

IRISHMEN OUTDID THEMSELVES PICNIC THE "GREATEST EVER" FUN AND FROLIC AT THE PORT

Fifteen Thousand Attended the Big Outing, Which Surpassed All the Previous Efforts—Dimpled Babies Galore and Handsome Mothers—The Burlesquers Made a Hit—Results of the Sports and Games.

The Irish picnic, always favored of the gods, was better cared for than ever yesterday, and as a result the finest picnic that was ever given under the auspices of the Irish Benevolent Society or in fact anywhere in this part of the country, was held at Port Stanley.

Estimates of the attendance vary, but the number was close to fifteen thousand. The Pere Marquette carried 6,000, the traction company 4,000, and the countryside from Aylmer to West Lorne sent a large representation. In addition, there was an excursion of twelve coaches over the C. P. R. from Ingersoll.

From early morning until well into the afternoon they crowded to Port Stanley, every avenue of ingress bearing hundreds of visitors. Long before the programme of sports was scheduled to commence the hillside was a mass of humanity, and the big crowd settled back to enjoy the most unique programme ever provided by the Irishmen of London.

Fun and Frolic. And the programme everybody naturally expects that there will be fun at an Irish picnic. 'Twas an Irishman invented fun, and the members of the Irish Benevolent Society have improved somewhat on the original invention. There were original features by the score, and when all else was finished the boys of the old brigade enlivened the proceedings by as fine a lot of races as one could wish to see. The style laws were not violated, but the spirit of the oldtimers made a decided hit with the crowd.

Nothing to Mar. There were no accidents to mar the day's pleasure. The crowd, while

WEXLER-WOLSON CASE DISMISSED BY COURT

Rabbi Who "Mixed It Up" With Layman Has Case Heard.

For two good hours at the police court this morning Magistrate Love listened to evidence in the charge of assault laid by Rabbi Maurice Wexler, of Exeter, against Samuel Wolson, 461 Simcoe street. After hearing the testimony of many witnesses, the court dismissed the case without costs to either party. The evidence showed that some time ago an agreement was made between Wexler and Wolson, and that Wexler lost his copy of the agreement over to Wolson's place on Wednesday night. It was shown, asked Mr. Wolson to let him have the agreement, and he did not tell him until after he had lost his own copy. When he went to take the document away, Wolson refused to allow him to leave the premises until he gave it back. A row started, and Wexler, it was claimed, kicked Wolson in the stomach, while Wolson, it is said, grabbed his assailant by the coat collar and scratched his face. Wexler, according to witnesses, seized a baseball bat and was going to knock home runs with Wolson when Mrs. Wolson and Mrs. Drucker stepped in and stopped the fight. Wexler, it was alleged, offered in the police court clerk's office yesterday morning to make it worth while for a woman who saw the affair if she did not have him arrested. "Leaving all the other evidence aside," said Magistrate Love, "Mr. Wolson was perfectly justified in doing anything reasonable to obtain an agreement back, as it had been practically stolen from him. I dismiss the case entirely."

BRIDE OF FEW WEEKS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Sidney R. Ash Died at Home of Parents Last Night.

Mrs. Sidney R. Ash, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pearson, died at the home of her parents, 148 Grey street, last night, after an illness of about a month. Mrs. Ash was married on July 5, and had intended going to Edmonton to live. She was taken ill, and rheumatism, which affected her heart, resulted in her death. Mrs. Ash was 29 years old, and besides her parents, is survived by two brothers, Homer, of this city, and Garnett, of Edmonton. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

TO TOUR THE FORESTS. Washington, Aug. 12.—Dr. Carl Petraschek, a forest expert of Austria, is here conferring with the officials of the forest service preliminary to a trip which he will make through the forests of Canada and the United States for the purpose of studying woodland conditions and the manner in which they are met. Dr. Petraschek, for 22 years was chief forester of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Austria. He will visit both national and state forests, as well as lumber, pulp and paper mills.

large, was orderly, and there was little rowdiness. No person, so far as could be learned, was injured.

