

## OLD BOYS' PROGRAMME

List of the Various Attractions—Sports, Games and Music.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 5.

3 o'clock—Church parade from the Market Square of Independent Order of Foresters to St. Paul's Cathedral. The visiting Toronto Old Boys and Foresters' Trumpet Band will be in line.

All members of Old Boys' Committee will meet at station at 4 p.m. to welcome Detroit and Windsor Old Boys.

### MONDAY, AUG. 6.

At 9 o'clock the L. O. F. will give their celebrated Calithumpian Parade on the streets of the city. This is one of the finest performances, and one well worth witnessing.

At 9 a.m. the committee and all others interested will meet at City Hall, and, headed by Seventh Band, form procession and proceed to G.T.R. station to receive Toronto, Hamilton, Cleveland and St. Thomas Old Boys. The procession will then move by way of Richmond street to Dufferin avenue, thence to Victoria Park, where short addresses of welcome will be delivered by the Mayor and others. The procession will reform and parade to the City Hall via Wellington, Dundas and Richmond streets. Here disperse for lunch.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 6.

At 2 o'clock at Springbank the following programme has been arranged to take place:

1. Unveiling of Oldest Visiting Old Boy.
2. Baseball match (players in costume).
3. Tug-of-war.
4. Specialties.
5. Special music by Royal Grenadiers' Band, First Regiment Band, Detroit Light Guard Band, and Twenty-fifth and Seventh Battalion Bands.

### MONDAY EVENING.

Grand Military Tattoo at Springbank under auspices of Col. Holmes and Seventh Fusiliers. Company of torch-bearers to flank each band during the march past. The surrounding hills to be illuminated.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

International Association of Old Boys to meet at City Hall at 10 o'clock for election of officers. Executive committee and bands will assemble at same place at same hour.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 7.

At 2:30 o'clock the local committee and Old Boys will meet at City Hall and proceed to Queen's Park, where the following programme will be carried out:

1. One hundred yards foot race.
2. One-half mile bicycle race.
3. Three-legged race.
4. One-half mile novelty race.
5. Cake walk.
6. Fat men's race.
7. Jockey race.

### TUESDAY EVENING.

Grand brigaded band concert in Victoria Park at 8 o'clock by Seventh Battalion and Chicago First Regimental Bands.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUG. 8.

At 11 o'clock special cars will be at the City Hall to convey visitors around the city.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 o'clock a band concert will be given at Springbank by the Seventh Battalion and Chicago First Regiment Bands.

The above is the programme as prepared by the local executive committee.

### COUNTER ATTRACTIONS.

It is announced that a procession will be formed on the Market Square at 1:30 o'clock on Monday, and march to Queen's Park, where a programme of short addresses will be delivered by visitors from Toronto, Detroit and other places. The band of the Governor-General's Body Guards (of Toronto) and the Twenty-sixth Battalion Band will take part in the parade, and also render a choice programme of music.

In the evening a musical festival will be given in Victoria Park by the above bands.

### WHEAT PROVINCE AGAIN.

William Lloyd, of Oakville, Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, the Favorite Medicine of the Northwest.

Oakville, Man., July 30.—There is no doubt about it: Dodd's Kidney Pills have become the most indispensable medicine of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The latest case reported is that of William Lloyd, of Oakville, Mr. Lloyd had Diabetes for three years he tried to cure himself. A doctor in Portage La Prairie tried in vain to cure him. Mr. Lloyd lost thirty pounds in three months, and thence made his life a burden. "I am taking Dodd's Kidney Pills regularly," he says, "three times a day and am picking up very fast. My thirst has left me and I do not pass half so much urine. I have taken six boxes and intend to take more. I am 56 years old, but I am confident Dodd's Kidney Pills are curing me."

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## COURAGEOUS COUPLE

Lottie Gilson and J. K. Emmett Have Married.

New York, Aug. 3.—Lottie Gilson, variety actress, and J. K. Emmett are man and wife. The pair are at Far Rockaway. Miss Gilson coyly admitted that she and Emmett were quietly married in Jersey City July 23. "A judge married us, but I've forgotten his name," Miss Gilson hoped the news wouldn't get out, for she was afraid it might hurt her attractiveness on the stage.

This is Miss Gilson's third venture in matrimony. Emmett has had two divorces.

## VERY REALISTIC

Return of the Prodigal Son Exemplified at a Camp Meeting.

