many persons went to the port Tuesday night to be there for the day.

Night Crowds Out. The downtown streets were lined with regular Saturday night crowds during the evening, who were heavy patrons of the soda fountains. Scores visited the parks and the river, and inspected construction work going on in various parts of the city.

TURPENTINE FIRES HOUSE

Explodes Over Gas Jet and Burns Maple Street Residence.

Heating turpentine over a gas jet in the basement of his residence, 131 Maple street, J. E. Powell had his face, hair and beard badly scorched when the liquid caught fire and exploded, the flames also setting fire to the house. Mr. Powell threw the burning liquid into a tub of water, but the turpentine floating on the water, but only spread the more. When the fire department arrived the basement was filled with smoke. The use of extinguishers put out the burning turpentine, and the fire was prevented from spreading to the upper floors of the house. Mr. Powell's burns were not serious.



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RIVER REGATTA PROVES ATTRACTIVE

Despite Weather Plenty of Exciting Events Were Staged.

JUNIOR FOURS STARS

Doubles, Singles, Tilting, Tub Races and Swimming Make Up Good Program.

Under leaden skies that alternately brightened and poured down upon the river, the London Bogging and Rowing Club's regatta was pulled off above the dam at Springbank yesterday afternoon. The deluge in the morning and the threatening appearance of the sky during the afternoon kept many people from going to the park. In consequence a small crowd stood on the wet "side lines" and watched the events run off.

But the program was not marred to any extent by the unfavorable weather conditions. Every race was keenly contested. The thriller of the list was the senior doubles, in which the shells finished so near that it was almost impossible to pick the winners. They hugged each other through the course.

Christeson's Crew Won. Perhaps the best rowing seen during the afternoon was in the junior fours, when Christeson's crew pulled their shell across the finish line only a scant foot to the good. With the crack of the starter's pistol both shells got away to a fine start. Rowing well within their strength with a reserve that was apparent, the two crews pulled for the buoy up river, neither having any appreciable advantage.

"They took the turn almost together, the stroke it up down to the finish. Eastwood's crew seemed to be pulling a higher stroke. Their adversaries were drawing it out more, and their long strokes were beginning to tell. The four in Christeson's boat put ten long, hard ones into the water. Their shell shot a scant foot ahead, and although the opposing crew put every ounce of muscle into their strokes, making the frail craft fairly lift itself out of the water, they were unable to overcome the advantage. Both crews finished well, with plenty of ginger left for another hundred yards.

The crews: Winners—H. Gray, G. Christeson, A. Alken, D. Christeson, F. Marshall, coxswain.

Losers—P. Henderson, K. Herald, E. Bleuthner, A. Eastwood, R. Crouch, coxswain.

Senior Fours Not Close. The senior fours were a little off color, from a spectator's standpoint. Every ounce of muscle the crews put into the lead. Duffield's crew hugged the bobbing rudder of their competitors, and for a time they seemed to be overtaking them. They lost badly at the turn. Before their shell had been headed towards the home stretch, Marshall's four had pulled their shell towards victory by almost a hundred feet. From that point to the finish, both crews rowed strongly, but Marshall's aggregation showed a clean pair of heels, and crossed the imaginary line with a big margin.

The crews: Winners—F. Phelps, G. Christeson, R. Croden, F. Marshall, G. Ward, coxswain.

Losers—R. Coates, J. Ferguson, W. Duffield, C. Duffield, W. Bowler, coxswain.

Doubles Were Exciting. The junior doubles proved exciting. There were two entries, Eastwood and Duffield, and G. Christeson and D. Christeson. Neck to neck, when the starter's gun had barked them away from the buoy, the shells sped. With an easy swinging stroke that seemed good for any distance, they moved up the river. At the turning buoy neither had any advantage. It was on the home lap that the weight of Eastwood and Duffield began to tell. Pulling well together and with a higher stroke than that of the other crew, they steadily drew away. They won by a good margin.

The senior doubles, in which Ferguson and Coates opposed Phelps and Duffield, was a hummer. Coates and Ferguson got into difficulties at the outset, getting in too near to the right bank and running foul of some willows. They regained their course almost immediately, but their opponents had made the most of the opportunity.

By some fast work on the part of Coates and Ferguson they were able to overtake the rival shell at the turn. The spurt had been too much for them, and they took a moment too long in rounding the flag. Phelps and Duffield, rowing well within their strength, hit it up down the finish strong. They were plainly putting every ounce into their work.

In spite of that, the other shell crept up on them. As the two neared the finish, the trailing craft seemed to leap out of the water. The last hundred feet were nip and tuck. Duffield's boat slid over the finish a scant foot to the good. Another ten feet to go and there might have been a different ending. Although defeated, Coates and Ferguson rowed a great race.

Tilting Creates Diversion.

Tilting provided the laughs for the spectators. After considerable maneuvering, Thompson, who was opposing Bleuthner, was able to dump the latter overboard, with one of the nearest of strokes. Croden handled the paddle satisfactorily for Thompson. Alken, doing the navigating for

Bleuthner, seemed unable to keep the canoe head-on.

Coates and Ferguson won from Boyd and Sawle in the double canoe race. Jack Ferguson proved his ability to handle a canoe all by himself, by paddling off with the honors in the single canoe event.

J. Croden and M. Thompson easily won the double gunwale event, because Bleuthner and Alken lost their balance at the start. The single gunwale was annexed by H. O. Boyd. M. Thompson was the best crab, and took the crab race away from the other would-be crabs.

