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The Free Press.

Tuesday, May 25, 1880.

ASTRONOMICAL.

London, Tuesday, May 25, 1880.

Sun rises at.....4.46 a.m. | Moon rises at. 9.20 p m
Sun sets at.....7.29 p.m. | Moon sets at. 3.42 a m

On May 26, 1844, the first Roman Catholic Priests settled in Canada.

Day of the year—146th.

MIDNIGHT WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, May 25.—1 a. m.—Indications—For the Lower Lake region, clear or partly cloudy weather, with stationary or higher temperature.

THE FOREPAUGH SHOW. — The great Forepaugh Show will exhibit at St. Thomas, on the vacant lot south of the Air Line depot, on Wednesday, June 9.

USEFUL.—The sale of furniture at 194 York street will take place on Wednesday, May 26, at 11. Some very useful goods will be sold. Brunton & Son, auctioneers.

RETURNED HOME.—Messrs. Sam. Stewart, Harry Beaton, Ed. Beliz, John Christie and James Duffield have returned from a week's fishing excursion to Fort Franks and the Sauble river. Between 400 and 500 of the Inny tribe rewarded the efforts of the Londoners, who were much pleased with their experience.

MORE LICENSES GRANTED.—The East Middlesex License Commissioners granted the following tavern licenses on Saturday:—R. O'Neil (Hodgins' Hotel) at the village of Birr, London Tp; Samuel Woods, London Tp.; F. Langhamp, village of Petersville, near Kensington Bridge. The Commissioners will meet again next Saturday to consider additional applications.

RESIGNED.—The postmaster and assistant postmaster, Messrs. L. Lawless and R. J. C. Dawson, yesterday received notification from the Postmaster General that their suspension had been removed, and that from and after to-day they would continue to discharge the duties of their respective positions. The many friends of both gentlemen will hear of this decision of the P. O. authorities with pleasurable feelings.

THE CHILD MURDER.—An adjourned coroner's inquest on the remains of the infant found in Kettle Creek, south of St. Thomas, was held in the Town Hall, St. Thomas, on Friday evening, when the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown. A young woman named Ellen Coughlin was arrested yesterday by Chief Fewings on suspicion of being the mother who so inhumanly abandoned her offspring, and she will be brought before the Police Court there this morning for examination.

REPORTED DROWNED. — On Sunday afternoon a youth named Alex. Donaldson, whose parents reside on Central Avenue, went for a bathe in the river. Not returning, his father proceeded in search of him, and found the lad's clothing on the Westminster side of the river opposite the City Hospital. Under the belief that his son had been drowned, Mr. Donaldson reported the matter to the police. On returning home, however, to break the news to the family, he was surprised and pleased to find his son alive and safe. It appears that some person had thoughtlessly, by way of a joke, secreted his clothing, thus compelling him to remain away until the shades of evening permitted him to return.

A DISORDERLY CROWD.—P. C's Crawford and Calderwood were dispatched yesterday afternoon to arrest a gang of colored individuals who were disturbing respectable citizens in the southern part of Wellington street. It appears that a difficulty had arisen between a burly African named Jim Harris and his wife, which ended in the brute striking his wife in the face, blacking her eyes and bruising her face in a shameful manner. A general quarrel ensued, and the police were sent for. Harris ran when he saw the bobs coming, but John Enos Henry Woodford and Ben. Diggins were taken and placed in the cells. Adelfine Harris, the woman who was beaten, and her three children were also arrested by P. C. Calderwood.

AUCTION SALES TO DAY.—Manville & Brown will sell at 2 p.m. sharp, the old building corner of King & Richmond Streets. This is a fine chance for contractors or owners of vacant lots. Auction sale of Private Residence and Lots. Manville & Brown will sell on the premises, corner of Wortley Road & Bruce street, the finest located residence in New Brighton, with every convenience and ample grounds. Terms easy. Sale at 3 p.m. Choice Building Lots. Manville & Brown will sell on the premises, Oalhaut & Elizabeth streets, New Brighton, three one-fourth acre lots in a locality surrounded by the handsomest residences in this suburb, distinguished for architectural as well as natural beauty.

