JOLLITY AND

Unprecedented Success of the I. B. S. Picnic.

Greatest Crowd of Merry-Makers That Ever Assembled on Fraser Heights.

Over 8,000 Persons at the Society's 21st Annual Outing.

Frize Winners in the Baby Show and Sports - The Banquet and the months. Speeches-Names of Well-Known People Who Were There, and Others Who Regretted They Could 10;

"Nothing's too good for the Irish" is what everybody said and everybody meant yesterday. It was the 21st an- Scandrett, occupied the seat at the nual picnic of the Irish Benevolent Bociety, and on the occasion fully 8,000 people gathered on the heights overlooking Old Erie's shore. The pres- in his opinion B. P. O. E.—best people ence of the circus in St. Thomas did on earth. not seem to keep the people away from ceived with the National Anthem and Port. It took 80 coaches, all of which cheers. were filled to overflowing, to convey the picnickers to the lake shore, and of England and St. George's Society, the majority of these went down in the morning. The day was delightful, and three great societies—the Irish Beneverybody seemed in good humor, the olent, St. George's and St. Andrew's only serious trouble being that of find-

covered with delicacies of all kinds met the eye in every direction, while around did the work were always the ones these happy groups of picnickers gathered. The day was marred by one or two disturbances, and one of these resulted in closing the Fraser House bar. A fight took place in which bottles and glasses played a conspicuous part for a moment, and then the room was cleared and the doors locked. This was no fault of the society, and was a source of regret to its officers. In was then called on for a song, and signed for their special benefit, and they show little consideration for other. they show little consideration for other

The day was enjoyed in many ways. Bathing and boating was a favorite pastime, and in this many indulged toward evening. The only events which grand affair. He concluded with a did not materialize were the members' race and the baseball match between London and St. Thomas. All next toast. Capt. Dunn, of the revenue the sports were well contested and incutter Petrel, in responding, said he

Boys' race, under 10 years—1 Roy Rich, 2 Vernon Ryan, 3 Bernard Tar-

Girls' race, under 10 years-1 Charlotte Pembroke, 2 Ursula Corney, 3 Mabel Groves. Boys' race, under 13 years-1 Harry Burns, 2 Fred-Smith, 3 Willie Collins. Girls' race, under 13 years—1 Mary Muckler, 2 Levina Buckingham, 3 B.

Boys' 100 yards dash-1 Fred Chittick. 2 John Link (Delaware), 3 W. Ross (St. Thomas).

Boys' race, under 15 years—1 W. Deadman, 2 Harry Burns, 3 Robert Durrah (St. Thomas). Girls' race, under 15 years-1 Edith Finch, 2 Mary Burns, 3 Nellie Mason. Old men's race, over 50 years-1 J.

Hennessy, aged 52; 2 W. Burns, aged 54; 3 James Morris, 55 years. Boot and shoe race-1 F. Chittick, 2 H. Blinn, 3 W. Deadman.

The quoiting contest was an interesting event, and resulted as follows: R. Errington 21 W. Baskerville 18 J. Neville 12

George Young 21 Young, 3 W. Baskerville, 4 J. Neville. Irish jig, for girls—1 Josephine Grayson, 2 Susie McGill, 3 Florence

Irish jig, for boys-1 Willie Leclair, 2 George McCartney (Thamesford). Irish jig, for women-Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. O'Shea, equal, money divided.

Irish jig, for men-1 Martin Morkin, 2 Jacob Butts, 3 James Butts. Waltzing, for I. B. S. gold medal— 1 Mrs. Loughrey and Mr. McLean (London), 2 Miss Maud Reidy (Cleveland) and Mr. George Macbeth (Lon-

Miss Sarah Johnston, of Glanworth, won the gold medal presented by Mr. Stevens, of the Hub, in waltzing with Mr. W. Hill, of St. Thomas. The judges in the races were Chief Williams, J. W. McIntosh and Maurice

Starters-Ald. Carrothers, B. C. Mc-Cann, D. Regan and J. W. Scandrett. Official referee-Dr. Guest, Shedden. Judges on dancing-Joe Paladino, Lou Paladino, W. Brophy and Charles

THE BABY SHOW. Events of this character are always

Mr. M. T. Wigle

Of Kingsville, Essex Co.

