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FIRST RATZS TO COME TO CANADA.

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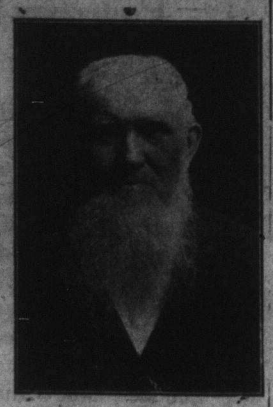


JACOB RATZ
New Hamburg
Honorary President of the Ratz Reunion.

RATZ RE-UNION A BIG EVENT

DESCENDANTS OF LATE VALENTINE RATZ GATHER NEAR ST. JACOBS TO HONOR HIS MEMORY

GUESTS FROM BERLIN IN ATTENDANCE.

The Ratz reunion, held yesterday in Martin's Grove, near St. Jacobs, was indeed a unique event, when about one hundred and fifty guests from various parts of Ontario assembled to take part in the celebration, all being descendants of the late Valentine Ratz, who with his wife and family emigrated from Hessen, Germany, in the year 1838, and was the first Ratz to cross the Atlantic.

The day was glorious, and everybody, both old and young, enjoyed themselves immensely. About two o'clock the proceedings were opened by the singing of "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow," followed by a brief prayer by the Rev. C. G. Kaatz, pastor of the Evangelical church, St. Jacobs. After prayer the gathering joined heartily in singing, "Herr Jesu Sei an dieseum Tag."

This was followed with an address of welcome by the chairman, Senator Valentine Ratz, of Parkhill, which was enthusiastically received.

The other numbers of the program consisted of instrumentals by Miss Winnie Ratz, Berlin; Masters William and Gordon Ratz, Tavistock; Miss Molly Sutter, Stratford; Master Ernst Ratz Shelby, Eastwood, Ont.; Miss Addie Ratz, Wellesley, and an instrumental duet, mandolin and piano, by Mr. Alvin and Miss Edna Kaufman, Berlin; solos by Miss Alvina Yaeger, Shakespeare; Miss Salome Ratz, Elmira; Mr. Ephraim Ratz of St. Clements, Mrs. H. B. Schmidt, Newton Brook, Ont.; and a violin solo by Master Carleton McMurtry, London.

Readings and dialogues were given by Miss Adelyn Ratz, Parkhill; the Misses Doerbecker, St. Jacobs; Miss Ella Ratz, Elmira; Master Herbert Ratz, Elmira; Miss Edna Ratz, Philipsburg, Ont.

One of the features of the program was a "Pennsylvania Dialect" paper given by Mrs. Jacob Kaufman, Berlin. Brief speeches were made by Jacob Ratz, Rev. C. G. Kaatz, Mrs. Ludwig Eidt, Simon Ratz, George Ratz, Adam E. Ratz, and Daniel Ratz, all touching on the history of the Ratz descendants.

After this most excellent program, the gathering sang, "God be with you till we meet again," and also as a closing number the National Anthem.

The committee, which consisted of Mrs. Jacob Kaufman, Mrs. Wm. Doerbecker, and Mrs. Edward E. Ratz, then announced luncheon, but before the gathering sat down to the substantials and delicacies that had been prepared, Mr. A. S. Green, photographer, from Berlin, took a photograph of the gathering.

From what can be learned, it is understood that another reunion is to be held five years hence.

The Ratz family has a most interesting history. It dates back to when the forefather of the Ratz descendants, the late Valentine Ratz, came from Hessen, Germany, in the first settling in Waterloo town, where he was engaged in blacksmithing.

The first brick house in Waterloo was built by the late Mr. Ratz.

In 1840 he and the family moved out on the farm now known as Martin's Grove. Here a one-story log house was erected, with two rooms. It had no windows, only two holes, one at each side, and in the evening a blanket was placed over them to keep out the cold. Occasionally a wolf would look in through these openings.

In 1857 Mr. Ratz built a brick house, and the family moved in; later on a saw mill was erected not far from the present mill race.

Valentine Ratz and his family continued to live there for thirty-two years, then they moved to near Wilmot Centre, on the farm now occupied by a great grandson, in the person of Mr. Daniel Otto. Here they died in the year 1870.

