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# LONDON INHANDS OF OLD BOYS AND GIRLS; SEVEN MOUSAND VISITORS ALREADY IN CITY

Today Will See he Number Swelled Considerably--- They Have Come From North, East, Southand West, With Bands, and Are Going to Make Merry for the Week=London Is Theirs==A Record Run By Train From Winnipeg.

Welcome, Londo Old Boys!

Welcome, Lond Old Girls. from all parts of the compass who have come to thoon to see the Old town which gave him birth. Boys entertaid, and the thousands of Old Boys to have come to London to be entertaled. The city belongs to the Old Boy and the Old Girls.

All Londo is shaking hands. From the remotes corners of America and from far-way Honolulu, London's sons and aughters have come home to spend few days in the old town. All Londners are now on the same social scal. To be a Londoner is to have entree b the best obtainable in London. There are no social distinctions All are welcome. All look the same to one and all.

#### feneral Rejoicing.

It is a time of general rejoicing. The fatted calf is being killed in thousands flowers in May and all are loved in for them day by day for years. Some of them were home two years ago. and forgetful, but absence makes the heart grow fonder, and those who have best. Some who left London buoyant with the hope of youth have returned able to say that they have amassed this world's goods. Some have come saw the light of day in this part of the world. But they all look the same. The word welcome spreads like a canopy of peace and goodwill and home liness all over the Forest City.

London is proud of them all, glad to have them with her, glad to kill the fatted calf-enthused from Brough's bridge to Brick street, from the cover For two days the guests have been

arriving. First they came in in straggling parties. Then they came in trainloads with bands, and the music

#### "Oh, Willie, we have missed you." How We've Missed You.

London does miss her sons and daughters, who have left her. She is prosperous and doing well, but she does often think of those who have gone. And never does she think of them as much as just before the reunion of the Old Boys. For months the people have been keyed up to a high tension. Every London family has a relative away, and as the time arrives for them to come home, her expectations almost bubble

Now they are all at home again. The tables no longer yawn in vacant places. Those who once sat here and there as the mother often points out, now fill the gaps. The loved ones are back with the old folks at home.

A benign Providence smiles on this reunion of Londoners. In all the years they have been coming home not an accident has marred their pleasures. The only regret they feel when they leave the city and go back to the homes of their adoption is that they must go. London lives in their memories even as the live-forever plant lives on whatever clime it is thrown.

#### City Alive With Guests.

Saturday and Sunday the city has been alive with guests. Saturday night the down-town streets were almost blocked with those who have come home, and those who were piloting them around the city.

According to the estimate of Secretary McCann there were in the city not less than 7,000 strangers. These came from Toronto, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo, Rochester, New York city, Winnipeg Montreal, De-New York city, Winnipeg Montreal, Detroit, Windsor and from a hundred tives and friends were saved much told. That Toronto should have the banner crowd is quite in order, for it other places in lesser numbers. The worry. other places in lesser numbers. The Old Boy fever this year spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Bar-visitors were able to secure accommoto to take a second place, so far as fin's Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. In- Gation. Just how many more can be numbers are concerned, at the greates ternational boundaries dare not limit looked after no body around the city reunion of them all, when the semi the attendance of the Old Boys. And hall cares to say, Secretary McCann centennial of London's incorporation

all the way from Honolulu to attend visitors. Tomorrow not less than 3, ousands of visitors years Mr. Goodacre has been absent houses in London, This means an aver-

#### Receiving the Old Boys.

All day Saturday and Sunday the reception committee of the Old Boys, with portly, good-natured Chairman MacRobert in the fore-front, have been working unceasingly. All were welcomed as they arrived, and what best as far as it knew how.

For the most part, those who arrived Saturday and Saturday night were Londoners from places who had chosen to come in quietly, or from not exist. But their presence was soon lilies have been driven from manifest. By 8 o'clock it was appar- snug beds, and now ent that something was doing. The walks on Richmond and Dundas streets future had provided cots. would not accommodate the usual they now occupy. One man crowd, and the visitors, and many has been acting queerly, and Saturday night was no exception to the rule. At about 10 o'clock rain began to fall. and as a result the crowds scattered for shelter. The street cars were badly overloaded, but what street car system could handle such a crowd? It was

#### Exchanging Greetings.

look at the old town. As they walked livering as rapidly as the staff of life Ottawa, Aug. 6. — Tomorrow is Otaround they shook hands and exchanged greetings. Good-fellowship business. another of his ilk.