The Programme. In the sports department, Mr. Geo. H. O'Neill arranged a programme that will be difficult to duplicate. With Mr. Harry Butters' troupe of burlesquers, there could not be a dull moment. The troupe were W. Purdom and R. Croden, policemen; H. Stevely, nurse maid; K. Lente, tramp; C. Boyce and W. McCormick, soldiers; H. Clark, rube; R. Reid, Rube's wife; H. McPhillips, overgrown boy; Del Woods, overgrown girl; S. Thompson, coon; J. Boyce, wench; Ed. Struthers, as "Kelly," Ken Murray as Mrs. Murray, and Frank and F. Morley, as nimble acrobats.

With that collection of rising young artists there could be nothing but a success. There was not a dull minute from start to finish. Big money has been charged for far less fun. They were to be seen everywhere throughout the programme, and their appearance was always the cause of a laugh.

Kelly Was There. The long lost, long sought, wandering Irishman, with the peroxide that was discovered. During the sports programme Starter Giltan asked the crowd, "Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?" He insisted that it was no joke, and when Kelly did come, accompanied by his wife, there was a roar that would awaken a mummy. Other features in the programme scored heavily.

That Baby Show. And that baby show. Were there ever such a fine lot of youngsters gathered together in one exhibition? Experts declare that the kiddies were unquestionably the finest that had ever been at an Irishman's picnic, and that picnic sets the standard for babies on the American continent. There were Continued on Page Eight.

LIGHTNING BOLT HIT MONTREAL CHURCH

Wild Panic On a Street Car Caused by Electric Storm.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A terrific thunderstorm, which broke over Montreal early yesterday, did more or less damage, and created considerable alarm. A blinding bolt of lightning followed by a terrific peal of thunder, filled the interior of a crowd of St. Catharines street cars with a dazzling bluish light, throwing into consternation the occupants. Several sustained minor injuries in the wild panic which was caused among the passengers, while the car was temporarily put out of commission. During the brief progress of the storm, a bolt of lightning struck the spire of St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Beaver Hall Hill, and for some minutes caused a lot of excitement in the neighborhood. The caretaker's family were at dinner when they heard a peculiar click come from the wall and the electric light was suddenly extinguished. Little was thought of the occurrence, and one of the family rushed in and said a passer-by rushed in and said the car was on fire. Smoke was pouring from the small windows when the fire was fixed by Chief Tremblay arrived. The long street cars were returning to the flash had entered by a window and had caught the woodwork between the stone and brickwork. Babcock were adequate to extinguish the blaze.

AGED SARNIA MAN DEAD BY ROADSIDE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Aug. 12.—Wm. Kirkpatrick, aged 71, was found dead last night about 8 o'clock on Devine street. He had been working about during the day, and while on his way home sat down by the roadside and expired. He is survived by three sons and three daughters, one son being a member of the firm of Sharpe & Kirkpatrick, Sarnia. The funeral has been arranged for Sunday afternoon.

FATAL AUTO CRASH.

Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 12.—Marty Kane, of Woodstock, Illinois, was killed by three male companions who severely injured last night in a peculiar automobile accident.

William Kane's lungs were pierced by three broken ribs and he may die. The four men were returning to Woodstock from Milwaukee at 30 miles an hour and attempted to make a turn without slackening speed. The machine skidded for nearly a hundred feet and finally plunged into a telephone pole. The automobile did not stop, but broke the pole off about three feet from the ground. The upper part of the pole fell with great force into the automobile, striking Kane on the head and crushing the other occupants of the car against the doors and steering gear.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH.

Barcelona, Aug. 12.—The Archbishop of Barcelona today ordered that prayers be made for the intervention of Heaven to end the persecution of the Catholic Church.



Mrs. Warren White and Baby Warren White, Winners of the Handsome Lady and Finest Baby Prizes at the B. S. Picnic.

NEW EXPEDITION TO EXPLORE LABRADOR

Unknown Regions of the Southwest To Be Penetrated.

Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 12.—The unknown regions west of Lake Temascamie, in Southwest Labrador, will be explored by a party of Middlebury College professors which has just started on its long trip. The party, which is known as the McFarland expedition, consists of Professors Raymond, McFarland, Thomas C. Brown and Phelps Nash Sweet. The departure from Middlebury was made yesterday, the first stage of the journey being by rail via Montreal to Roberval, Lake St. John, in Northern Quebec. There two canoes, guides and food supplies for six weeks will be obtained. Entering the canoes the party will proceed northward by the Chamouchouan River 225 miles to Lake Mistassini, thence northeast about 150 miles to Lake Temascamie. A full scientific equipment was taken along, and the hitherto unexplored regions will be examined carefully.

FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM GAYNOR'S BEDSIDE

New York's Mayor Puts in Another Good Night in Fight for Life.

[Associated Press Dispatch.] New York, Aug. 12.—Expressions of encouragement on the part of all the watchers by Mayor Gaynor's bedside ushered in the fourth day of his fight for recovery from the effects of the assassin's bullet, which laid him low last Tuesday. At 7:10 o'clock the following bulletin was issued:

"Mayor Gaynor passed a very good night. He slept seven hours. He is comfortable this morning and in excellent general condition. His temperature is 100, his pulse rate 70, respiration 16. (Signed), Wm. J. Arlitz, M. D. Chas. N. Dowd, M. D. Cheerful News.

The physicians were now willing to supplement the bulletin with even informed statements as to the patient's condition, evidently assuming that the reassurance of the official announcement would be all that was necessary to allay any fears that had found expression late yesterday and late last night. It was commented, however, that the temperature, pulse and respiration given indicated a practically normal condition for the patient and the news brought from the mayor's chamber by his lay attendants was of a decidedly cheerful nature. The mayor's secretary, Robert Adams, coming down shortly after eight o'clock said the mayor had breakfasted about 7:55 o'clock and had his usual appetite. The mayor's condition was better than it had been at any time since he was stricken, and except for the bandages about his head there was little in his appearance to indicate that he was the victim of a bullet, which, however favorable all indications may be, still remains an ever-present menace, the best manner of dealing with which has seemingly not yet been determined by the surgeons.

ARCHBISHOP M'EVAY REPORTED BETTER

Toronto, Aug. 12.—Roman Catholics in the city were advised today that his Grace Archbishop McEvay is sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to celebrate the 11th anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate by the celebration of mass at Newport, R. I. His grace received many messages from his people, congratulating him on his recovery to health, coupled with the hope that he would soon be among them again with his usual vigor.

BULLDOG BIT CHILD MASTER IS FINED

Alex. Thompson, of 363 Hill street, was fined \$2 and 50 cents costs, and was ordered to pay a doctor's bill by Magistrate Love this morning, as a result of being found guilty of a charge laid against him by W. Van-kun, of Hill street, whose little daughter was bitten by a bulldog of the defendant's. The child, it was stated, was not badly bitten, the skin on her arm near the wrist having been broken. Dr. Stevenson, who attended her, did not anticipate any serious results.

DEATH TAKES MARWOOD GILBERT LEADING CITIZEN OF ST. THOMAS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Aug. 12.—Marwood Gilbert, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of this city, died at his home early this morning after an illness extending over some months. For 30 years he was manager of the Imperial Bank here, and prior to that managed the St. Thomas Gas Company for some time. About a year ago he first sustained a paralytic stroke and never fully recovered. He was born in Yarmouth County on Feb. 18, 1851, and came to St. Thomas as a young man. His keen business ability soon made him prominent, and throughout the time he has resided here he has taken a wide interest in everything that tended to make St. Thomas better. He was for a time a councillor and on one occasion a candidate for mayoralty honors. Mr. Gilbert was the direct means of the establishment of an Imperial Bank branch in London.

The Honor Junior Matriculations

Toronto, Aug. 12.—The honor junior matriculation examination results were announced yesterday and in connection therewith the education department made the following statement: The standing obtained in each subject is indicated after a candidate's name, 1, first-class honors, 2, second-class honors, and 3, third-class honors, respectively.

