

Askin Street Methodist Church Sunday School At Their Annual Picnic In Springbank Park



5,000 CITIZENS TAKE PART IN ELABORATE DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION IN PARK

Training of Children Stressed By Lieutenant-Governor— Hero's Son Decorated With His Father's Medals — Royal Salute Fired By 12th Battery

Canada's 57th birthday was celebrated in Victoria Park yesterday morning under the joint auspices of the London Canadian Club and District National Defense Headquarters, and the splendidly arranged ceremonies carried out by the Royal Canadian Regiment, the 12th Battery C. F. A., war veterans and patriotic societies, as witnessed by 5,000 people.

Despite a threat of rain and the slight shower which fell, more happy tears from heaven than actual rain—the day was ideal for the celebration.

His Honor Col. Cockshutt, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, delivered an inspiring address in which he solemnly stressed the responsibility of Canadian parenthood. Col. Ibbotson Leonard, D. S. O., who made the introductory speech of the day, dwelt on the multi-fold meaning of the Dominion Day celebration, and urged development of national tolerance. Mayor Wenigke, who preceded the Lieutenant-Governor, expressed the city's gratitude to the Canadian Club in staging the celebration.

A PRESENTATION

But all these events and speeches, even the 21 guns which roared the royal salute, became of second rate interest beside the decoration of Daniel Gray Sheridan, eight years old, with the medals his father won in the late war; in the winning of which he offered up his life, his parenthood, "and that calm serene, which men call age."

This little lad, rosy-cheeked, tearfully blue-eyed, and dressed in the uniform of a boy scout, was lifted on top of the flag-draped table on the speakers' rostrum by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Col. Cockshutt pinned the silver general service medal and the Victoria medal on the lad's breast, while Gen. King and a guard of colonials traveled with their decorated, stood to attention.

His Honor declared when the significance of the event became evident, and the King's deputy embraced the sturdy youngster's form in lifting him down again.

REJOINS HIS PACE

Daniel hurried back to his cub pack and took his place in the ranks unconscious of anything unusual or that for a moment the spirit of Canada had chosen him as the central figure in a ceremony that bordered very closely on the religious.

For this lad was lifted up by reverent hands and became a symbol of all that things which were lifted on top of the flag-draped table on the speakers' rostrum by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

RESPONSIBILITY

"The message of this day which is one of responsibility, particularly that responsibility which is a part of the duty of a citizen, is being re-echoed in the hearts of children in a proper and right manner, so that they may be a credit to the pioneers who hewed this land out of the unknown wilderness."

"When we consider the ideals which inspired our Dominion 57 years ago in articles of Confederation, it is well to question ourselves whether we have accomplished what we should have accomplished."

"And looking forward another 57 years, when we shall no longer be here, to consider well whether our children are being reared in the spirit of the pioneers, imbued with a sense of the duty they owe themselves, their home, their country and their God."

Col. Leonard made the opening address of the day and began by pointing out that this celebration was the third such to have been organized by the Canadian Club.

IDEALS

"We are living up to the ideals of our fathers," he asked, "who drew East and West into one commonwealth by principles that were the highest expression of human equity?"

"We meet here today as Canadians first. Not as Catholics or Protestants, nor Jew nor Gentile. Under this sky and on this occasion we should forget religious, social and political differences and remember only that we are Canadians."

"This national day should be a day for learning new tolerance, the test of which is the personal question. Are we here in Ontario regardless of our fellow countrymen in Quebec? Are we industrialists of Ontario keeping in mind the problems of the agricultural community? And, coming nearer home, are we in London tolerant enough of the people in London Township, for instance?"

"We have the tolerance of the kind that takes in all classes? Are we who live so peacefully around this Victoria Park tolerant of fellow townsmen on streets not so blessed with beauty?"

The speaker then turned to the children surrounding the rostrum, each of whom bore small Union Jacks aloft, and bade them catch the inspiration of the day and learn not only to be proud of Canada, for that, he said, was easy enough, but to strive to make Canada proud of each of them. That, he declared, was true patriotism, and a kind

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hearts to preserve those things which they and all like-minded men cherish.

Dense throngs gathered around the roped-off space north of the soldier's monument, where London's Dominion Day ceremonies, arranged by the Canadian Club, were held. A bunting-draped platform was provided for the program of songs and speeches.

Northward the city's Boy Scout units occupied a side of the square and opposite them a company of veterans in civilian garb were drawn up. The Canadian Club, where held. A bunting-draped platform was provided for the program of songs and speeches.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children's choir sang first "O Canada" and then "The Maple Leaf" under the direction of Mr. Quantz and with the accompaniment of the R. C. R. Band.

Rev. Dr. Beattie led the massed throng in giving three cheers when the Lieutenant-Governor arose to speak, the ceremony, and commending the Canadian Club for its efforts to secure the co-operation of citizens in the ceremonies.