Morenci, Mich., Aug. 4.—At a colored camp meeting east of Morenci Sunday afternoon, a realistic exemplification of the return of the prodigal son was given. At the close of the afternoon service, the choir began to sing, "Where is my wandering boy to-night?" The minister slowly rose to his feet and shading his eyes with his hand, peered into the distant woods. Soon the whole audience had arisen and were "rubbering" in the same direction. Back in the tangled underbrush, where the thorns and briars were tearing his clothes could be seen the returning prodigal, staff in hand, footsore and weary, slowly making his way to his father's home. When his father saw him he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. The tattered garments were exchanged for a robe, and while the choir sang "Home, Sweet Home," a procession was formed, headed by the father and his son, and all calf had been killed and cooked, a partook of a hearty meal amid mutual rejoicing.

## Western Ontario.

Ridgetown's school estimates for 1900 are \$3,800.

On Monday next Elora will have an Old Boys' reunion.

Kincardine will spend \$5,000 for school purposes this year.

There were 19 births, 10 deaths and 10 marriages in Stratford in July.

Alvinston and Glenora have united to hold their civic holiday on Aug. 22.

The inland revenue collections at the Windsor office for July amounted to \$35,896.

The corner-stones of the new Presbyterian Church at Botany will be laid Aug. 10.

The Cataract Power Company talk of extending their power to Berlin and Waterloo.

Mrs. Wm. Hubert, of Galt, is dead, the result of an accident some days previously.

Edward Kaiser, formerly of Stratford, was fatally killed by a horse on a Minnesota ranch.

A car door slammed on the thumb of Mrs. George Carlisle at Galt, and the member had to be amputated.

A branch of the Merchants' Bank has been opened in Bothwell, with Mr. W. J. Finucan as manager. The town has long sought a chartered bank.

At Sarnia yesterday Geo. Smith was sentenced to four years in penitentiary for theft. Eli Sampson, convicted of stealing a bicycle, was sentenced to four months in the common jail.

The customs returns at Stratford for the month of July are as follows: Free goods, \$27,680; dutiable goods, \$19,744; duty collected, \$4,558.24. This is a decrease, as compared with the same month last year.

A bicycle corps is to be organized in connection with the 21st (Essex) Fusiliers. All members of the battalion who ride bicycles are asked to bring their wheels to Ouellette Square Saturday evening.

Ridgetown Dominion: Mrs. William Regan is in receipt of a letter stating that her brother, Rev. John Sinnett, chaplain with the second Canadian contingent, was in Cape Town the first three days of July on business connected with the regiment. Although thin, he was in good health and excellent spirits.

## The Fall Fairs.

WESTERN FAIR, London, Sept. 6-15. Industrial, Toronto, Aug. 27 to Sept. 8. Kingston, Sept. 10-14. Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Sept. 11-13. Central, Ottawa, Sept. 14-22. Southern, Brantford, Sept. 15-20. South Huron, Exeter, Sept. 17-15. Tavistock, Sept. 17-18. W. Middlesex, Stratford, Sept. 17-19. North Waterloo, Berlin, Sept. 18-19. Northwestern, Goderich, Sept. 18-19. Northern, Walkerton, Sept. 18-19. E. Elgin, Aylmer, Sept. 18-20. Central, Guelph, Sept. 18-20. Great Northern, Collingwood, Sept. 18-21. N. Kent, Paris, Sept. 25-26. N. Western, Essex, Sept. 25-27. Fullerton and Logan, Mitchell, Sept. 26-7. N. Oxford, Woodstock, Sept. 26-28. Northwestern, Wingham, Sept. 27-28. Springfield and South Dorchester, at Springfield, Sept. 28, 29. N. Perth, Stratford, Oct. 2-3. South Waterloo, Galt, Oct. 2-3. East Lambton, at Watford, Oct. 2-3. North Dorchester, Oct. 3. W. Kent, Chatham, Oct. 9-11. Norfolk, Norwich, Oct. 12-13. Norfolk Union, Simcoe, Oct. 16-18. Owen Sound, Owen Sound, Oct. 16-18. Secretaries of Western Ontario Fair Associations are invited to send the dates of their local fairs to The Advertiser.

A SIMPLE RAT DESTROYER. An American farmer recently killed 82 rats by means of whisky-soaked corn. The rats played havoc with his corn, wheat and other grain, and traps, shooting and poison failed to get rid of them. Finally he tried the plan of soaking a large amount of corn in whisky, placing it in a barrel where the rats could get at it. The plan was a success, and 82 of the rodents were killed, owing to their abandonment of temperance principles.

TOTALLY DEAF.—Mr. S. E. Crandell, Port Perry, writes: "I contracted a severe cold last winter, which resulted in my becoming totally deaf in one ear and partially so in the other. After trying various remedies, and consulting several doctors, without obtaining relief, I was advised to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I warmed the oil and poured a little of it into my ear, and before one-half the bottle was used my hearing was completely restored. I have heard of other cases of deafness being cured by the use of this medicine."

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## KRUGER ON THE ENGLISH SOLDIERS

Men Brave, but Leaders Poor—Tells Burglers How to Care for Their Horses.