THE DERBY RACE.—The race for the Blue Riband of the English Turf will take place at Epsom to-morrow (Wednesday). Those of our readers interested in the different sweepstakes gotten up throughout Ontario will be interested in knowing the probable starters, with the latest betting, and some of the jockeys for the race: Nine to four against the Duke of Westminster's chestnut colt Bend Or, jockey Archer; 7 to 1 against Brewer's bay colt Robert the Devil, jockey Cannon; 10 to 1 against the Duke of Westminster's chestnut colt Muncaster, jockey Snowden; 12 to 1 against Lord Rosebery's bay colt Archduke, jockey Constable; 15 to 1 against Mr. W. Taylor Sharp's bay colt Valentine, jockey Morris; 16 to 1 against Lord Falmouth's chestnut colt Apollo, jockey Wood; 16 to 1 against Prince Soltykoff's chestnut colt Mask, jockey Webster; 16 to 1 against Mr John Gretton's chestnut colt Draycott, jockey Webb; 16 to 1 against Mr. Gerard's bay colt Vowler Tame, jockey Fordham; 20 to 1 against Mr. Naylor's bay colt The Abbott; 20 to 1 against Mr. M. Dawson's bay colt Fire King; 33 to 1 against Mr. R Jardine's chestnut colt Teviotdale; 50 to 1 against ——— Leslastrier; 50 to 1 against Lord Bradford's chestnut colt Exalt; 66 to 1 against Count F. De Lagrange's bay colt Milan; 100 to 1 against Lord Scarborough's bay or roan colt Scot Guard; 100 to 1 against Mr. P. Lorillard's bay colt Boreas, jockey H. Jeffery; 100 to 1 against Lord Rosebery's black colt Pellene; 100 to 1 against Mr. H. Saville's chestnut colt Proctor; 100 to 1 against Mr. T. Goe's chestnut colt Napsbury; and 100 to 1 against Patrick's bay or brown colt Boughton. The last two are doubtful starters.

LOCAL NOTICES.

MOST SUCCESSFUL SUCCESS.—The great clearing sale of Thomas Beattie & Co. brought thousands of people to the store on Saturday, and goods were sold regardless of cost, and we believe there has been more cash taken in by Messrs. T. B & Co. than has ever been known before for any one day's sales. This certainly shows that the firm mean what they advertise, and deserve the patronage of the public generally.

John Cooper's Photograph Gallery open to-day. Get your picture taken. f

☞ The day is passed when the public could be humbugged by imitations of Sarsaparilla, although, like base coin, fraudulently detected by the very consequence of its currency, and so often nailed against the counter it has deserved, yet will the perpetrators still persevere in imposing upon the unwary invalid, by spurious recommendations and imaginary cures. Buy *Johnston's Extract of Sarsaparilla* and you will suffer no imposition.

FOR THE 24TH.—New cords silk handkerchiefs, shirts, collars, underclothing and socks.—GARLICK.

GRAND SALE OF PICTURES TO-NIGHT.—Manville & Brown will sell at 7.30 the balance of the Victoria art collection, embracing some rare gems. Don't fail to inspect them if you do not buy. See advertisement.

The 24th in London.

How Citizens Disported Themselves Yesterday.

Excursions by Rail and Water—the Leading Attractions.