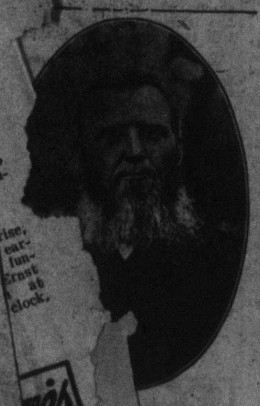
The following is a list of the guests that were present: Mr. and Mrs. John Ratz, Wellesley; Edward and Addie Ratz, Chesley; Arthur Ratz, Tavistock; Emma, Lincoln, Nathaniel and Florence Ratz, Wellesley; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ratz, Loring, Ont.; Matilda Ratz, Lansing, Ont.; Ephraim Ratz, St. Clements; Albert Ratz, Buffalo, N.Y., Hattie Evelyn Ratz, Loring; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Emma, Edna, Aidin, Milton Kaufman, Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schmidt, Newton Brook, Ont.; Mrs. Joseph Bales, Lansing, Ont.; Wm. Schmidt, Belleville, Mrs. Henry Weitlaufer and daughter, Tena, Cass City, Mich.; Adam E. and Albert, Tena, William, Gordon, Fred, Irene Ratz, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cook, Tavistock; Mrs. Conrad and Johnny, Clara, Mable, Edna, Harry, Stanley Sutter, Gad's Hill; Miss Molly Sutter, Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. George and Winnie, Annie, Vera Ratz, Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ratz, Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. John and Lorne Hill, Canboro; Tusnelda Hill, Dunnville, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. and Ruby Ratz, St. Clements; Mrs. Ludwig Eidt and Miss Maud Ratz, Baden; George Ratz, Palmerston; James Ratz, Mill Bank; John Ratz, St. Clements; Emma Ratz, Palmerston; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ratz, Elmira; Miss Saloma Ratz, London; J. Earl, Lorne, Eileen Ratz, Elmira; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, Minnie, Olive, Emil Ratz, Mr. and Mrs. George and Elmer, Ruth, Ross, Regie, Herbie Ratz, Elmira; Mr. and Mrs. William and Ernie, Karl, Godfrey, Clarence Shelly, Eastwood, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. and Clara, Luella, Salome, Gertrude Doerbecker, St. Jacobs; Mrs. (Dr.) and Ella, Margaret Ratz, Elmira; Mr. and Mrs. and Carleton, Harold McMurtry, London; Mrs. John Ratz, Sr., Elmira; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ratz, New Hamburg; Mr. and Mrs. (Senator) Valentine Ratz, Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ratz, Berlin; Edward A. Ratz, Parkhill; Mrs. Daniel Ratz, Howell, Mich.; Mrs. Charles Smith, Sparta, Ont.; Lizzie Yaeger, Shakespeare; Lydia Yaeger, Toronto; John and Clara Ratz, Shipka; Mr. and Mrs. John, Violet and Daniel, Otto, New Hamburg; David Otto, Baden; Mr. and Mrs. David and Harvey Ratz, Philipsburg; Mrs. Henry Wing, Shipka; Rev. M. L. Wing, Waterloo; E. B. Snyder, Mr. Schwalm, Mr. and Mrs. William, John and Geo. Menger, Rev. C. G. Kaatz, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Winkler, and Mr. and Mrs. Martini, St. Jacobs; Fred Hauch, Berlin.

The following are the officers who had charge of the reunion:

Hon. Pres.—Jacob Ratz, New Hamburg.

President.—Senator Valentine Ratz Parkhill.

Sec-Treas.—Edward E. Ratz, Berlin.



...OHN RATZ

MRS. LUDWIG EIDT
Daughter of the Original Ratzs. Philipsburg

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TWO FINE TYPES OF ATHLETES.

In the many good stunts pulled off at the Waterloo celebration, the work of two athletes stands out prominently. One of those is Floyd Tilt, of Blair, son of Mr. Geo. A. Tilt, Township Clerk. He ran a sensational quarter mile, beating off his field in the splendid time of 56 seconds. This he followed up by a whirlwind finish in the two mile county championship, beating out Gies of Heidelberg, and Gross of Waterloo. His time in this was 12.10.2-5.

Will H. Woods, the Brantford Marathoner, who was the first Canadian to finish in the Olympia Marathon, at London, England, last year, ran two miles, exhibition, and reeled it off in 10.50. He has a wonderful stride, and a great burst of speed. He intends to enter the trials for the Olympic Marathon again, and all who met him here wish him every success.