CURED OF ITCHING PILES OF 23 YEARS

M. T. Wigle, better known to every one in the vicinity as "Uncle Mike," was troubled for over 23 years with itching piles. At times he was so bad he would have to quit work. The irritation became so intense with constant rubbing that they became plcerated and would bleed. He had been treated by many physicians, but found nothing that gave him elief. Reading in the paper the cure of a friend who had suffered in a like manner, and been cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment, he procured a box. After the third application he got such relief that he had the first comfortable night's sleep he had enjoyed in years. The one box made a complete cure, and he says he would not be without it for \$50 a box if it could not be replaced. Mr. Wigle is a wealthy farmer, well known in the community in which he resides. It is over two years since he was afflicted, and he has never been troubled since.

> Physicians fail to make a cure when Dr. Chase's Ointment gave Immediate Relief. . .

a drawing card, but the interest taken yesterday was more than ordinary.
William Wilson, B. C. McCann and Ald. Carrothers performed their parts as nurses. The baby Mr. Wilson fondled had a particular desire to brush his silk hat the wrong way; Mr. McCann had work to do in keeping a space between the baby's hand and his whis-kers; 1... John McIntosh sang his baby a song, and it went to sleep, and Ald. Carrothers quieted the child he carried by occasionally giving it President Fitzgerald's hat to play with. The babies were numerous, and the judges, Wm Wilson P. C. McCann Ald. Can. Wm. Wilson, B. C. McCann, Ald. Carrothers, Jos. Scandrett and J. W. Mc-Intosh, had a difficult task to perform in arriving at a conclusion as to what child best deserved first money. One lady thought the judging was not Ald. Carrothers that he wouldn't give first to anybody unless they lived in his ward. The following were the winners: 1, infant of Mrs. McMannus; 2, George Moore, 9 months old; 3, Alex. McPhail, 8 months; 4, Myrtle White, 4

The annual banquet in connection with the picnic was not so well attended as on some other occasions, but was most enjoyable. The menu was an elaborate one, and ample justice was done by all who sat down. First Vice-President J. L. Fitzgerald, in the absence of the president, Mr. T. W.

The toast of "The Queen" was re-

In response to the teast of "Sister Societies" Mr. R. A. Jones, of the Sons suggested that a union picnic of the be held. The intermingling and amaling room and rapid transit for the gamation of the different societies re-crowd of pleasure-seekers on their way sulted in much benefit all round. He spoke of the Irish as a noble nation, On the heights a surging mass of humanity mingled together all day. Dealing with societies from an execuwhite linen spread on the grass and tive standpoint, there were many tive standpoint, there were many things that needed change. Those who blamed when there was any fault to find, and that, too, by members whose interest in the society amounted to

little. Mr. J. W. McIntosh, on behalf of St. Andrew's Society, regretted the absence of the president of that society. He expressed his pleasure at present, and complimented the Irish Benevolent Society on the splendid every large gathering there are some success of their picnic. Mr. McIntosh

Police Benefit Society, thanked the Irish Benevolent Society for the kind invitation. He agreed that a union picnic of the three societies, the English. Irish and Scotchmen, would be a

well-timed story.
"The Dominion Government" was the teresting, especially the dancing. Fol- could say little about the Dominion Government beyond the fact that they GAMES AND PRIZE-WINNERS: kept him in line. He was pleased to say that yesterday he had handed over panies that had been formed in towns to the bank \$400, the proceeds of a seiz-ure. He was unacquainted with many a short time, and resulted in serious heads of the government. "I know Mr. Davies," he continued, "and he is a intimating to the public that such confine man. I always speak well of the cerns did not prove safe investments, bridge that carries me over safely. I and that the promoters of the same

