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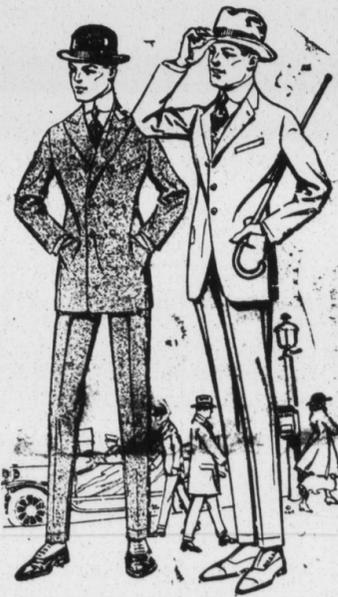
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ST. JAMES' CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC

St. James' Presbyterian Church annual Sunday School picnic was held at Wilson's Point, on Wednesday July 27th. The picnic this year proved the most enjoyable outing ever experienced by the Sunday School pupils and their friends. The attendance of children exceeded any preceding picnic, and the number of parents and adult friends of the congregation who were present was greatly in excess of any outing of its kind held by the church. The day was one which will long be remembered by all who attended and the weather was simply ideal for an outing of this kind. The children were conveyed by automobiles, kindly loaned by members of the congregation to and from the Point, and the drive was one of the pleasant features of the day.

The children of the Bible School were also picked up en-route and this school was largely represented. On arrival at the Point swings were put up and the other arrangements made for the full enjoyment of the day. Boating, Bathing, Games and Races were indulged in throughout the afternoon and the hearts of the little children were made glad in a manner which they had never before experienced. Suitable prizes were given in abundance. When supper was announced, healthy appetites had been developed and full justice was done the contents of the picnic baskets, which were many and well supplied with good things to eat. After supper, oranges, candy, bananas and apples were supplied the children as a treat and they all did full justice to the tempting refreshments.

About 7.30 in the evening the work of transportation for home was commenced and in a very short time all were safely returned to their homes.

About three hundred people all told were present and this number makes a record for attendance at the Sunday School picnic. A noticeable feature was the manner in which all the work, (and there is considerable work attached to functions of this kind) was carried out. Everything was performed in a systematic manner which lessened the burdens of those attending to the many duties, and the children fell into the spirit of organization in such a way that everything went along without a hitch.

The Sunday School Superintendent, Teachers and Committee members are grateful to all friends who contributed in such a hearty manner, and to all who so kindly gave of their time, automobiles and various other items which played such an important part in making the picnic the success it was.

COUNTY COURT AT NEWCASTLE

In the County Court the case of King vs. Gotro, charged with burning several buildings at Grand Downs, was stood over until next court.

Henry Swim vs Dr. Wier, a Doaktown case, arising out of a prohibition and assault case was heard and judgment reserved. H. A. Powell for plaintiff; Robert Murray for defendant.

Paul Frost vs Town of Chatham, a claim for wrongful dismissal from the police force of that town. Judgment reserved. George McDade for plaintiff; W. H. Teed for defendant.

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS IN FRASER COMPANY FIRE

On Thursday, July 28th, the largest fire ever witnessed on the Miramichi River since the Miramichi Fire of 1825, broke out in the Fraser Lumber Companies' Mill Yard at Nelson, N. B. The fire started from some unknown origin about a quarter to one in the afternoon, and with a high wind which was blowing, made rapid headway, spreading through the whole mill yard. The fire when first seen was in one of the lumber piles close to the mill on the face of the wharf and although several streams of water was at once played on it, the employees of the mill were unable to check it in the least. Alarm was sent to Newcastle and the Fire Department with their Steam Engine went to assistance at once. In a short time they had several streams playing on the mill and surrounding piles. Emergency calls were sent to Chatham and the steamers, Rex, St. Andrews, Sarcelle and David R. responded. The men from Newcastle directed their attention to the saving of the mill, and with a change in the wind were successful in checking the fire in that quarter. However the fire continued to spread rapidly in the direction of Verdun and in a very short time the whole mill yard was a seething mass of flames. The office of the company soon fell a prey to the flames; the flames then swept across the road burning the lumber there, along with the hostel of the company. Soon the residence of John Jarvis and Mr. Gould were also consumed.