The Celebrations in Other Places

The celebration of the sixty first anniversary of the Queen's birthday in London did not differ in any material degree from many of its recent predecessors. The weather was all that the most fastidious could have desired—indeed it was Queen's weather;—the citizens took advantage of the opportunities afforded them by the railway and steamboat companies to spend the holiday out of town, and that they did so—by a large majority—was evidenced by the crowds who thronged the depots and docks during the entire day. The populace, in a word, celebrated the anniversary loyally, enthusiastically, and in a manner becoming citizens of the Empire upon which the sun never sets. No accidents, so far as could be ascertained, marred the pleasure of the day, and the general feeling seemed to be one of unalloyed happiness at being privileged to honor the Queen, as all her dutiful subjects are only too happy to do. The manner in which the day was "done" by Londoners will be found chronicled below:—

THE QUOITING MATCH

at the grounds of the Forest City Quoiting Club was quite numerously attended by lovers of this sport and their friends.—The occasion was the annual match between sides chosen by the President (Fairgrieve) and Vice-President (Sparrowhawk) respectively. The game was opened shortly after nine o'clock, and continued without cessation until noon. Some very good quoiting was witnessed by the players of Nos. 1 and 2 rinks, and the crowd, as a matter of course, confined their attentions to the portion of the rink occupied by these players. When time was declared, the score showed that the Vice-President's side had won the match, without Mr. Sparrowhawk's assistance, as the subjoined score attests:—

VICE-PRESIDENT.		PRESIDENT.	
No. 1 Rink.		No. 1 Rink.	
D. Bodd.		W. Lewis.	
W. Bell	45	J. Fairgrieves	34
No. 2 Rink.		No. 2 Rink.	
J. Colchertson.		T. Brown.	
R. Smith	46	A. Whittaker	43
No. 3 Rink.		No. 3 Rink.	
R. Summers.		W. Reid.	
F. Taylor	46	R. Robinson	31
No. 4 Rink.		No. 4 Rink.	
J. Raitray.		J. Smith.	
H. Merritt	33	J. McCoy	19
	210		127
	127		
Maj. for Vice-Pres.	83		

THE RAILWAY EXCURSIONS

by both lines of railway were numerously patronized, the cheap trip to Port Stanley being the most popular of the day, as it always is. Notwithstanding the counter attraction of the sail down the Thames, which it was feared by many would ruin the L. & P. S. R. excursions, the train which left here yesterday at ten o'clock was the largest (for the first of the season) that has been witnessed for several years. No fewer than 1,080 tickets were sold, and the seventeen coaches which that number of persons occupied did not permit of standing room. Over 300 tickets were also sold for the afternoon train, which brings the total up to nearly 1300. The fine weather day was, as a matter of course, an important factor in drawing such a large crowd to London's popular summer resort; and while those who visited home were being paralleled by Old Sol, The excursionists who took advantage of the cheap trip "revelled," as one of them expressed it, "in clover during the entire day." The Forest Home was largely patronized, and the proprietor commended for his enterprise in providing the additional accommodation described at length in these columns a few days since. The sail on the lake, a peep from the summit of the Observatory, a refreshing bath in the surf, and a stroll through the shady grounds formed a programme of sufficient variety to please all and satisfy. The railway arrangements were on a par with previous efforts, and that is well known to travellers.

About 100 persons left here yesterday by special train for McKenzie's Grove, a delightful retreat a short distance from Hyde Park. The visitors were joined by large numbers from the village and surrounding country, and an exceedingly pleasant day was passed by all who took part in the festivities. The picnic was of the usual orthodox kind, and was highly enjoyed.

THE RIVER ATTRACTIONS.