That would make a nation that would lead the world.

Mayor Wenigke spoke next, declaring, as mayor, his pride in taking part in the ceremony, and commending the Canadian Club for its efforts to secure the co-operation of citizens in the ceremonies.

COL. COCKSHUTT ARRIVES

Promptly at 11:15 Hon. Henry Cockshutt, accompanied by Col. Ibbotson Leonard, D. S. O., president of the Canadian Council of Education, Mrs. John D. S. O., Col. T. J. Murphy, Lieut.-Lawless, D. S. O., and Lieut.-Col. Lawrence, D. S. O., entered the enclosure.

The Royal Canadian Regiment Band played the general salute.

Veterans on parade were inspected first, then the Royal Canadian Regiment and finally, the Boy Scout troops.

The Lieutenant-Governor then advanced to the speakers' platform, which was occupied by Mrs. E. H. Johnston, Mrs. D. T. Campbell, Mrs. A. E. Miller, representing the I. O. O. F., Mrs. John Hunt, Mrs. A. Drew, Mrs. F. W. Hughes, Mrs. M. King, Mrs. C. H. Hill, Mrs. W. B. M. King, Mrs. C. H. Hill, Mrs. Bishop Williams, Mayor Wenigke, Chairman Campbell, of the Board of Education; Rev. Dr. Beattie, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Greer, D.S.O., George F. Cope, Lieut. Greer, E. W. G. Quantz, D. S. O., Sherwood Fox and Rev. Principal Walker.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO

MADRID, July 2.—(Canadian Press Cable)—An official communique issued by the Government today says that fighting is proceeding in Spanish Morocco between Spanish troops and natives, according to the semi-official Havas agency today.

A HERO'S SON

DANIEL GRAY SHERIDAN, London lad, who was yesterday at Victoria Park presented with the war medal won by his late father in the war. The medal was pinned on his breast by Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt.



By The London Free Press Photographer.

Three hundred members of one of the city's largest Sunday schools photographed at the height of their fun and frolic at the Thameside Park. Sports of all kinds, ranging from keen athletic contests to burlesque events, in which all might take part, featured the major portion of the day's program. Parents, friends and children closed the day's fun with an old-fashioned picnic dinner. Special credit was given the committee on arrangements for the efficient handling of the various events.

BRING ELK FOR ZOO EARLY IN THE FALL

The two elk, which were secured a few weeks ago by the Public Utilities Commission, through the efforts of Commissioner McFarland, will not be added to the zoo at Springbank until the fall, according to the P. U. C. general manager.

The animals are at present at the National Park, at Watnwright, Alberta, where fears are expressed for the delivery of the animals until the cooler weather sets in.

This precaution is made in view of the long journey necessary for the animals during which the hot weather may have a serious effect.

LONDONERS ENJOY DOMINION DAY

Nothing to Mar the Holiday in This City.

FINE WEATHER HELPS Large Attendance At All Places of Amusement.

"O Canada" London yesterday celebrated Dominion Day in just accordance with the wishes of Judge Feathers' famous sons. In manifold ways its citizens, both collectively and individually, paid fitting tribute to the nation's 57th birthday anniversary. The holiday was marked by a total absence of anything that would take away from and everything that would add to the general pleasure.

It was a day vivid with sunshine. Thought rain threatened for a time and heavy clouds made the sunshine intermittent in the morning, but the approach to inclement weather was a few drops of rain which fell at the commencement of the Dominion Day celebration in Victoria Park. But the shower was of brief duration and hindered not at all the plans for what the various speakers termed a birthday party. In the evening the weather turned quite cool and many citizens put on overcoats.

Thousands assembled in the park and paid a just meed of homage to the country's nationhood. Their unshaken fealty was voiced in appropriate words by several speakers, who included Lieutenant-Governor Harry Cockshutt. The celebration was a tribute to Confederation; it inculcated anew the principles therein set down; it held lessons for young Canada, whose part was prominent in both proceedings and addresses and was a trust with past and future.

VALUABLE PAINTING PRESENTED TO RETIRING SCHOOLMASTER

Mr. Althouse, a teacher in London for over a quarter of a century, and now retiring from principalship of Rectory Street School, was the recipient of a wonderful gift from the teachers and scholars in the form of a valuable painting by Reginald D. Sherman, of course purchased from John A. Nash, "My Jeweler," London and Windsor. "Where you will eventually buy."—Adv.

ANNUAL ROSE SHOW TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

The London Horticultural Society's annual rose show has been fixed for Friday and Saturday of this week and will be held in the Dickson, Nicholson Building, Richmond street.