The statements of standing of all candidates were mailed to the principal or inspectors on the 10th instant. In the case of those writing at

the University of Toronto, these statements were sent to the registrar of that institution. Candidates should apply for these papers and not to the department of education for further information. The marks obtained by scholarship candidates have been reported direct to the universities concerned. Scholarship candidates will be informed of their standing by the registrars of these universities. The results are as follows:

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LIGHT-FINGERED FOLK MADE NICE HAULS

Several Fat Pocketbooks Carried Off at Port Stanley.

Crooks had a fine day at Port Stanley yesterday, as according to report there were several cases of pocket-picking during the B. S. picnic. Mr. F. G. Meyers, of this city, is said to have had his pocket picked for \$150, while Mr. Scott Murray also lost his pocketbook on the beach. Other cases also were reported, and evidently a very smooth gang of light-fingered gentry was at work.

EXPECTS PAPACY TO GO TO MONTREAL

Noted Journalist Say Head of Roman Catholic Church Will Come to Canada.

Detroit, Aug. 12.—L. Corle Morand, formerly colonial manager of the British Colonial Press Association, passed through Detroit yesterday in the course of an extensive tour of the country. He was late manager of nearly 700 newspapers in different parts of the globe. Mr. Morand has followed the course of political action in the articles of the world for years. He is among those who believe the growing rumor that campaign plans have been formed by the papal curia to transfer the papacy to this country, should the chain of painful events surrounding the Vatican in Europe add many more links.

"There is no question in my mind that the report is true," said he. "The strong reasons to believe that the idea has been deeply considered to establish the papacy in Montreal. Whether it ever materializes or not these in a position to feel the pulse of events at Montreal expect stirring times within the next two years."

LAYING OUT THE LINE

City Making Good Progress With Falls Power System.

Manager Dark is now locating the line from the hydro-electric sub-station just east of the city to the asylum. The city will lay out this line, the hydro-electric will string the wire, and the city will have credit for the power sold to the institution. Mr. Dark, with the assistance of Engineer Roberts, has also completed the Springfield line, and it will be ready for the hydro-electric commission in a few days.

The water commissioners have done excellent service, and have made exceptionally rapid progress in the local distribution service.

A FISH STORY.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—A fish story has arrived at the offices of the board of education. It comes over the signature of the principal, of Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, and summering at Honey Harbor. Dr. Embree alleges that he went fishing before breakfast, hooked a 33-pound fish, measured it, and landed him in the boat in five minutes. He says he's going to send down the head and skin to be mounted as proof that he really acquired the fish.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fine and Warm. FORECASTS. Toronto, Aug. 12—8 a.m. Light winds; fine and warm today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. Max. Min. Weather. Calgary 76 46 Fair. Winnipeg 74 46 Fair. Port Arthur 68 54 Cloudy. Parry Sound 78 52 Clear. Toronto 70 54 Fair. Ottawa 74 56 Fair. Montreal 74 52 Fair. Quebec 74 50 Clear. Father Point 64 46 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES. Since yesterday morning rain has fallen over the greater portion of the Western Provinces, attended by some heavy local thunderstorms.

Rain has also fallen heavily in the Maritime Provinces.

Light local showers occurred in Manitoba yesterday, and local thunderstorms, with hail in southwestern Alberta, while showers were general in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere in Canada the weather was fine, and in Manitoba very warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 32—74; Dawson, 32—64; Victoria, 48—63; Vancouver, 50—72; Kamloops, 56—63; Edmonton, 50—74; Calgary, 46—76; Battleford, 58—78; Moosejaw, 52—64; Qu'Appelle, 50—66; Winnipeg, 56—64; Parry Sound, 54—70; Toronto, 54—72; Ottawa, 50—74; Montreal, 52—74; Quebec, 54—74; St. John, 54—64; Halifax, 58—64.

TODAY'S PROBS. The East-Moderate southerly winds; partly fair, with light showers or thunderstorms; fair by night.