All the railroad stations were crowd- ordinary times. The Old Boys' reunion ed. Many persons bung around out of is on. idle curiosity. Others waited impatiently for the arrival of the trains, and pestered the ticket agents tremendously to find out what was wrong with the trains when they were a few

from Cleveland would arrive in the af- Saturday evening. ternoon, but they were not aware that It was the original intention to have the storm had delayed the boat. They the Old Boys run down to London in a plied the ticket agent at the Grand special train, the opinion prevailing revealing this morning, supposed to be incendiary, destroyed Henry Ellison's plied the ticket agent at the Grand special train, the opinion prevailing barrel factory. The coal sheds of W. Trunk station with questions. Then a in Toronto that the crowd would not H. J. Evans were also partially burned, decency is simply wonderful, began to sibility. But when train time

#### Fresh" and Foolish.

the reception committee, happened

"Open your mouth again and I'll have you arrested," he said. "You're "draw" more than 700, there mus acting the part of a scoundrel. Leave have been fully 1,000 Old Boys and the depot instantly."

The imbecile left in a hurry, and lar trains, both on the Grand Trun the people who were waiting for rela- and the C. P. R., making over 1,000 a

# one man, Mr. George Goodacre, came says there are already in the city 7,000 The Old Para being celebrated. The Mosquito to Blame For Plague in South their kilts, they make one of the Diggest attractions at the reunion. The Toronto contingent is headed by the president of the association, Mr. Walter Morgan, who at one time was a member of the London School Board.

III With the Yellow Fever.

Archbishop Chapelle Seriously tion of the Federal Government, in line with the Vellow accepting Governor Blanchard's request and placing the situation under the control of the United States Hosthe control of the United States Hospital Service, will put an end to quarantine fears and encourage and direct the several sanitary movements already under way here. The progress of the disease here has fully confirmed the mosquito theory of its origin, and this has had a most beneficial effect. The fever has crept along the river front from the original infected section near the French market. The spirit of optimism still prevails here, due to the fact that the week closed with a better yellow fever record than expected, and the belief that the ac-doubters of the united States Hospital States Hospital Service, will put an end to quarantine fears and encourage and direct the several sanitary movements already under way here. The progress of the disease here has fully confirmed the mosquito theory of its origin, and this has had a most beneficial effect. The fever has crept along the river front from the original infected section near the French market. The sporadic cases in other portions of the cases in the portions of the cases in the portions of the disease. The spirit of optimism still prevails here, due to the fact that the week closed with a better yellow fever record than expected, and the belief that the ac-doubters of the mosquito theory.

Infinity of the executive committee, D. Douglass, E. Mack, F. Sanagan, H. McElheran, W. M. Begg, E. Boyce, A. Fleming, G. Ward, E. W. Dawson, S. Hobbs, J. R. Morris, and William Clink, Alex Munro, John Howe, F. Beaton, A. J. E. Taylor, W. H. C. Clark, Charles Clark, W. Slater, F. P. Williams, M. R. Friend, G. R. Henderson, F. R. Graham, J. Collins, J. W. King, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Peters, F. Hartman, George B. Wiggins, Harry Jose, F. J. Tattersall, R. A. Nicholson, H. R. Lough, J. B. Genesk, H. S. Alexander, (Continued on page 4)

the reunion in his native city. Sixteen 000 more will arrive. There are 10,000 but his heart still yearned for the old age of one stranger to each house. If the crowds increase, will London be able to stand the pressure? There's the

All the hotels are practically filled ago by the Old Boys for fourteen or fifteen bands. Of necessity, all were taken to hotels. These bands total could be done has been done to make about 400 men. Consequently, while the visitors feel at hime. As they are they are in the city, some of the hotels will have no room to spare. Private of the committee, as well as by repre- houses have been drawn upon heavily. sentatives of the city council, and Many people have taken in roomers they were ushered up the decorated and boarders and are greatly helping streets to the city hall, where they re- the situation, and at the same time are gistered, and those who found it diffi- making a few tidy dollars. All others taken care of. If any person has been favor on the committee if they will overlooked it has been through an hand in their addresses at once to Secoversight. The committee has done its retary McCann at the city hall. If they do so, they will be furnished with

Accomodation at a Premium In private houses sleeping accom places where Old Boys' associations do dation is at a premium. Heads of famprominent in the Old Boy were compelled to foot it in the road. has so many visitors he has been com-For some days past the weather man pelled to put up two tents in his house. Tents are not uncommon sights on So far the visitors are being fed a Toronto crowd in a city of 50,000 peo- vithout difficulty. All the hotels, res-

