

Ten Thousand Were at School Picnic Seven Thousand Were Rising Generation

Annual Outing of the Local Schools Attracted Immense Crowd to River Park—
Fine Weather, a Good Time for Everybody, and Day Passed Without
the Slightest Mishap—The Feature of the Picnic.

A tremendous crowd, splendid weather and a good time for everybody, marked the school children's picnic yesterday at Springbank. Beyond a doubt, it was one of the most successful picnics ever held by the board of education.

Manager King, of the street railway, estimates the crowd carried to the park at between 8,000 and 10,000. Six or seven thousand of these were school children from the Collegiate Institute and every public school in London.

The little ones were carried to Springbank before noon. Twelve cars were placed in service for the picnic, and each car carried close onto 100 prattling, joyous youngsters.

In the afternoon large numbers of parents and others took in the picnic, and until 9:30 in the evening, the cars kept disgorging passengers at the favorite resort.

No Accidents.

When the picnic was over, the car service, though it certainly was a good one, proved inadequate for everybody wanted to go home at once. The officials of the company had their hands full to keep the crowd from getting hurt as people tried to rush into the trolleys before they stopped, and it is to the company's credit that during the entire day and night not a single accident occurred. It was close to midnight when the last load of passengers was brought to the city, but there were no growls.

The picnic, on the whole, proved very successful. The different events on the sports programme were carried out without a hitch, and for this fact the chairman of each of the schools divisions is to be congratulated.

The trustees had spared no pains to make the affair a most enjoyable one, and that they succeeded was the verdict of all who were at Springbank yesterday.

A Brilliant Spectacle.

The large park presented a brilliant sight yesterday when the crowds began to arrive in earnest. Under almost every tree lunches were spread, and the children especially appeared to be having a whale of a time.

In the afternoon, it appeared as though every bit of shade was being used, by some party or other, for the heat was intense after three o'clock.

Along the river, thousands sat and enjoyed themselves. Others, who take pleasure in boating, rowed around in rowboats, or paddled up and down the stream in canoes.

On the hill, the school games were run off as usual in divisions, and these attracted a large number of sightseers who took a great interest in the competitions of the little ones.

In the casino hundreds of people acquired the ice cream habit, and tried to keep cool. But the children didn't appear to mind the heat, however. They were in for everything that was going, and remembering that it is a long time between picnics, they let nothing in the shape of fun go by. The merry-go-round and ocean wave, etc., did a land office business all day, and at night the vaudeville in the theater attracted a bumper house.

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To Whom Honor Is Due.

Ald. Thos. Gillen and Mr. B. C. McCann were also present, and they with Trustees MacRobert, Fitzgerald, Tillman, Westervelt, McCormick, Teasdale, Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiate Institute, Inspector Edwards, the various principals, teachers, and others did much to bring about the success of the giant outing.

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FRENCH TROOPS JOIN THE ENEMY

Four Hundred Armed for Battle
Desert to the Rebel Wine-
Growers.

Paris, June 21.—A battalion of the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment, stationed at Agde, in the Department of Hérault, has deserted with its arms and ammunition, and joined the insurgent wine-growers at Beziers, the headquarters of the regiment. The mutineers, who mostly were recruited among the wine-growers, number about 400 men. They marched into Beziers, which has about 50,000 inhabitants, with drums beating and colors flying, and are now camping in the principal square of that city, with stacked arms. The deserters tried to enlist the sympathies of the remainder of the regiment, stationed at Beziers, but failing to do so, they promised to eject them from the barracks.

A detachment of gendarmes tried to bar the road, but after the mutineers had fired a volley in the air, they were permitted to pass.

The mutineers, although without officers, marched into Beziers, in perfect order, at 6 o'clock this morning, the cheers of the local crowds mingling with the rolling of the drums and the strains of the bugles.

The news of this momentous defection of troops, together with reports of other mutinies from various points in the revolutionary provinces, reached the Government this morning, and caused the gravest concern. Premier Clemenceau immediately summoned a cabinet meeting.

At the ministry of the interior at noon inquiries were informed that the deserters from Narbonne and Montpellier, showed that both cities were comparatively quiet.

At 9 o'clock this morning it was announced that the Government's watchword remained: "The law must reign."

Minister Briand indignantly denied the rumors that he had resigned. He said he was not such a coward as to desert his colleagues under the present circumstances.

SENT TO THE CENTRAL

Charles Walsh Was Found Guilty of
Stealing an Overcoat.