[Allen Sangree in Ainslee's.] "Speaking of the conduct of the war, I asked Mr. Kruger if he was discouraged."

"Discouraged?" he answered. "No. We have a very difficult job on hand, but Providence has been with us from the start, and therefore we have prevailed. Our numbers are always less, and the casualties ten to one in our favor."

"How many have you lost thus far?" "There have been 420 burghers killed in battle and about 4,000 either wounded or captured."

"How many do you think the English have lost?" "Sixty thousand."

"They claim a much smaller loss," I remarked.

"But you cannot believe them," the president answered. "At Spion Kop, we put the number of killed at 200. We counted 600."

"How many burghers have you in the field?"

"Thirty or forty thousand from both states is the most we have ever had actually under arms. Now the number is less. I make it a rule to have 10 per cent of the army always on leave of absence, because our people are only few, and I must take care of them. At the Tugela River they lost, because they were so sleepy from constant watching that they tumbled from their horses. This weakens the commandos. Then besides I must keep a good many burghers to guard the railroads, the magazines, the prisoners and watch the natives."

"Do you consider the English soldier a brave man?" I inquired.

"Yes," was the reply, "but he is only an animal. He does not know what he is fighting for. It is a shame to send those poor fellows out to be killed, and I pity them. They do what their officers tell them, and that is why they get killed. Very few of them can shoot straight. They usually aim over our heads. The English soldier does not know how to take care of his horse, either, and without a horse in this country the soldier is nothing."

"Kruger insists on one thing in this campaign: it is careful handling of horses. It is certainly an unusual thing to hear the president of the state exhorting his troops about such small details as to caution them against allowing the handle of their rifles to over their heads. But this seemed to be the principal theme of an address which I heard Kruger deliver to some raw recruits starting off to the front."

"Watch the burghers," he said, "how they hobble their ponies, and then do likewise. You must let them never to give the horse a feed of mealies and then water him afterwards, for he will surely die. No more ride him to water and then gallop away. Give him a blanket at night, too, and at all times treat him as you would yourself, for if we win it must be with the aid of this animal."

"The greatest importance is attached to this feature of Boer equipment, and the burghers do not believe England can ever procure horses that will stand this climate. The South African pony is the result of one hundred years' experimenting. He originated in Basutoland, where the best quality is now produced. At first a pony would not live here, and it has been only by persistent inter-breeding and inquiring into the conditions that a serviceable horse has been produced. The South African pony is about the size of an Indian mustang and so tough and wiry that he will travel all day if handled carefully."

"How long will this war last?" I inquired of President Kruger, after he had asked me to affirm in his name that he had never contemplated blowing up the mines, nor would such action be taken even in the last extremity.

"I have no idea as to the duration of this reply. So long as I and my followers live."

## VICEROYS WIELD GREAT POWER

Rulers of Chinese Provinces Have the Right to Kill Without Question.

Much has been said recently about the viceroys, whose authority seems to be so great that they are to a great extent independent of Peking. They are, in fact, petty kings, but their powers are held altogether at the pleasure of imperial authority. Nothing of really independent power is theirs, inasmuch as they are under watch at all times from the capital, and at any time they may be visited unexpectedly by royal commissioners sent to investigate their doings. A word from the emperor will deprive them of rank, property and even life. Furthermore, the viceroy, who is a governor of a province, is responsible for all calamities that are attributed to "acts of God" in other countries. If a river overflows it is his fault; if there is a scarcity of crops in a dry season he is blamed; if part of a town is wiped out by fire something must be wrong with his administration. Punishment in such cases is usually taken the form of degradation in rank.

## Longest Span Bridge.

The honor of possessing the longest span in the world, which was wrested from the Brooklyn bridge by the Forth bridge, is again to return to this continent, although not to the United States. This great span will form part of the new bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec, Canada. Says the Scientific American:

"The Forth bridge measures a few feet under 1,600 feet between the towers; the new East River bridge, between the same points of measurement, will be exactly 1,600 feet; the two main spans of the Forth bridge are 1,710 feet long, while the great bridge now to be erected across the St. Lawrence at Quebec is to have a central span of 1,500 feet. The securing of the contract by the Phoenix Iron and Steel Company, of Phoenixville, Pa., is another distinct tribute to bridge builders of this country; for it is certain that the award of a \$4,500,000 contract for the erection of a bridge on British territory would not have come to this country if the British bridge builders had been able to offer superior inducements in the way of design and economy."

