

Wingham.

The meetings conducted here by the evangelists Crossley and Hunter are being conducted with entire earnestness and at the end of the second week over 250 persons were converted. The farewell meeting will be next Sunday evening, May 29th, at seven o'clock.

The celebration here on the 24th was one of the best, and was attended by great crowds. The principal features of the day were foot-ball matches and a lacrosse match. The foot-ball teams were the Cedarville Rovers, Ironsides and Wingham. In the forenoon the two former played which resulted in a victory for the Ironsides by one goal to none. Then immediately after dinner the Kincardine and Wingham lacrosse teams lined up for an hour and a half of "slashing." This was one of the most exciting matches ever played here, and was marked by rough playing on both sides, one of the Wingham boys getting his hand broken while not a few were bleeding freely. After an hour and a half the game was declared a tie both clubs having got a goal. Then came foot-ball match between the Ironsides and Wingham for the prize of \$20. It is needless to say that this was the great centre of attraction. Considerable dispute arose over the Ironsides taking fresh men that had not played in the morning and thus Wingham had no advantage by having drawn the "bye." But they were allowed their new men and the game was commenced, the Ironsides getting the choice of goals. During the first half time the play was pretty even. At one time the Ironsides were pressed so closely that the ball struck the stake of their goal and a dispute arose. Some said it went through while others said not; however the Ironsides got the benefit of the doubt, and ball was put in play by giving them a goal kick. When half time was called no goals had been scored. In the second half time the ball was kept close on the Ironsides goal. Their goal umpire called a corner kick for Wingham but both sides kept playing as the referee had not called corner kick, and soon Wingham scored. It was not allowed a goal as the referee took the umpire's word and said a corner kick should have been taken, this was the cause of some pretty hot words and led to blows but the chief interfered and order was soon obtained but as time was near up the game was declared a draw and each club got \$10. The game will likely be played soon again.

The county Warden and two other county councillors were in Wingham on 24th to see if it was necessary to rebuild the Graham's bridge. They also took in the sports.

There will be good prizes offered here on the 28th June at horse races.

The C. O. F. will hold a monster demonstration here on July 1st. Over 100 Courts are expected to visit here on that day.

On Sunday evening last the evangelists Crossley and Hunter preached their farewell sermons to an audience of about 1400 people. So great was the crowd that hundreds of people could not get in to hear these men who have won for themselves the past few weeks the best wishes of thousands. The crowd outside were so anxious to hear them that they sent in a petition asking them to come out of the Presbyterian church and speak on the park as it was such a warm evening. Mr. Hunter expressed his regret that so many anxious people had to be deprived of their last words to the people of Wingham, but thought it would not be prudent to leave the church and go to the park. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mr. Hunter. Then Mr. Crossley and Prof. Scott gave a duet, "Tolling Bells." After which the special requests for prayer were disposed of. Then Mr. Crossley sang the song, "Come unto me all ye that Labor." After which each of the local preachers spoke a few words expressing their thanks for the great work which had been done. Then Mr. Crossley spoke giving the young converts advice and also those who have not been converted. He was followed by Mr. Hunter who greatly affected the congregation by his farewell recital.

The Evangelists left on Monday morning train to go to St. Thomas to Conference after which they will go to Europe and return in a month or two and will hold a series of revival meetings in Goderich. It is estimated that over 800 have been converted in Wingham, more than one infidel being among the new converts.

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