A sudden change in the wind then sent the fire back towards the mill and the heat became so intense in that section that every window in the mill was broken and the mill itself scorched. The fire next crossed the Nelson road, and the barn of David Sullivan was burned followed by the house and barns of Mrs. Newman, also Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. MacCullam's store and the Lynch house and barn occupied by Hedley Atkinson. Except for the mill itself everything on both sides of the main road to the Morrissy Bridge, belonging to the company, including all the lumber piled in the yard was totally destroyed. The fire simply burned itself out, when there was nothing left for it to burn. Fortunately after sun down the wind fell and the blaze having burned everything within reach, over an immense area, was gotten under control about eight o'clock, at the upper end of the yards near the residence of Mr. G. Percy Burchill. The whole district at one time was threatened, and it was thought that Mr. William Maloney's mill and a number of residences close by could not be saved, but by strenuous efforts on the part of workers who poured streams of water from the Steamer Rex's pump saved this section of the district from destruction. All the buildings which were burned were good ones, while the office and hostel of the company were only built about two or three years ago.

In all it is estimated that from 25 to 30 million feet of lumber and ten buildings were destroyed, causing the worst fire in the history of the Miramichi since 1825. Spectators from all districts witnessed the fire and the Morrissy Bridge was a mass of vehicles and pedestrians throughout the afternoon and evening. At night the fire presented a most spectacular ap-

MILL AND BOILER PLANT BURNED

Fire broke out Wednesday afternoon at the J. B. Sawlani Co. mill, a big saw mill in Chatham. The fire, which was of unknown origin, started in the planing mill and this building was soon destroyed. The boiler plant then caught and was almost totally destroyed. The firemen put up a good fight with a strong wind fanning the flames on the big mill itself and were able to save this.

Had the fire got beyond control the whole stock of sawn lumber would have been a total loss. The only manufactured lumber destroyed was a car of planed boards which was on the siding when the planing mill was burned. The loss to the company will be heavy. The planing mill of the company was the only portion under operation this season.

INVESTIGATED FATAL ACCIDENT

James R. Ryan, special agent of the C. N. R. has returned to St. John after an official trip to Campbellton, where he carried on investigations into the railroad wreck which resulted in the death of O. B. Lawson and the injury of B. Floyd. The C. N. R. Official ascertained that both men were asleep in their bunks in the van when the rear-end collision occurred. Mr. Lawson was driven through the end of the car and was crushed beyond recognition, while Mr. Floyd was badly bruised and shaken up, but had no bones broken, and is progressing towards recovery at the Campbellton hospital. He probably will be able to leave that institution in about a week.

THIS COUNTY WILL HOLD BY-ELECTION

There is to be a provincial by-election in Northumberland County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Vanderbeck. The Chatham World says Mr. F. M. Tweedie is to contest the seat as a straight Liberal supporter of the Foster Government. The Chatham World says Mr. Tweedie will have the support of the big lumber interests. But, as he opposed the Independent Ticket in the last election, he will probably be opposed by Messrs. Martin, Fowle and Morrissy. It will be seen whether the big lumbermen or the labor unions will win the seat. If the Labor party and the opponents of the Government vote as they did in the last election they could elect the candidate of their choice. The hoisting of a Liberal flag will not save the Government candidates.

VENIOT TO PLAY HOCKEY WITH CHATHAM AGAIN

A. W. Covey, president of the Maritime Provinces branch of the A. A. U. of C., was in Chatham recently and adjusted the Veniot cases in connection with hockey so that they will be able to play with a Chatham team next year.

appearance and on Friday the ruins were visited by large numbers.

A large quantity of the lumber destroyed was owned by the British Admiralty and the damage is estimated at one million dollars. Very little of the furniture in the burned buildings was destroyed; it being carried out to the fields while the fire was spread-