West—Moderate southerly and comparative cool, with scattered thunderstorms.

ROBERTS CAUGHT AT SAGINAW BUT AGAIN MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Young London Jail-Breaker Makes Another Sensational Get-Away When About To Be Placed in the Patrol Wagon.

John Roberts, who was convicted of burglary in this city and who escaped from London jail with his pal, Joseph Steadman, of Philadelphia, has turned up in Saginaw, Mich. In fact, he is in the custody of three police officers waiting for the patrol to arrive at the Pere Marquette station there when a sudden spring sent him out of reach of the officers to freedom again.

CAUGHT IN SAGINAW. Wednesday, as stated in The Advertiser on that day, a message was received by the sheriff here, telling of the whereabouts of Roberts. The authorities refused absolutely to tell where the message came from, but it has been learned that Roberts was taken in Saginaw as he left a Pere Marquette train, which he boarded in the village of Sebewaing, a few miles away. The police at the latter place telegraphed to the Saginaw authorities to arrest the man on a charge of robbing a small factory in the village of \$33.

The arrest was made without difficulty, a special railway officer and two city police making the capture. The prisoner was led into the waiting-room and the patrol telephoned for.

FOUGHT HARD. Suddenly Roberts, for the police are certain that he is the London jail-breaker, leaped from between the officers and dashed for the door. One of the men grappled with him, but he fought like a wildcat, and wrenching himself from his coat left it in the policeman's hand and dashed down the railway tracks. A hurry call was sent to the station and several men were detailed by the chief to take up the chase. They followed up every available clue in a vain search and were still engaged in the work when another message to police headquarters told that Roberts had been seen on a road leading out of the city. A second posse was sent out and met with as much success as the first.

The police are now searching for him in the vicinity of Bay City, Michigan, where he has a number of relatives, and it is expected that he will turn up within a few days.

Roberts is a crafty criminal. He is very athletic and very few men could outdo him in a cross-country race. When he made his getaway at Saginaw the police fired several shots in the air in the hope of frightening him, but he called their "bluff" and beat them, despite the odds against him. Roberts is a schemer, but as Sheriff Cameron says, he lacks the discretion to make a successful criminal. His brazenness is astounding, and over-confidence created by his latest escape is expected to land him safe in the cells of some Michigan jail before many hours.

AVIATOR DREXEL SOARS OUT OF SIGHT

Captures World's Altitude Record With 6,750 Feet.

[Associated Press Cable.] Lanark, Scotland, Aug. 12.—It was officially announced today that J. Armstrong Drexel, the American aviator, last night attained a world's altitude record by reaching 6,750 feet.

Drexel's flight was the sensation of the aviation meeting. Ascending at 7 o'clock in the evening he shot up into a bank of clouds and disappeared from the gaze of the spectators. He landed some two hours later near a farmhouse twelve miles from Lanark.

RUNAWAY AT PORT DASHED DOWN TRACK

A serious accident was narrowly averted at Port Stanley Thursday. A farmer, with a couple of ladies, was driving past the Pere Marquette depot at 9 o'clock when the horse took fright and dashed down the tracks, directly in the path of a train. The engineers, however, put on the brakes.

The whole party was thrown out on the railway, but escaped with a few bruises. The rig was smashed to ribbons.

THOSE NOT STRIKING LOSE INSURANCE

Cannot Collect From the Brotherhood Say Local Men.

Local Grand Union strikers state that all the conductors and brakemen and other members of the brotherhood who did not obey the call to go out will lose the insurance money which they would otherwise be entitled to from the lodge. Some of the men were insured for from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and this, according to the union men, they will lose. There are a number of the men in this division who did not obey the order to strike. Several of them, it is said, have received important promotions, and others have been assured by the company that they will not be losers, who only five of the old passenger men are back at work.

OLD ENGINEER DEAD

Joseph Watson Served on Great Western Many Years Ago.