There was but one case worthy of note disposed of in the police court this morning. Charles Walsh, a middle-aged vagrant, was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison for the theft of an overcoat. Walsh protested that he was no "vag," and had been working steadily until a few days ago. His statements, however, were not supported by any evidence to that effect and he had to go down.

Walsh recently stole a \$25 overcoat from a boarding-house and pawned it for \$15.

George Leitch, one of the participants in the West London disturbance of recent date, appeared in answer to a charge of assault and wounding, preferred by Mary Sullivan, and was allowed to go on bail until next Tuesday.

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THE CURIOUS TALE OF A BALKY HORSE

How a London South Citizen Got
a Holiday Ride at Small
Cost.

His Honor Judge Macbeth heard a somewhat amusing case in the first division court this morning, in which C. J. Hartford, a drayman, was the plaintiff, and Thomas Legg, of South London, was the defendant. An alleged balky horse was at the bottom of the trouble.

Hartford swore that previous to May 24 young Legg had been dicker with him for a horse. On the holiday Legg went to Hartford and bought the horse, promising to bring his father's note for \$50 for the animal the next day.

But instead of the note, Legg brought the horse back, and left it in Hartford's stable during the latter's absence.

Hartford sought to recover hire for the horse, stating that he believed Legg simply wanted to enjoy a drive on the holiday, and stated that he wanted to buy the horse to befool Hartford.

Legg swore that the horse was balky. He had gone to West London to take a young lady for a drive, and after allowing the animal to remain tied for a while, it refused to budge.

All the persuasion of Legg and a neighbor could not induce the animal to move for a quarter of an hour, but when it did go it refused to travel in the direction Legg desired it to go.

Later he swore he learned the animal had the heaves, and he returned it to Hartford.

"Did you expect to get a horse for \$50 to take a lady out for a drive?" asked Judge Macbeth.

"Yes, I agreed to," the witness replied promptly.

The judge dismissed the case. "The horse was sold, but it was returned to you, and you did not object," said his honor. "I don't think you can recover hire for the animal."

THREE BADLY BURNED

Attempt To Hurl Up Fire With Coal
Oil Ends Disastrously.

Toronto, June 21.—Mrs. Mary Mills, 38 Sutton avenue, 23 years of age, was badly burned in a fire which was due to her lighting the fire with coal oil this morning. Her husband, Frederick Mills, was ill with rheumatic fever, and was unable to move when he heard the explosion. He and their little 17-months-old child Eva were also badly burned. The fire brigade came in time to save the lives of the family. The three were all taken to the general hospital.

GUROFSKY PARDONED

Toronto, June 20.—Joseph Gurofsky, a Jew, who was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison by Police Magistrate Denison for shooting an Italian in an affray, has been pardoned by the Minister of Justice. He is a brother of Louis Gurofsky, the well-known political worker.

Three Italian Noblemen Die in Motor Crashes

Appalling Automobile Accident
Reported From Naples,
Italy.

Naples, June 21.—A most appalling automobile accident occurred at Capua, about 100 miles distant from Naples, yesterday, five men being killed. The motor car, which was going at high speed, ran into a rock and was demolished. Among the killed was Prince Pescara, a member of the Italian nobility, and related to the Spanish royal house, on account of whose death the aristocracy of the whole of Lower Italy will be in mourning.

Rome, June 20.—Word has been received here that an automobile containing Marquis Ferrara, the Duke De La Regina, two guests, one of whom is believed to have been an American woman, and the chauffeur, plunged into a ravine on the Naples road. All of the occupants of the car were killed.

SUING FOR WAGES

Two Dorchester Farmers Are Charged
With Non-Payment.

Dorchester farmers are having their own troubles these days, and two of them have been summoned to appear in the county magistrate's court to answer to charges of non-payment of wages. Thomas Williams, a farm laborer, laid a charge of non-payment of wages against Wm. Moore, a farmer, while Bert Leishman, also a laborer, charged D. D. York with refusing to pay him wages due, and of assaulting himself and wife.

The first case will come up before Squire Chittick this afternoon, while the other affair will be aired on Monday next. Constable Sadler served the summons.

BRAZILL—MCPHEE

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. McPhee, Mill street, West Lorne, on Wednesday night, when her daughter, Miss Belle McPhee, was united in marriage to Mr. George Brazill, of this city. Rev. Mr. Vance performed the ceremony in the presence of a small number of relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brazill will reside in London.



AT THE MONSTER SCHOOL PICNIC AT SPRINGBANK—SHOWING THE COMMERCIAL GIRLS OF THE COLLEGIATE EXECUTING THEIR FANCY DRILL.