"It is significant that in spite of the oft-repeated statement that all suspension bridges of this magnitude would be constructed by the suspension principle, the new Quebec bridge is to be of the cantilever type. The old objection of lack of stability which formerly held against suspension bridges has disappeared. The principles of the suspension type have been better understood, and shall we say, better applied, than they were, and with the improved materials

that are now available, it is possible to give suspension bridges of the largest size all the rigidity which can reasonably be asked for. As regards the question of economy, the cantilever is by far the more costly type, the difference in cost increasing at a multiplying ratio of the increase in length. In view of this fact it is probable that the adoption of the cantilever type at Quebec was due to the local conditions."

## A Monument for The Soldiers.

A monument for the soldiers!

Can ye build it of marble, or brass, or bronze, Outlasting the soldiers' love? Can ye glorify it with legends As grand as their blood hath writ. From the inmost shrine of this land of thine To the utmost verge of it?

And the answer came: We would build it Out of our hopes made sure, And out of our purest prayers and tears, And out of our faith secure; We would build it out of the great white truths

The death hath sanctified, And the sculptured forms of the men in arms, And their faces are they died.

And what heroic figures Can the sculptor carve in stone? Can the marble breast be made to bleed, And the marble lips to moan?

Can the marble brow be fevered? To look their last, as the flag floats past, On the country they have saved?

And the answer came: The figures Shall all be fair and brave, And as befitting as pure, and white As the stars above their grave! The marble lips, and breast, and brow Whereon the laurel lies, Bequeath us right to guard the light Of the old flag in the skies!

A monument for the soldiers!

Built of a people's love, And blazoned and decked and panoplied With the hearts shrouded in grief, And as that grief it stately, In pillar and niche and gate, And high in pose as the souls of those It would commemorate!

—From James Whitcomb Riley's Poems.

## RENEWING THE BRAIN

And the Part That Electricity Will Play in It—Prof. Serviss Views.

There is the suggestion of almost incredible possibilities of human improvement in recent studies of the influence of electricity upon physiological cells. Take, for instance, the cells that constitute the brain. All man has become and all that he can hope to be in the future depend upon their healthful activity and development. Man is not alone among animals in possessing a brain, but his brain has outstripped all other brains in the evolution of its powers, and accordingly he stands at the head of the terrestrial creation. His superiority in this regard is so enormous that the brevity of his life seems pitiful. Why is so wonderful a machine made to endure so short a time? Perhaps an answer may be found in the fact that while the individual perishes the race survives and the type improves, but, after all, such a solution is not in all respects satisfactory. It is the universal desire of mankind to see individual existence prolonged and individual powers increased.

The cells of the brain, upon which all intellectual capacity depends, gradually wear out through exercise. With the progress of a man's life his brain cells give evidence, says Sir Isaac Grant, of lessening power and activity. What one can do easily when on the summit of his years, he can do but lamely, or not at all, after he has passed over to the downward slope of life. His brain no longer responds with its usual energy. The spring of youth, the elasticity is diminished, the wonderful cells are weary and lag in their work. Memory, in particular, fails, its images becoming dim, until at last they are completely effaced.

Just here—if the authority already quoted is right, is to be met with—comes a bright promise based upon recent electrical investigation. We are informed, demonstrates that the electrical current through the brain rotates its molecules to such a degree as to produce a most noticeable physiological response in the direction of improved memory. The interpretation of this would seem to be that under electric influence a rearrangement takes place among the brain cells, which is the effect of rejuvenation. The elasticity of the brain is restored through the bringing into action of parts of the cells that have not become exhausted, and thus the mental life is strengthened and prolonged. Of course, progress in this direction, if it is to be accomplished, must be in the nature of things, be slow and gradual. The human brain is too delicate and too precious a mechanism to be heedlessly subjected to experiment. At the same time, if this discovery proves to be well founded, there can be no doubt that it will eventually be pushed much further. In the meantime there is food for reflection, as well as stimulus for hope, in the results which have lately been attained in the application of electric influence to the development of plant life.

The Electro-Technical Society of St. Petersburg has recently completed a series of experiments along this line whose results are astonishing. The attempt to hasten vegetative growth by means of electricity is not altogether new, but these Russian experiments have been made on an unprecedented scale, and in many of their forms they are strikingly original. In general terms, they demonstrate that seeds sown in electrified soil germinate much more quickly than in ordinary soil, and that the yield of edible roots, grains and fruits under electric stimulation is vastly increased. The rate of growth in many cases was found to be increased from two to six times. A plate of copper and a plate of zinc connected by a wire and placed in the ground sufficed to electrify the soil to such a degree that potatoes and other roots grown within it gave three times the ordinary yield. Extraordinary results were also obtained by placing above the ground network of wires supported on posts with metallic terminals. Seeds sprouted in the soil beneath and plants grew and developed there in a surprising manner.

One word of warning should be added. This is a fertile field of research. Let it be remembered that the men of science who are investigating these



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