Joseph Watson, for many years an engineer on the old Great Western and later on the Grand Trunk, died in Victoria Hospital this morning after an illness extending over six months. Prior to that time Mr. Watson had been engineer at the hospital, and was taken ill while engaged there. He was 68 years old, and was born in Prussia. Besides his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, he is survived by two sons, Frank, of Detroit, and Joseph, of this city. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 158 Grey street, on Monday morning to St. Mary's Church, and interment will be made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

WASN'T SUPPORTING WIFE

But Magistrate Gives Him Another Chance to Mend His Way.

Charles Raymond, a young man, who resides at 519 Elizabeth street, appeared before Magistrate Love this morning, charged by his wife, Elizabeth Raymond, with neglecting to support her and the baby. For two weeks she had been complaining of his neglect, and she had not given her proper support and has not been working. He spent his time in poolrooms and other places. "You are liable to three years in penitentiary," said the court. "I don't want to send you to prison. That won't help your wife and child any. I want you to do your duty by them and take care of them as you should. I will bail you in the sum of \$200 to appear in a week, and go to work in the meantime."

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SIR WILFRID SPEAKS IN TERRIFIC STORM

Greeted by Two Thousand People at Red Deer, Alberta.

Red Deer, Alta., Aug. 11.—Despite the threatening clouds and periodic flashes of lightning and crashes of thunder two thousand people gathered in the beautifully decorated grove this afternoon to greet Sir Wilfrid Laurier. For the first time since the inception of the tour the heavens frowned, and the gathering was apprehensively equipped with umbrellas and raincoats. The local management had made no preparations for such an emergency. While the Premier spoke the storm reached its full fury. A roar of thunder was followed by a hurricane of wind in which flags were torn from the masts. Through it all Sir Wilfrid struggled on, buffeted by the gale, the half-frightened throng huddled together, and still hanging on his words. Finally Mr. Pardee rose and urged the Premier to desist. While the two were conferring the clouds opened and settled the matter. The rain descended in torrents, and a wild race for shelter followed. Subsequently a temporary quarters were secured in a miniature ten-cent theatre, where the indomitable Premier concluded his address. President Dewey, of the Liberal Association, occupied the chair.

Evening Sir Wilfrid directed attention to the fact that the two essentials of the west were population and transportation. "Given these things," said he, "western people will work out their own salvation."

Hon. Mr. Oliver paid a tribute to the Laurier Administration for its large share in the development and prosperity of the west. "Results," he observed, "were not achieved by bringing the magician's wand, but by bringing to bear on the conduct of the country's affairs high ambition, thorough common sense and constant attention to detail." Mr. Oliver declared Sir Wilfrid to be "the great optimist of Canada."

What West Wants.

Sir Wilfrid was greeted with prolonged applause in a hurricane of wind, punctuated by crashes of thunder. He expressed his appreciation of the welcome, especially at the hands of the welshmen, who, he came as a brother Canadian. "You do nothing by halves in this country," was his humorous reference of the elements. "Characteristic of the west, the supply is greater than the demand."

Government by the people was the Canadian aim. "Do not let us err in this," added Sir Wilfrid. "There is a prevailing fallacy that the people comprise only those who earn their living by manual labor. The people are not of one class, but of all classes."

Sir Wilfrid said he had spent the previous night studying the addresses tendered to him, urging free trade. "I regret one sentiment in them," said he. "There is an unfortunate tendency to create an invidious difference between manufacturers and farmers as classes. Our fiscal policy, in a word, is this: 'No protection for certain classes at the expense of others.' We do not tax for protection, but for revenue purposes. It is not our policy to have a continuous tinkering with the tariff. It creates a state of uncertainty and stiffens nerves. We held tariff revisions in 1857 and 1907, and we will have another in due time, when I hope we may—I expect we will—witness further reduction in the tariff."

A Reciprocity Treaty.

Discussing a reciprocity treaty with the United States, Sir Wilfrid repeated his readiness to negotiate on equal terms. The United States' proposition as originally presented, he did not deem fair to Canada. "Our experience with our good but keen neighbor," he said, "has taught us the ethics of David Hume. 'Do unto others fellow what he would do unto you.'"

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