Tub Race a Feature. The more haste the less speed; and if you go fast you tip, were the features of the tub race. E. Bleuthner showed that he could cross the river in anything by winning the contest. M. Thompson, who was a close second, found that his wobbly craft was almost waterlogged when he finally put his foot on mother earth again.

There were only two entries in the swimming race, J. E. Croden, exhibiting a clean racing stroke, was an easy winner. M. Thompson followed him to the dock several yards to the bad.

THOUSANDS SPEND HOLIDAY AT PORT

Complaints Are Made About Drunken Men on Returning Trains.

MANY ARRESTS MADE HERE

Alleged Disgraceful Sight on Board of Returning Trains Last Night.

Dark threatening clouds, and misty rain failed yesterday to keep away the crowds of Londoners from Port Stanley. More than 2000 tickets were sold for the 2:30 Pere Marquette train. A special was run in the morning at 9:30, and many extra cars were attached to all other trains. Traction cars, run every hour all day, were crowded to capacity. The casino and the pier at Port were crowded.

Drunken Men On Trains. Trains from Port Stanley last night were carrying dozens of drunken men back to the city. Some of the sights on board were disgraceful many passengers declared. Drunks, cursing and boozing, were crowded in the narrow cars, next to women and children. More than a dozen of them were arrested soon after the trains arrived in the city.

At least one hundred fishermen sat through the soaking mist and periodical rains, yesterday afternoon, and fished happily from the pier. The catch was a poor one all day.

Convention Delegates at Port. Among the crowds who spent the day at Port were nearly one hundred members of the Ontario Association for the Deaf, who attended the convention here, which closed Tuesday evening.

TEN THOUSAND SPENT THE HOLIDAY AT PORT

Rainy Weather Did Not Stop Program of Sports Held There.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

PORT STANLEY, July 1.—Despite adverse weather conditions during the greater part of the day, Port Stanley attracted several thousand visitors today.

Notwithstanding that a slight mist was falling in the evening, every one of the Trax's special cars was crowded to capacity until 8 o'clock.

Scores from all over Western Ontario motored down during the day, and in the afternoon a large number of delegates from the deaf and dumb convention came and were delighted with the natural beauty of the resort.

It is estimated that over 10,000 visitors were present during the day.

Fishing was the only sport that suffered to any extent by the inclemency of the weather. Several exceptionally good catches were reported, notwithstanding.

The board walk and its attractions drew the crowd during the greater part of the afternoon, the majority of the visitors bathing, in spite of the roughness of the lake.

Several baseball matches featured the day's festivities. Hundreds took part in the dancing at the Casino during the afternoon and evening.

With the Tourists. J. A. Thomas and family, of London, are summering in their cottage, "Columbia," Erie Road.

Mrs. James Ellison and Miss Ellison, St. Thomas, Miss Lillian and Frances Tongue, South Hampton, and Mr. G. Feneck, of London, are at Spruce Villa.

Miss Pearl Pike and Miss Myrtle Pike, of London, are guests at "Erie Wave" cottage, Willow Beach.

Mr. Jack Holland, of Thorold, and Mrs. Charles Webber, of Toronto, are guests at the White House, Orchard Beach.

Laurie Gilles, Dr. F. Shaw, Ernie Shaw, Cass A. Halliday, George Short, Harold Tauton, Harry Chapman, A. E. Carrothers, Jack Greer and J. Stewart, of London, and H. Bramell, of Syracuse, N. Y., are summering at the Log Cabin.

W. B. Bennett and family, of St. Thomas, have leased Calcasieu Cottage, Willow Beach, for the summer.

Roy Hambley, of London, is registered at the Hotel Loney.

Mrs. A. Sippl, of London, and Mrs. G. A. Scott, of Guelph, are occupying Hillcrest for the summer.

Party of Campers. The following London boys, Fred Burdon, James Slater, Lester McGillivray, are camping at "Otisell."

Ab Weaver, Ken Green, Bert Howe and Gordon Munro are camping at "Aurora d'or Lac."

Dick Mills is camping at Crow if I May.

Miss Jerry Bevel, of Windsor, is visiting Mrs. Muer, New Orchard Beach.

Miss A. M. Manigault and Miss E. S. Young, of London, are summering at their cottage, New Orchard Beach.

Mrs. T. A. Brown and sons—Thomas, of London, and Edward, of Montreal, are occupying The Knoll cottage, Orchard Beach, for the summer.

Dr. H. J. Ferguson, of London, and family are occupying "Au Cowan" cottage, New Orchard Beach, for the summer.

Mrs. H. J. White and Miss Sadie Wright, of London, are guests of Mrs. Dr. Ferguson.

W. P. Pope and family, of London, are

Porch Work For The Long Summer Days

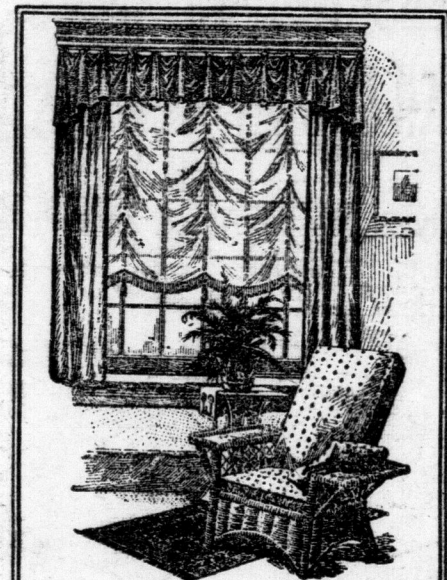
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