Bursar Jones followed with a few brief remarks, thanking the society for I have neither the time nor the inclinatheir great consideration. He had never heard of the I. B. S. before he cam to Western Canada, and be would

never forget them.
"Middlesex and Elgin Counties" brought a happy response from Peter Fox, on behalf of Elgin. Ald. McPhillips, on behalf of the mayor and council of London, thanked the society for the invitation. He was pleased to know that the council this

year had been more liberal than ever in the matter of grants to charitable societies. He pointed out that the council contained more Irishmen this year than ever before, and that in four that anything they undertake will be wards an Irishman headed the polls. McKinley, Dewey and Hobson were all Irish, and these illustrated the nation's Cheers for the Queen brought the

proceedings to a close. Among those present were: J. W. Mc-Intosh, Chief Williams, R. A. Jones (president St. George's Society), C. W. at the expiration of the fifteen years Davis, John Forristal, Wm. McPhil-James Egan, P. F. Boyle, Stephen Grant, Ala. McPhillips, Jerry McDonald, J. Pocock, W. P. Dickinson (Fairbairn, Neb.), Bursar Jones (S.S. Petrel), Thomas Morkin, B. C. McCann, L. Paladino, J. Paladino, W. Wilson, W. Brophy, George MacBeth, Lou Davis, and Capt. Dunn, of the revenue cutter Petrel.

Letters of regret were received from Rev. Canon Dann, Sir John Carling, Thos. Beattie, M.P., Past President Mulkern, Thomas Scandrett and others. The energetic president, Thomas W. Scandrett, although in England, did not forget the society and the picnic. blackthorns of a very desirable kind to efficient telephone service. Mr. John Pocock, one of which bears a gold plate in the shape of a sham- the city having expired in June last, a gold plate in the shape of a shamrock leaf, suitably inscribed, and and that company having refused to which was to have been presented to renew their agreement with the city, Past President Mulkern, but he was and having applied to the government not present. The walking canes were at Ottawa for power to increase their accompanied by a letter, in which the telephone rates-which are at present president stated that he hoped the ex- in some cases exorbitant-(as witness ecutive would not relax any of their their recent reduction) the promoters old-time energy in their endeavor to of the People's Telephone Company make the annual picnic of the I. B. S. its usual success.

executive officers for their efforts in them from the threatened monopoly making the affair a success: Dr.Hodge, and o people John Forristal, T. H. Smallman, P. Mulkern, W. J. Reid, John O'Neil, Jerry Collins, James Magee, Q.C., M. F. O'Meara, J. W. Little, James Egan, Ed. Meredith, Q.C., B. C. McCann, Hume Cronyn, Ald. McPhillips, Stephen Grant, John M. Daly, Dr. Sippi, John Lewis, Dennis Mason, John M. Keary, W. C. Fitgerald, Wm. Brophy, John Labatt, James Murray, W. D. Regan, R. M. C. Toothe, James S. Brown, N. P. Graydon, Ald. Stephen O'Meara, Col. Leys, M.P.P., Thomas Beattie, M.P.,

McDonald. NOTES. The last train arrived from Port about 2 a.m. today.

There were rumors of a drowning accident at the Port, but there appears ing to be no foundation for the story. Conspicuous among the picnickers was the genial face of Mr. Michael Phelan, of Mill street, who felt quite young again, and enjoyed simself as well as the most youthful there. By the way, Mr. Phelan, who was quite a sportsman at one time, is talking of taking a run to Muskoka this fall, deer

Four steamers are especially engaged in the exportation of onions from Egypt to England. The London Times spends about \$2,-000,000 a year. Its receipts for advertising average \$5,000 a day.

Munyon's Rheumatism Cure seldom fails to relieve in one to three hours, and cures in a few days. Price 25c. Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure positively cures all forms of indigestion and sto-

mach troubles. Price, 25 cents. Munyon's Liver Cure corrects headlady thought the judging was lady thought the judging ache, billiousness, jaundice, constipa-ald Carrothers that he wouldn't give tion and all liver diseases. Prince 25c. Munyon's Kidney Cure speedily cures all forms of kidney disease. Price 25c.

> Munyon's Blood Cure eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price 25c. Munyon's Pile Ointment 'positively cures all forms of piles. Price 25c. Munyon's Asthma Herbs are guaranteed to relieve asthma in two minutes Price 25c.