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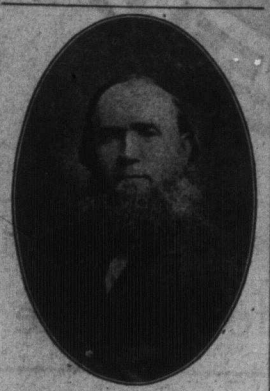
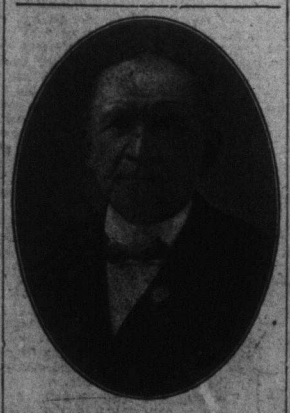


THE LATE HENRY RATZ
Gadshill.

BAUERNFREUND NEWSPAPER SOLD

RITTINGER & MOTZ OF BERLIN BUY IT.

Messrs. Rittinger & Motz, owners of the Berliner Journal, have purchased the subscription list of the "Bauernfreund" of Waterloo, the oldest German weekly in the county, from Mayor Weidenhammer. They will amalgamate it with their present publications. In securing the Bauernfreund they now possess all the German weeklies in Ontario, excepting a small one published in Renfrew County. The Journal-Glocke now includes six former German weeklies, namely, the "Journal" of Berlin, the "Glocke" of Walkerton, the "Colonist" of Stratford, the "Bauernfreund" of Waterloo, which had absorbed the "Deutsche Zeitung" of Berlin and the "Volksblatt" of Hamburg. This step indicates the enterprise of the gentlemen named. Mr. Weidenhammer states that ill-health compelled him to dispose of the "Bauernfreund."



GEORGE RATZ
Palmerston

MONTHLY INCOME POLICY.

The Prudential, one of America's Ligest and strongest Life Insurance Companies is now doing business in Canada and have an agent established in Berlin. Their large ad. on page 2 tells about their latest monthly income policy. For fuller particulars consult the Asst. Supt., Mr. Chas. A. Pilbary whose office is in the Pequegnat Block, 69 Frederick St.

The hot days are here. We can keep you cool with our two piece unlined suits and straw hats. Thornton and Douglas.

IMPORTANT AND UNIMPORTANT

No unimportant store ever advertises importantly. No important store should ever advertise unimportantly.

The hornless phonograph will be an attraction in itself to say nothing of the good things to eat at the lawn social on Mr. Boehmer's lawn, Benton St., Tuesday evening, July 6th. Remember the date.

PRINCIPAL J. SUDDABY
Berlin.
Who Has Been Appointed to Go To Bracebridge, To Deliver a 20 Days' Series of Lectures On Model School Work.

AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT

PRINCIPAL SUDDABY TO GO TO BRACEBRIDGE.

Mr. J. Suddaby, Principal of the Berlin Public Schools, has received notice of his appointment by the Provincial Government to go to Bracebridge to deliver a series of lectures on Model School work. He leaves to-morrow and the course will last for about a month.

This is not the first appointment of this nature, as he has had courses at Walkerton, Kingston and Berlin.

THE INJURIES PROVED FATAL

ERNEST BANK DEAD.

About three o'clock on Thursday morning, the death took place of Ernest Bank at the family residence, No. 18 Sharon street, after an illness of eight days. Death was due to burns which he received from being scalded by the explosion of a steam pipe in Kaufman's planing mills, on the 23rd of June, and from which he suffered untold agony.

Deceased was 58 years, 6 months and 25 days old, and was born in Reisenberg, Germany, December 6th, 1850.

In 1877 he came to Canada and settled in what is now Heidelberg. In 1878 he married Ulinana Gusta Schallorn, which union was blessed with a son and daughter, Clara and William. The family continued to reside at Heidelberg for twelve years, then they removed to Waterloo and lived in that town for twelve years, then coming to Berlin, where they have made their home ever since.

Deceased was an engineer and has been in the employ of the Kaufman planing mill for the past seven years.

He was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters of Waterloo, and in politics a staunch Conservative.

He is survived by a widow, two children, Clara (Mrs. J. R. Koch), and William, both of Berlin, and two brothers and one sister, viz., Gustave, of Waterloo, N. Y.; Fred, of Germany, and Mrs. Brandt, of Detroit.

The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, from the family residence, 18 Sharon St., to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, for services, thence to the Waterloo cemetery for interment.

A NECESSITY.

Coal is one thing necessary every fall, whether you want it or not. Buy now while it is cheap. R. Boehmer & Co.

A fine range of two piece unlined suits Saturday, $8 to $15, at Thornton & Douglas.