From the early part of the forenoon until evening large crowds thronged the docks, at the foot of Dundas street, intent on having a boat ride. The steamers of the Thames Navigation Company took Cap't Westlake's "Victoria" had full loads at every trip. Indeed all the crowds on the steamers were so great that very little pleasure could be had out of the ride, still the people waited patiently for their turn and stood the jam remarkably well. On board the vessels good order was observed by everybody. It is to be regretted that the spirit of rivalry between those in charge of the "Forest City" and "Victoria" was manifested in such a manner as to alarm the passengers and even imperil their lives. It was too marked to be called an accident and too flagrant to be treated with silence. On going down the river the two vessels named were side by side, and being of about equal speed remained so for some little time. Quite a number of acquaintances on the two steamers reached out and took hold of each others hands. This certainly was a harmless performance, but it seems that the master of the Forest City thought that it was an attempt on the part of the Victoria to grapple his vessel and hold her fast to her rival. He attempted to separate the handclasps, but without effect, and the master of the Victoria claims that he deliberately forced the Forest City on to the Victoria and ordered the latter boat on to the shore. Unfortunately a large tree overhung the steamer, and its big branches raked the covering of the upper deck, terribly alarming the passengers, who received a yet ruder shock when the vessel struck the shore. The hurricane deck, or rather the roof of the upper deck, was somewhat damaged, and a large limb broken from the tree shows the force with which it swept over the boat. Several ladies fainted, and a scene of wild disorder ensued on board the Victoria. That, however, was not the end of it. When the Forest City was again returning to the Water-works the delayed Victoria was just nearing the dredged channel, and gave the signal for the Forest City to go to the left. This, had the marine laws been obeyed, should have been answered and obeyed by the steamer signalled, but it was not done in time, though Capt. Wastie claims that plenty of time was given, and a collision was the result. The passengers got a bad shaking up, and some were thrown from their seats. The steamers "caromed," as would be said in billiards, and as the helms were turned one went ashore on each side of the river. The "Forest City" soon got off the city bank where water was deep, but the "Victoria" stuck on a sand bar on the other bank, and stayed there for about twenty minutes or half an hour, in sight of about five hundred half-broiled and exasperated people, who had stood crowded in the sun waiting for the steamer, tickets for a passage upon which they had purchased. The murmuring, which was loud and long, began to grow into profanity when the steamer got off, reached the dock, unloaded and took on one of the maddest crowds that ever bought excursion tickets. If Capt. Wastie was to blame for the detention of his vessel and the trouble with the "Forest City," he certainly has done himself and his business most serious harm. If on the other hand the Master of the "Forest City" was to blame and deliberately forced the "Victoria" on the shore and collided with her, as is claimed by the master of the latter vessel and the passengers who were on her at the time, and who testify strongly against the "Forest City," he should never be allowed to sail in paddles the lives of those committed to his care.

The day at Springbank was pleasantly spent, and plenty of room was for 1 to the four thousand visitors who rested in the shade, and with their families and friends lunched in the old fashioned picnic style. The steamers carried about 3,000 people to the grounds, and very many drove thither in carriages or pewed down to result here.

QUEEN'S PARK SOIRÉE.

Notwithstanding the exceedingly short notice given to the public by the Directors of this popular resort, the celebration was a gratifying success, between three and four thousand pleasure seekers being present to witness the various sports. No place could be better adapted for a demonstration of this kind than Queen's Park, affording as it does a quiet and cool retreat for those who do not desire to participate in the games, and providing ample space for races, ball playing, etc. Not a disturbance of any kind occurred during the day, and the proceedings passed off harmoniously and to the entire satisfaction of everyone. The sports were managed by the committee—Messrs. M. Anderson, J. P., A. McCormick, Jas. Egan and W. R. Vining—in a praiseworthy manner. The various contests were watched with keen interest, and were engaged in with considerable spirit.

Promptly at three o'clock the 7th Fusilier Band made their appearance upon the grounds, and taking their station in the comfortable band stand, played at intervals, to the delight of the thousands present. Their arrival was the signal for the commencement of the sports, which were opened with a lacrosse match between two clubs from the village—the Ontarios and Forest Oities—nine players on each side, for a gold medal, subsequently changed to a cash prize of $10. The names of the players were: Ontarios—J. Rodgers (captain), G. Stinson, E. Rodgers, H. Fletcher, E. Hunt, J. E. Rodgers, A. Allister, J. Cliff and V. Bennett. Forest Cities—W. Fysh (captain), F. Lashbrook, W. Weir, J. W. McMillan, G. Hunt, F. Ross, J. Cliff, G. Bennett and C. Howard. The playing, although not of a first-class order, was hard, the two sides being very evenly matched. The Forest Citys, however, proved the victors, winning the first, second and fifth games.