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U. S. SOCIALIST-LABOR CANDIDATE HAS ONE PRESIDENTIAL PLANK

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1.—Frank T. Johns, a Portland carpenter, who was nominated as candidate for president of the United States by the Socialist-Labor party at a recent convention in New York, is planning a speaking tour to spread the doctrine of his organization, but he does not expect that his party will send a man to the White House this year.

"In order to carry on a campaign we must have a candidate," he said. "In this as in all our campaigns we are not to strive to make Canada proud of each of them. That, he declared, was true patriotism, and a kind

He said the campaign would be on a one-man platform, "which he stated: "Complete surrender of the capitalist class and substitution of a Socialist system for the present capitalist system."



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W. C. T. U. CAMP OPENS TO-DAY

First Contingent of Girls Go Under Canvas By the River Thames.

The W. C. T. U. summer camp on the Thames opens officially to-day and will continue until the last of August, housing some 20 girls at a time for a happy holiday outing.

The first group of girls, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Ida Harrison for the first fortnight of the camp, will include the Girl Guide Company of the Church of the Redeemer, under their captain, Mrs. Ashman, who will go down on Tuesday next. Successive groups will follow and there will be, it is expected, a number of local business girls who will spend their summer in camp, continuing their work in town but having their evenings and week-ends in ideal country surroundings.

Mrs. Harrison will be assisted by Miss Hosak, of Toronto, formerly of this city, who is returning from a conference camp in Muskoka and who is expected at the W. C. T. U. summer center at the end of this week.

The fact that the W. C. T. U. camp site is practically that chosen for the municipal golf course seems in no way to have lessened the interest of the campers. The dormitories, green and white and cool among the trees on the north bank of the Thames, look out now on a smoothly rolled course, instead of the rough and ready meadows of last year, but the trees and fields are all about and the summer program as before, provides swimming, hiking, story hours, stunt nights and the usual quota of camp good times.

SMUTS UNOPPOSED

Former South African Premier Receives Acclamation in Standerton. CAPE TOWN, S. A., July 1.—Jan Christian Smuts, former premier of the Union of South Africa, whose South African party was defeated in the recent election, was returned unopposed from Standerton, Transvaal, to-day.

He had accepted the offer of Col. G. M. Glassen, member of the Assembly for Standerton, to contest for his seat.

Gen. Smuts was defeated in his riding of Pretoria at the general election.

DECLARES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL CONTINUE DESPITE COMING MERGER

Rev. Dr. R. W. Dickie, Visiting In City, Declares Nonunionists Will Form Separate Communion.

"The sooner the church union question is dropped from Parliamentary debate the better for the cause of religion and both parties" is the gist of a statement made by Rev. Dr. R. W. Dickie, minister of Knox Crescent Presbyterian Church, Montreal, and a prominent anti-unionist, when interviewed by The Free Press yesterday at the home of his mother, 860 Hellmuth avenue, where he stayed while spending Dominion Day in the city.

"It is really immaterial what Parliament do, or for that matter, what law courts could do, for in the matter of religious judgment the people will follow their own convictions," the doctor continued. "The Presbyterian Church Association was soundly defeated in Parliament and no attempt is being made to establish an alibi. At least 35 per cent of the present Presbyterian church will continue Presbyterian and we will grow. The Presbyterian church will stand, for no matter what its future it will not be political."

Dr. Dickie added that on December 10 of this year congregations will begin voting on whether or not they are going into union. All those who by majority vote decide not to unite will reconstitute the Presbyterian church and hold their general assembly on June 10, 1925.

FINE CATCH OF SPECKLED BEAUTIES IN TURNBERRY

WINGHAM, July 1.—Norman Baker and his son of Turnberry Township, who were on a fishing trip to-day, secured 30 speckled trout, each of which weighed from one to two pounds. It is one of the best catches of the speckled beauties seen in this district for some time.

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APPOINTED MANAGER OF STRATHROY FACTORY

FOREST, July 1.—D. R. McCahill, of Forest, has been appointed manager of the Dominion Canners plant in Strathroy and is moving his family to that town this week. Mr. McCahill has been manager of the Forest plant for some years. His residence here has been leased to H. H. Reid, the new manager of the Standard Bank here, who will bring his family to Forest from Tavistock an early date.

During the months of July and August the Baptists and Congregationalists will hold union services. During July the services will be held in the Baptist church, with Rev. Thomas Doolittle in charge, and during August Rev. W. Cox will be in charge, with the meetings in the Congregational church.

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DEATH OF G. W. GINGRICH

HESPELIER, July 1.—George W. Gingrich, well-known Hespeler resident, died at his home here this morning in his 78th year. Mr. Gingrich was for many years engineer at the R. Forbes Company plant. He was a member of the Methodist church. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Small, who is leaving St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to take a pupil at Harrison, was last evening presented with a purse of \$500 by the congregation.

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