FIERCE FIRE AT COBALT

3000 PERSONS HOMELESS

(Special to News Record).

Toronto, July 2.—A Cobalt special says the largest fire ever known in Cobalt broke out at four a.m. in the restaurant of Joe Lee, a Chinaman, on the Haileybury road, destroying all the buildings on both sides of the street for half a mile.

The total loss is estimated at fully half a million dollars.

One man, a foreigner, is known to have been killed during the operation of blasting houses to check the spread of the flames and it is reported another also met death, while six others were injured.

Several children are missing. The Haileybury and New Liskeard fire brigades came on a special train and rendered great assistance.

3,000 persons are homeless as a result of the fire, and the whole city is in a state of consternation.

NO INQUEST NECESSARY

CASE OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

Dr. Lackner, Coroner, who was summoned to New Germany on Wednesday afternoon to inquire into the death, by suicide, of Mrs. Matthew Bietz, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The deceased took her life, while temporarily insane, by taking a dose of paris green. She was about five years old and leaves a husband and family of twelve children—the youngest only three years of age. The funeral was held this afternoon.

Thornton and Douglas can show you an elegant range of fine English straw Hats at 50c, to $3, and fancy hat bands, 25c, 35c and 45c.

Refreshments and music make good companions. Any amount of both can be had at the lawn social on Mr. Boehmer's lawn, Benton St., Tuesday evening, July 6th.

Don't forget St. Peter's Y. P. S. excursion to Niagara Falls, Saturday July 3rd.

At the Star Theatre, great pictures, Annie Laurie; the largest pigeon farm in the world; Farmer's Grandson, and Suffergate Wants a Husband.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

MR. AND MRS. EDW. FITZGERALD BEREAVED.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fitzgerald, 30 Queen street, North, will learn with regret, of the death of their eldest daughter Alma Lillian, who died on Wednesday, June 30th, at 4.30 o'clock, aged four and a half years. She was taken to the hospital for Sick Children at Toronto about a month ago to undergo an operation. Complications set in, which caused her death.

The remains were brought to Berlin, and her funeral is being held this afternoon.

The News Record extends its sympathy to the bereaved parents.

DOMINION DAY CELERRATION

IN BERLIN WAS UNIQUE EVENT---IMMENSE CROWD SEES INTERESTING PROGRAM

BADEN AND HAMBURG BANDS HERE THIS EVENING.

The big day of the great mid-summer carnival being put on under the auspices of the 29th Regt. band, was a great success. The widely-advertised event brought large crowds of visitors, especially from Galt, Preston and Hespeler. There were also some from Waterloo, though a greater number went from here to their celebration. The Waterloo Committee was well pleased with Berlin's patronage, and there will likely be quite a crowd from that town this evening and to-morrow. The local committee is under a heavy expense for the four days' demonstration and the zealous labors of the workers are deserving of abundant measure of success for their enterprising efforts in providing an entertainment that is unique and entirely new and different from anything ever attempted by local amusement purveyors.

The pantomime put on represents years of early Western life in Canada, depicting true to life, the modes of travel via prairie schooners and stage coach; the dangers imminent from bands of hostile Indians; the wild freedom of the western sombrero clad cowpunchers; the daring heroism of those guardians of the plains, the mounted police. Interspersed with the scenes of pioneer life, there was a program of sterling merit by the famous 29th Regt. band, and the high class Preston Silver Band. These twin organizations won many encomiums of praise for the uniform excellence of their work and their striking appearance on parade.

The streets were lined with thousands of citizens and guests of the town by 10.30, when the street parade was put on. It was made up of the two bands, the train of emigrant waggons, stage coach, Indians, Mounted Police, cowboys, marshalls and comic characters.

The big production was witnessed by a large audience in the afternoon, though not nearly what it was at night. The roped off ampitheatre was surrounded by a dense crowd of well pleased spectators, who showed their pleasure by their close attention and generous applause on the arrival of the climaxes.

Following the program of the bands the emigrant train, surrounded by trusty guards, entered the scene of action and after passing in review, along with the Ranching Jacks, and the Mounted Terrors to Evil Doers, the Indians made the attack on the stage coach, following it up by ensnaring the Cowboy King. Following the Indians' war dance and carousal, the captives are rescued by the "cowboy lass," and then ensues a sensational attack on the block house and the subjugation of the redskins.

The band may congratulate itself on having given the public a first class performance, and it hopes to receive a continuance of the liberal patronage of our people.