The one-mile race came next. The track, despite the late heavy rains, was very heavy and hard on the runners. The contestants, among whom are several well-known pedestrians, were: W. H. Lavender, P. Murray, G. Burdick, R. Dean, L. Jeffery, G. Hazamett and W. Fysh. After an exciting race, the last mentioned carried off the first prize ($8), Burdick the second ($3), and Lavender the third ($2).

The 100 yard foot race, for boys under 16 years,—1st prize, $2; 2nd, $1; 3rd, 50c.—was contested by B. Irons, B. J. Burke, J. Naven, W. Bremner, A. Allister and W. Bennett. The race was won by Bennett, Irons second and Naven third.

The entries for the half-mile race—1st prize, $8; 2nd, $2; 3rd, $1—were six in number, as follows:—M. Riley, G. Burdick, J. Naven, W. J. Walker, W. Fysh, and T. Jeffery. The first prize was closely contested for by Burdick and Jeffery, the latter proving the victor by about two yards, Walker taking the third prize. Fysh, who had been playing in the lacrosse match for about an hour, and who also won the mile race, was the favorite, but his previous exertions had used him up, forcing him to withdraw after running about 200 yards.

The 100 yard race, open to all—1st prize, $3; 2nd, $2; 3rd, $1—was the keenest contested of the afternoon, the entries being Messrs. G. Walters, Eli Hodgins, T. Hodgins, R. Dean and L. Jeffery. A fair start was effected, but after the first few yards Walters forged ahead, retaining the lead to the finish, T. Hodgins second, L. Jeffery third.

Then the greasy pig was unbagged, and rapidly darting off among the crowd, proceeded to afford considerable amusement, but, with proverbial obstinacy, he made for the fence, and soon the thousand or more who were in pursuit had surrounded him, and though he made a "dog rush" for freedom it was impossible to escape from the crowd. Willis Diggins, a colored youth, made the capture, and after "digging" him back to where the judges were standing, received a dollar to release him. Pig fishing, perhaps, by experience, his pipkin struck out across the Park, leading his pursuers a lengthy chase ere he was again made prisoner. Master R. Falls was the fortunate individual, and was presented with the pig for his trouble.

A celebration of this character would be incomplete without the boys were afforded an opportunity of soiling their clothes by climbing a greasy pole. This "sport" was largely patronized, several of the youths by a frequent application of sand to their hands and feet, ascending a considerable distance, only to descend with greater speed. It is safe to say that $50 worth of clothing were ruined in the futile effort to win a dollar.

This closed the list of games, no entries being made for the bicycle race, when the winners received their hard-earned money, and which was a signal for distribution of thirty "prizes" to fortunate ticket-holders took place, the principal prizes being a china tea set, child's carriage, hobby-horse, hat case and violin.

In the evening the crowd was augmented by a large number of young people, who, to the music of the 7th Band, tripped the light fantastic on the sward for a couple of hours, thus terminating a most successful celebration.

RIFLE MATCH AT STRATFORD.

The members of the London Rifle Club paid a visit to Stratford yesterday, and engaged in a friendly contest with the Rifle Club of that town at target shooting. Some good scores were made by individual members of both teams, while three or four of each were "off the target" considerably at the long distance. The Stratford marksmen entertained their Cockney friends in a hospitable manner, which will be reciprocated, no doubt when the return match is shot in this city. The Londoners came off second best in the contest, as the following score attests:—

	200 Yds.	400 Yds.	500 Yds.	Total.
STRATFORD.				
A. McKinney				
Capt. Parkinson				
Lieut. Parker				
Sergt. Clark				
Corp. Gordon				
Corp. Wilson				
Corp. Lamley				
Corp. Cadell				
Corp. Wilson				
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