Fought With Pickpocket on Heavily Loaded Car

Abraham Slater Relieved of \$700
While Returning to the City
From Springbank.

A fight with a pickpocket on a heavily-loaded trolley car, two runs after the individual, and a loss of \$700 were included in yesterday evening's experiences of Abraham Slater, a member of the firm of Slater Bros., tailors, and who resides at 16 Picton street.

Mr. Slater was returning to the city from Springbank between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. He was riding on the rear end of a trolley, together with a number of other men, and when half-way between the city and the river park he felt a hand slip gently into his trousers pocket. He seized the hand and found it belonged to an individual standing immediately next to him, whereupon the thief jerked himself free and showed fight.

He had secured Slater's money, and Slater was bound not to let him go without an effort. He accordingly seized the crook, but the latter was much the younger of the two, and also stronger, and he succeeded in again breaking away, following up by jumping from the platform into the ditch.

Slater Gives Chase.

Slater went after him, but after a short chase lost all trace. He made his way up town, and between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning he found a man at the Grand Trunk depot who very closely resembled the pickpocket. Slater, however, was not sure enough on the point to go and openly accuse the man of the theft, but he managed to get into conversation with him, and asked him where he was bound for, whether he was in a hurry to leave the city, and other such questions. Nothing whatever was said of the theft, and Slater decided to think the matter over. He started to walk away from the stranger, but after going a few feet he decided to return, and strike up another conversation. As he turned around, however, he saw his man bolting out by the back-door route.

Another Footrace.

That settled the question of the man's identity in the tailor's mind, and Slater started in pursuit. Across the corner of York and Richmond the pair went, thence up Richmond street to the market, where Slater noticed the thief make a motion as if to throw Continued on page eight.

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CABRERA DYING WREAKS VENGEANCE

Facing Certain Death—Plunges
Into Terrible Atrocities
Is Mexican Report.

Mexico City, June 21.—President Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala is dying. This startling statement was made last night by Jose E. Ed Gomez, who is in this city as the confidential agent of President Zelaya of Nicaragua. Mr. Gomez claims to have received information from an unquestionable source to the effect that President Cabrera is suffering from blood poisoning, which followed the extraction of a tooth. According to Mr. Gomez, President Cabrera has not left the executive mansion for eight days. This report was further corroborated by a Spanish planter, who recently arrived from Guatemala. He declared that Cabrera's illness is a measure accounts for some of the recent terrible atrocities alleged to have been committed by him. This man says that those who know believe that Cabrera, realizing his condition, is recklessly wreaking vengeance upon his enemies. Nothing is known in official circles of Cabrera's reported illness.

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STORMY SCENE IN CROCKETT CASE

Judge Refuses Prosecution's Re-
quest for Commission—Mr.
Pugsley Threatens.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Frederick, N. B., June 21.—The libel case opened this morning with promise of storm.

"I apply," said Mr. Pugsley, "for commission for the examination of two witnesses named O'Brien and Foster."

"Does the motion include a motion for adjournment?" asked the judge.

"Yes," answered Pugsley, adding that the men were in England and Boston respectively. They were porters at the St. Lawrence Hall at the time of the Emmerson incident, and the crown thinks one of these porters apologized to Mr. Emmerson's lady friends, and told them they need not leave the hotel."

An affidavit declared that the motion was not made for the purpose of delaying the trial.

Mr. Pugsley continued, and asked the judge to refer to the supreme court, which meets on Aug. 30, the question of law as to whether or not he should have overruled the demurrer. He held that under Judge Landry's decision all a defendant had to do was to give his source of information, and say that on reasonable ground he believed the statements were true. There could be no successful prosecution for libel if this point was sustained.

"I said yesterday," said the judge, "that I was not convinced that the Gleaner's publication was not in the public interest. But I am ready to make a stronger declaration and say I believe it to have been in the public interest."

"This put Mr. Pugsley out somewhat."

Mr. Douglas Hazen combatted the application for a commission, and was prepared to submit affidavits to show that no such men were employed at St. Lawrence Hall in June, 1906.

This affidavit is made by John Lloyd, for 35 years night clerk at the hotel. Lloyd was put on the stand and denied positively that either of these men were in the hotel at the time in question.

Harry Dean, another porter, was sworn. O'Brien was dead now, and Foster he never knew.

Judge Landry, after lengthy argument from opposing counsel, refused Mr. Pugsley's application. He had decided no good purpose would be served.

On the question of referring the case to a supreme court, he reserved decision till Monday, adding significantly, "I would advise you to have your witnesses ready."

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