Munyon's Cold Cure prevents pneu-monia and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Price 25c

Munyon's Cough Cure stops coughs. night sweats, allays soreness, and speedily heals the lungs. Price 25c. Munyon's Nerve Cure stops nervous ness and builds up the system. Price

ache in three minutes. Price 25c. Munyon's Vitalizer, a great tonic and restorer of vital strength to weak peo-A separate cure for each disease. At

Munyon's Headache Cure stops head-

all druggists, mostly 25 cents a vial. Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1,505 Arch street, Philadelphia, U. S. A., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

THE TELEPHONE FRANCHISE

A Letter on the Question by Mr. T. H. Smallman

On Behalf of the People's Telephone Company-Their Claims to Consideration.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Some short time ago there were a number of articles published in our city press calling attention to the fortelephone service to our citizens. At a more recent date several articles appeared in the same papers, copied from various sources, and intimating to the public that several independent comloss to the stockholders; in other words, don't know many of the ministers, and were not to be relied upon by investors, what is more, I don't want to." the evident object being to damage the People's Company in public estimation. tion to investigate matters of this character, but I wish to say for your information and that of the public generally, that the People's Telephone Company of London, Ont., is composed of business men whose standing and reputation is well known to the majority of our citizens, and I think that such men as Robert Fox, president of the Canadian Savings Society; Col. F. B. Leys, M.P.P., John R. Minhinnick, M. Masuret, John Milne, of the Northern Assurance Company; Thomas H. Purdom, John Labatt and R. A. Bayly, should be sufficient guarantee to the public

conducted on a straightforward and business basis. Some few days ago the above-named gentlemen applied to our city council for a franchise, which was granted them for fifteen years, but in that franchise there was no provision made for an extension or a purchase. In fact, the company would be in this position: lips, John Carling, jun., James Murray, Their poles, wires and telephone instruments would be distributed throughout the city of London, and the corporation might then order the company to remove the same without compensating them in any way for their plant or outlay, or they could make the restrictions of an extension so onerous that they would not be able to do business under it. I ask, in all fairness, could any set of business men be expected to accept such a franchise? Or would any investors pur-

chase their bonds or stock? The above-named gentlemen entered into this enterprise in good faith and with the intention of furnishing the sent from Ireland half a dozen citizes of London with a cheap and thought it an opportune time to afford the citizens of London a cheap Much credit is due to the following and efficient service, and to relieve and oppression of the Bell Telephone

I regret to say that our city council, in their wisdom, have seen fit to deny the company a fair and business-like franchise, and if their action is the means of causing the company to withdraw, the citizens will know on whom to place the responsibility. In evidence of the fact that the Bell new company is likely to have on their operations here, they immediately set about reducing the prices of talorbar. about reducing the prices of telephone ruption is widespread and exceptional service to their customers, and in- at the present time. Maurice Dillon, John Garvey, Jerry stead of paying \$25 or \$30 a year, as some of their customers have been and seem to be the wide circulation of still are paying, a number of new contracts, I understand, have been entered into by the Bell Company at \$20 per annum for unlimited service. Taking this on the basis of the thousand and odd telephones in the client through the service of the and odd telephones in the city, it is apparent to the average citizen that the formation of the People's Telephone Company has already resulted in a very large saving (about \$10,000 per year) to the users of telephones in this

I trust the council may, on more mature consideration, grant the very reasonable franchise asked for by the may rest assured that a cheap and eftheir interests guarded from the grasp-

OAKHALL

weeping

Bargains!

SATURDAY:

Men's Suits, \$5.00, Regular \$6.50 Men's Suits, \$6.50, Regular \$8.50 Men's Suits, \$8.00, Regular \$9.50 Men's Suits, \$9.50, Regular \$11,\$11.50

Men's Pants, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50

Regular Prices, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.

pany as a corporation that was endeavoring to give a cheap and efficient telephone service to our citizens. At a Boys' 3-Piece Suits, \$3.00, Regular Price \$4.50 Beys' 3-Piece D.B. Suits, \$3.00, Regular Price \$4.50 Boys' 3-Piece Suits, \$3.50, Regular Price \$5.50 Boys' 3-Piece D.B. Suits, \$3.25, Regular Price \$5.00

AKHALL

154 Dundas Street, London.

ALFRED TAYLOR, Manager.

The following clipping, People's. taken from this morning's Free Press, will give the public some idea of the benefits to be derived from competi-tion in telephone service: "The Bell Telephone Company's new rates went into force at St. Thomas yesterday. For residential telephones the charge will be \$20 for one on a line; three on a line \$15, and \$25 for business

Trusting that I have not encroached too much on your valuable space, Very truly yours, T. H. SMALLMAN. London, Aug. 4.

TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: During the past year my duties as secretary of the Evangelical Alliance have brought me into contact with the pastors of nearly two score cities. In almost every city they have spoken to me of the deplorable prevalence of vice among children and young people, Facts have been brought to light which are shocking in the last degree I am not speaking of children of the slums whose heredity and environments have both been vicious, but of

children who belong to good homes, often Christian homes, whose parents refuse to believe evil of them. refuse to believe evil confession forces conviction. Statements have come to me from California, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, The exceptional cause of it would

vicious literature. Salacious French fiction whose sale has long been a worst source of contamination is the obscene literature, orten illustrated with photographs, which, though forbidden by law, finds easy access to the mails, and is surreptitiously distributed by hand often on the platforms of railway stations, sometimes on the playgrounds of children.

One who has never seen this obscene literature can form no notion of People's Company, when the citizens it. A Christian imagination simply cannot conceive it. It might have come ficient service will be furnished, and from the cesspool of perdition. This poison has repeatedly been found in

pastors are deploring is the perfectly natural result. Two things, it seems to me, can be done, and ought to be. First, let parents and teachers break the conspiracy of silence, into which they seem to have entered. Rare are the parents who do not leave their children to learn from vicious companions the

most sacred facts of their physical life. I do not believe one father in twenty does his duty by his boy, in this particular. If he does not know how to speak on so delicate and difficult a subject, let him put into his boy's hand a judicious book like "What a Young Boy Ought to Know," one of a series of dollar books by Sylvanus Stall, D. D., of Philadelphia,

admirably adapted to meet the needs of parents and teachers, and which has

BACKACHE! BACKACHE!

Plenty of Bad Backs Being Eased and Cured in Brockville, Ont,

The kidneys cannot talk except in one That is by making our backs ache. But people can talk about the kidneys and how to cure kidney trouble, and that is just what Mr. S. D. Mc-Eathron, the popular wine clerk of the Grand Central Hotel, has done. Mr. McEathron says: "I have suffered for some years with pains in my back, extending over my shoulders, dizziness, headaches at times and other troubles too numerous to mention. "I suffered very greatly, indeed, and have taken many kinds of medicines which seemed to do me no good. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Curry's drug store, has given me the greatest relief from the first, and now I am as sound as a trumpet. "I can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills very highly to those afflicted as I was.'

Doan's Kidney Pills never fail to cure backache, Dropsy, Bright's Disease, gravel, and all kidney and urinpresent exists.

I understand St. Thomas is organizing a company on similar lines to the lawing read it; and the vice which last confessed to last company. Toronto, Ont.

Sold by all druggists of sent by mail as swelled neck and crick in the back, on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or last confesses and confesses to last confesses and confesses and confesses.

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received eminent indorsement elsewhere. Secondly, the curfew ordinance, which has been adopted in many western cities with admirable results, would throw a shield around the children

Pastors who have seen the working of this ordinance tell me that it has wrought a great reformation where it has been adopted, and city offlicals are loud in its praise,
If we give our children less liberty and more light there will be less vice.

New York. JOSIAH STRONG.

during the hours of greatest tempta-

LOST HIS GIRL

But Frank Sharpe Got His Money

Windsor, Aug. 4.-The trouble between Frank Sharpe, of Owen Sound, and Miss Blanche Laforge, of Windsor, which threatened to end in a breach of promise suit, has been settled. The lad hands back \$300 he gave her durin their courting days, and he is to wit draw his suit and explain through the local papers that it was all a mistake The girl's parents say that Sharpe in sisted on her taking the money and putting it to whatever use she chose and refused to take it back when she begged him to. She did not use the money, but laid it aside, and when he called on her on his second visit to Windsor and threw a roll of \$300 into her lap, she made him take it back. When the engagement was broken off Sharpe threatened to sue her.

Just Right for a Hot Day. Does this hot weather do you up? Then for that fagged-out feeling try a bottle of Merrill's System Tonic. It puts new life and energy in the body and makes one feel equal to their duties. As a muscular and nerve tonic and a bowel regulator this medicine has no equal. Price 50 cents per bottle of 50 does at W. T. Strong & Co.'s drug store. Descriptive pamphlet

The number of vessels that passed through the Suez Canal last year was

2.936. THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas' Ecleccure backache, Dropsy, Bright's Discase, gravel, and all kidney and urinary troubles.

Sold by all druggists or sent by mail on receipt of price 50 cents a box or