Sunday broke with a treacherous in are hanging out well. Waiting staffs sky. All morning it looked as though have been doubted, and at all hours of The day was excessively warm and taurant men say that the farmers tried close for a while, but the city churches to run up the prices of butter and at Mukden. of all denominations were nevertheless eggs Saturday, but they declare they well filled. Some of them were crowded, beat the farmers by buying from deal-Then in the afternoon a great many ers. Local bakers are working night people came down town to have a and day and enterprising firms are delook at the old town. As they walked livering as rapidly as the staff of life

was prevalent People met who had London is doing its best. The task not seen each other for many years. is a herculean one, but London never vice will enjoy the holiday. and numberless were the reminiscences does things by halves. Inconveniences handed out as a London old Boy met there will be for many people, but all must remember that these are extra-

#### THE BANNER CONTINGENT

Toronto Sent Over Thousand Old Boys and Girls for Reunion.

The Toronto contingent of the Lon-Many people expected that the train don Old Boys arrived in the city on Arcanum

enough to fill seventeen cars. cars and a baggage were run through on a special, arriving here at 5:45, four "Let's have some full with the or five carloads were placed on the crowd," he said to a young fellow who Pacific express, which arrives in London at 6:15, and the balance came on the International Limited, reaching

the old town at 7:45. To Toronto must be given the credit of having the largest number of Old Boys at the reunion. While it was expected that the excursion would not Girls on the three trains, while no doubt many more came on the regu The Old Boys brought with ther from Toronto the famous brass band of the Forty-eighth Highlanders, and

also the pipe band. The former is under the directorship of Bandmaster Slatter, and with the pipers, all in their kilts, they make one of the big-

### of Old Boy Movement

The growth of the Old Boy novement has been phenomenal. In the first couple of years of its existence, about 100 invitations were issued to the reunions. This year Secretary Mc-Cann has sent out 11,000 of the artistic "bids," and people have kept asking for more. Many of the recipients are framing their invitations for future generations to see.

In 1897, the home guard spent exactly \$2 75 on badges. This year \$1,200 was the amount required for the handsome badges issued, but this sum, of course, will be covered by the selling prices of the articles. Eight years ago, printing cost

the reception committee about \$1. This summer the amount required will be about \$800 or \$900. Commercial travelers from all over the country come to do business with the central committee, including representatives of decorating firms, makers of badges, etc. These firms recognize that the London Old Boy Associations' business means a great

#### Fell Dead Into Coffin.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 7.—George Disch, carpenter at the Mound City Coffin a carpenter at the Mound City Conna Company's works, toppled over dead in a coffin he was making. He was driving a nail in the end when he was suddenly stricken. His hammer fell from his hand and then his fellow-workmen saw him clutch at the air. For a moment his hands flew wildly and then he toppled over into the casket, face downward. Workmen ran to his side, but he was unable to speak. A physician who was summoned found life extinct, and pronounced it a case of heart disease.

### JAPANESE MENACE FROM ALL SIDES

ally Enveloping General Linevitch.

London, Aug. 7.-According to the Tokio tion of the Russians in Manchuria, despite Gen. inevitch's grandiose disparches, is 1.): envisale that will be parches, is 1.): envisale that will be parches, is 1.): envisale that will be be revealed in a practical form. The Japanese enveloping movement will be three or four times greater than it was at Mukden. Gen. Linevitch's rearguard is threatened, as is also this flank in the direction of Vladivostock, through the mouth of the control of the Russians in Manchuria, despite the parches of the connection with the finding on Saturday morning in Lake St. Louis of the body of Dorion Mitchell, of Pointe Claire. The prisoners and deceased rowed out to Isle Ronde on Thursday for an outing, and all but

### Holiday at the Capital.

are billed for out-of-town and with fine weather there will likely be a big ex-odus out of the city. The civil ser-

#### Death of Leading Mason.

Toronto, Aug. 6. - Mr. R. W. Bar-ker, secretary of St. George's Society, and prominent in Masonic circles, died at his home here today of an internal hemorrhage. The body will be taken to Kingston for interment, Mr. Barker was born in Kingston in 1839. He entered the postal service in 1857 was superannuated in 1897. He was grand senior warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A., F. and A. M., in 1895, and was a member of the Royal

#### Barrel Factory Burned.

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Aug. 6 .man whose lack of sense and common be too large to make this an impos- and Mr. Evans loss will be consider decency is simply wonderful, began to rived, and the Old Boys and the Old also very heavy, as it contained a full gone down.

Solution in the beat had girls had assembled at the union depot, it was found that there were ple crop. It is insured in the London was a supply of material for this year's apple crop. It is insured in the London was a supply of material for the london was a supply of material fo Ten and Lancashire for \$1,200. Mr. Evans Badly Bruised Body of Man Found carried no insurance

#### VISITORS ALREADY IN THE OLD TOWN

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#### THE WEATHER.