The exhibition was enjoyed by a great crowd of people last evening, when every seat in the park was taken up. From start to finish the large crowd was held amused and spell-bound. The performers did their parts well, and it would be difficult to say which number pleased best. The scenes were very realistic, and every part of the program went off without a hitch. The riding was good; the Indians gave their whole energy in their war dances, songs and attacks on the stage coach and emigrant waggons, while the music of the bands was much appreciated.

Mr. James Barrie, the original Montana "broncho buster," was engaged by the committee and filled the bill to the great satisfaction of all present. His stunts in riding are really wonderful, his judgment in handling the lassoo is excellent, and no rider was ever seen here that felt so much at ease in the saddle. His presents. His stunts in riding are he wants it, and as Mr. Barrie had no horse of his own with him, his work was entirely done on strange animals, some never having been ridden before. He intends to lasso and ride three wild steers at to-night's performance.

Otto Martin, as Cowboy King, showed by his horsemanship that he has been in the business before, while Percy Bowden, the clever and attractive "cowboy girl," was a general favorite. Fearless Gordon Roedding, with his comrades, Johnny Waldschmidt and Julius Gerbig, did much to add to the thrilling performance.

A squad of cavalry from the Grey's Horse, represented the mounted police, and looking spick and span performed their duties very creditably.

The management of the show was in the hands of Sergeant Arie V. Vandermart, Oscar Rumpel and Geo. Englert. They had their hands full and it was owing to the prompt signals of Mr. Vandermart that very rarely any delays occurred. At last night's performance, in fact, the program went with clock-like regularity.

Mention must also be made of the funny antics of the Dutchman and Chinaman. Both these indispensable characters did their part well, raising and amusing the audience.

The wild west show will be on to-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening. Special attractions are provided, and no one should miss a great treat. By critics, last night's show was pronounced to be one of the finest entertainments that have ever been given here. The management of the Berlin Musical Society, under a heavy expense in providing a pleasant diversion for our people, and it is to be hoped that our citizens will be loyal to their own town and band.

GROUP OF COWBOYS.
At the Wild West Show at the Park
J. Waldschmidt, Gordon Roedding, Percy Bowden, J. Gerbig, Otto Martin.

OLD PROBS.

Moderate variable winds, fair and warm to-day. Showers and local thunderstorms during the night and on Saturday.

BREEZY BRIEFS

Mr. E. Birch, King street west, has large ripe tomatoes in his garden. Who can beat this?

The Rose has just received 50 up-to-the-moment wash suits, delayed in shipment. Come and see them.

Its straw hat time. Let us show you range of fine English straws with a nice fancy hat band. Thornton and Douglas.

The best that can be had in the line of refreshments will be served at the strawberry festival on Mr. P. Boehmer's lawn, Tuesday evening, July 6th. Music, program by hornless phonograph.

Don't miss the reel at the Victorium to-night, the great reel of the S. S. Republic, showing you the great wreck which took place a short time ago.

Excursion train for Niagara Falls leaves sharp at 7 a. m. to-morrow morning. Fare $1.30. Tickets at E. Potter's store.

Don't fail to attend the lawn social given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid and Young People's Society of Benton St. Baptist Church on Mr. Boehmer's lawn, Benton St. Tuesday, July 6th. Good musical program.

Remember to-morrow, the great day for St. Peter's Y. P. S. excursion to Niagara Falls, the finest excursion of the season.

The Bridgeport baseball club defeated St. Mary's nine yesterday by 6 to 5, at Bridgeport.

GREAT ALTERATION SALE.

Extensive alterations are to be made in Mr. Wildong's store commencing Aug. 1st. In the meantime he must reduce his stock to get ready for it and prices are reduced accordingly. A careful reading of his ad. on back page will give some idea of the immense price reductions being made.

TICKETS FOR EXCURSION TO NIAGARA FALLS

Tickets for St. Peter's Y. P. S. excursion can be secured at G. E. Potter's hardware store on Friday, July 2nd. Store will be open until 10 p. m. Friday. Secure your tickets early and avoid the rush at the depot. Fare $1.30. 2t

The principal event on July 6th will be the lawn social on Mr. Boehmer's lawn, Benton St. Bring your friends to enjoy the best that can be had in refreshments. Musical program by hornless phonograph.

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BERRIES NEARLY FINISHED.

Unless there is rain—and an abundance of it, in a day or two, the strawberry season will end within a week and the fruit will be dwarfed at that. Rain has been badly needed the past week, and already both quantity and quality of the luscious fruit have been materially affected.

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