#### Today-Fine and Warm.

Toronto, Aug. 6–8 p.m.
Since Saturday evening heavy thunderstorms have occurred in many portions
of Ontario and Quebec, and rain has
fallen heavily in the Bay of Fundy and
Southwestern Nova Scotia. In Manitoba
and the Northwest Territories, with the
exception of a local thunderstorm at
Prince Albert, the weather has been very
fine, and for the most part decidedly
warm.

FORECASTS.

# DISASTROUS EXPLOSION AT CALEDONIA; A SCORE BURIED IN THE WRECKAGE

Entire Front of Building Blown Into Street While Filled With Saturday Night Shoppers---Leak in Gas Pipe May Have Been the Cause.

Caledonia, Aug. 6.-At about 8:50 on fno fire followed, and the work of res- rois, surveyor, Toronto; Saturday evening a heavy explosion cuing those within the wrecked build- per, clerk in bakery. The remainder occurred in the bakery of A. E. Jones, ing had to be done in darkness or by escaped with sprains and bruises from The entire front of the building and also that of George F. Culp's jewelry by ready volunteers, assisted by mem- ton hospital. store immediately adjoining were bers of the fire brigade, nearly all of ing taken care of blown into the street. The local agency whom required immediate medical aid. local doctors. Both of the Bell Telephone Company was Several are so severely injured that pletely wrecked. The located within the former shop, and it at present their recovery is doubtful. plosion is supposed to have been was known that a large number of peo- The most severely injured are: A. E. caused by a leak in the piping from ple had been within at the time of the Jones, proprietor of bakery; George an acetylene gas machine in the cellar explosion. Contrary to the usual event, Murray, Caledonia; Gerard Delache- of the bakery.

lanterns. Twenty-two people were falling debris, and cuts taken out in an incredibly short time glass, Delacherois was take

#### KILLED AT CROSSING PEACE MEETING TO END IN WEEK; Young Lady of Breslau Victim of a Runaway Accident.

# Breslau, Ont., Aug. 6. — A terrible of Japs Demand Money and the Russian envoys and their suite, the belief in Russia that the exchanges at

accident happened at Breslau today at 3:50 p.m. Mr. Albert Berner, Miss Ida Prong and Miss Annie Gole, were out driving, and when coming up to the G. T. R. tracks at Breslau their horse became unmanageable and crashed into the side of a freight train, which was going over the crossing at the time. Miss Prong was instantly killed, Miss Gole escaped with a deep cut on the head and shoulder very bruised. Mr. Berner escaped without a have actually met in conference, a discratch. The horse was killed instant-tinetly pessimistic feeling ly and the buggy was smashed to atoms. Miss Prong was 18 years of age and the daughter of Mr. Henry Prong, another have gathered here to observe who lives about two miles south of this

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH **NEAR MONTREAL**

Boys from all parts of America are Oyama's Immense Army Gradu. One of Boating Party Found ference will end in a disagreement Drowned and Companions Are Under Arrest.

> correspondent of the Telegraph, the posi- and his wife, of Pointe Claire, and ernment that Japan cannot secure both thority." The building where the contion of the Russians in Manchuria, de- Mrs. Girard, his sister-in-law, are un-Mrs. Girard remained there over night. On Saturday morning Dorion's body was found in the water, and when thorities, Kermish and his wife said he had fallen into the water and was drowned. Mrs. Girard says Mitchell was alive when she left the island.

#### TREPOFF WAS IN EARNEST

Carrying Out Threat to Arrest Members of Moscow Congress.

London, Aug. 7.—The Moscow correspondent of the Standard says that in accordance with Gov.-Gen. Trepoff's threat to prosecute those who took part in the recent congress of Zemstvos, Senator Destovsky, who is charged with investigating the matter, has arrived at Moscow from St. Petersburg. He summoned M. Golovin, one of the most active leaders and president of the executive committee, to attend at M. Destovsky's botel to undergo exemination. notel to undergo examination. M. Golovin did not obey the summons, he being absent from Moscow.

#### LOOKS LIKE FOUL PLAY

in Richelieu River.

St. Johns, Que., Aug. 6. - Between and 5 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Eugene Cameraire discovered the body of a drowned man on the bank of the River Richelieu, near the canal, a short distance below Langelois' mill, just outside the town limits. He immediately advised Mr. Langlois, undertaker, who had the body removed to his morgue and notified the coroner. The body was without coat, vest or boots. There is a bruise on the face and another on the back of the head. The man is between 30 and 40 years old, and is reported to be a Polynesian, who had been working at the Singer plant, in course of erection. Yesterday was pay day at the works. The matter will be investigated by the authorities.

#### PUT WRONG MAN TO BED

Unconscious From Accident and Passers Thought Him a Relative.

Hamilton, Aug. 6. - A man fell off street car going south on James street at the corner of James and Canno streets and struck on his head. He was rendered unconscious by the fall. A lady who was passing at the time said he was a relative of hers, and the ambulance was called, and he was removed to 309 North Hughson street. He was thought to be George Smith, of that address

After Mrs. Smith and her daughters had prepared him for bed, Mrs. Smith said, "That's not George!" The lady who identified him as George Smith had made a mistake. The ambulance was again called and the injured man was removed to the city hospital. He was still unconscious. It was found that he was suffering from a concussion of the brain. He has not been identified and

not regained consciousness

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The Grenbote, a politi-al weekly, says that Emperor William,

# **GLOOMY VIEW OF THOSE WHO KNOW**

Land, No Chance of War Ceasing.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Portsmouth, Aug. 6.-At the very potentiaries of the two among the Europeans who have been

connected with the preliminaries to the are to have their sessions. negotiations, and whose presence at keen interest which the prospective novance and possible danger. conference has excited abroad. Predictions are being made that the conwithin a week. These are based on the officially connected with the Governpretty general belief that the Japan- ment or the peace conference will be ese conditions will call for both money from tomorrow until the conference has those who should be in a position to stance," says Admiral know the views of the Russian Gov-

the lack of encouragement that has been given by Mr. Sato, the spokes-man of the Japanese mission, have Preparation for the reception of the envoys here tomorrow are practically afternoon and threatens until morning and delay the arrival of

Portsmouth will come to nothing, and

the Mayflower and Dolphin, which left Oyster Bay for Portsmouth This quaint old town is interested but Portsmouth after many years of virtual effacement, prominently before not only the country, but the entire change. This feeling is very marked civilized world. Carpenters and furnishers are working today, putting the finishing touches to the big naval Extraordinary precautions have been

aken by the federal and state authorities to protect the envoys from anwill have secluded suites at the Wentworth, which is four miles from Portsmouth, and their meals will be served in private dining-rooms. from her adversary. The lack of hope-fulness apparently prevailing among by marines.

### St. Louis of the body of Dorion Mitchell, of Pointe Claire. The prisoners "NICK" WILSON COMPLETES SIXTY YEARS AS A TEACHER

confronted with the facts by the au- Veteran Through Whose Hands Thousands of Old Boys Passed Is Still Actively Engaged Teaching the Young of the Forest City-Talks of London's Early Schools.

Every second person you meet on the streets at present seems to be one of the London Old Boys. The city is theirs better authority than "Old Nick?" and they know it. You can pick 'em out by the extra happy looks on their faces, by the way they are talking of old times and old people, and by the way they are memorable one for him, it being the they are hunting up familiar places 60th anniversary of his advent as a One of the old folks at home who is school teacher. "On the 13th of last January," said

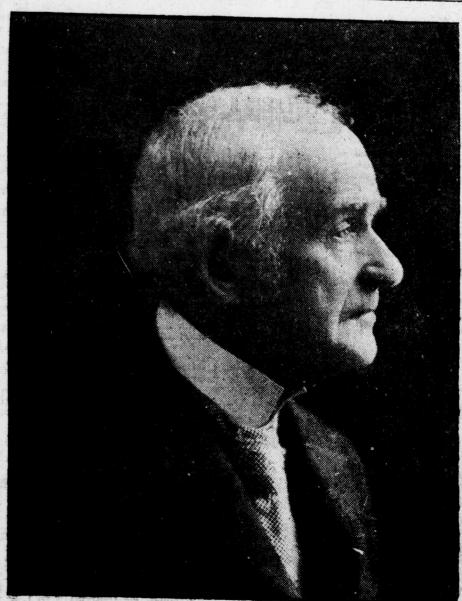


Photo by Frank Cooper.

NICHOLAS WILSON, Who This Year Celebrates His Diam ond Jubilee as a School Teacher

uppermost in the thoughts of the Old | Mr. Wilson, "I completed my 60th year Boys and Old Girls is the veteran in the teaching profession school teacher, Mr. Nicholas Wilson, through whose hands a vast number of Rr. Wilson's Goiden Jubilee. them have passed, and whose history and character are known to all. In the best of health and spirits was Mr. Wil-

son when visited recently by an Advertiser representative, who called to have a little chat about early school

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