

A THIRD DROWNING

William Joyce Loses His Life in Long Pond--His Brother and Friend Barely Escape a Similar Fate.

A heavy toll in human life is being paid to the eagerness of young men and boys to go swimming in the ponds near the city. Three deaths in almost as many days from drowning is a fearful thing to contemplate, and the sacrifice of these valuable human lives must surely be the result of carelessness or negligence on the part of some person or persons in authority. One thing is certain that if the boys be not prevented in some way from going to suburban ponds to bathe, accidents will frequently occur.

The feelings and sympathies of citizens were again profoundly stirred last evening when it became known that William Joyce, aged 17 years, who resided at No. 150 Gower Street, had met his death by drowning in Long Pond.

The unfortunate lad who worked in the Hardware Department of Ayre & Sons, Ltd., was the only support of a widowed mother, his father, the late George Joyce, having died in March last. The facts of this very sad drowning accident are as follows:—

Yesterday afternoon being fine and warm the deceased lad—William Joyce, his brother, Walter, and J. W. Smith, a companion, left the home of the victim at 4 p.m. to go to Long Pond to have a bath. They crossed the bridge at the foot of the pond and went up the north side but would not go out in Sandy Bottom as too many boys were already there. They proceeded up towards the head, and undressing went out there. Both Smith and Walter, the brother of the deceased, could swim a few strokes, and immediately they entered the water the drowned lad started to dip his head and bathe it. The Smith boy innocently asked him if he liked bathing his head, to which he replied: "that is about all I can do in the water." He now passed his two young friends and walked farther out in the pond, dipping his head in the water the while. They paid no particular attention to him afterwards so engrossed were they in the pleasures of bathing, until suddenly Smith saw him put both hands to his eyes and brush the water from them and from his hair. Telling him that he was a regular water dog, Smith was surprised to get no answer, and only since did he realize that the poor boy was then getting beyond his depth and had come to the surface when he was seen to brush his head and face with his hands, for he immediately disappeared to again come up and thrust one of his hands above the surface after which he sank to rise no more. Both now rushed after him to effect a rescue, and it was only by the intervention of a merciful Providence that a triple drowning did not occur. The two lads were not aware of the close proximity of the overfall until they, too, were out beyond their depth in the effort to save their young friend who, as he struggled in the death throes beneath the surface, gripped each by the legs and brought them under also. They had never before visited this part of the pond and hence their ignorance of the

danger they ran. How they escaped from his embrace they do not know, but they did, and frightened they scrambled ashore. Smith was the first to reach the bank, and for a few seconds thought both brothers were gone until he saw Walter wading towards him. Both were exhausted as the result of their struggles in getting ashore, and looking to the spot where William had disappeared they could see bubbles rise to the surface, and they screamed loudly for help. Two young men were in a boat at some distance down the pond and hearing their cries rowed for the scene. Up the river which runs into the head of the pond they saw a man fishing, and Smith running up to him and telling him what had occurred, he grasped the rod he used and ran back to the pond and tried with the implement to raise the body, but could not do so. Those in the boat had by this time arrived, and one of the two young men in her, Tilley, by name, called to some young chaps who had assembled, told them he could not swim, and asked any of them who could to try and get the boy off bottom. Getting no answer he stripped, and seeing the body on the bottom lowered himself over the side of the boat and brought the dead boy to the surface, with the aid of his friend the body was placed in the boat and brought ashore where Tilley and his companion laid the boy on his back, worked the arms and tried to if possible to restore animation. This was fruitless. The poor boy had been about 15 minutes on bottom before being brought to the surface. Dr. Rendell later stated that life was extinct in a few minutes after he had sunk.

The boys about now ran to the cottage of Mr. R. G. Rendell, on the north side of the pond, told of the accident, and the Central Fire Station was phoned. Here, fortunately, Dr. Rendell was engaged in delivering a lecture before the police and firemen on first aid, and he with Sgt. Savage and Const. Lawlor, drove at high speed to the scene of the accident. The physician worked for a while on the body but soon discovered that life was extinct. From the time the accident had occurred until the doctor and police arrived fully a half hour elapsed, and this considering the time it took for the boys to get to the cottage, and the physician and officers to drive from the station was quick work.

The body was then borne out in a carriage to the Central Station, and in the meantime Supt. Grimes summoned Revs. J. K. Curtis and John Bartlett by phone to break the news to Mrs. Joyce. This was a sad and certainly a hard task, but the kindly clergymen accomplished it, though the blow to Mrs. Joyce, already mourning the death of a beloved husband, was a terrible one, and little surprise could be evinced when she became weak through grief and became so ill that Dr. Cowperthwaite had to attend her. It was feared that the bringing of the poor boy's remains to the house would have a dangerous effect on his mother, and so they were not conveyed

home till near 9 last night when the poor woman could bear with some degree of composure the sight of her dead boy. A number of people collected at the residence when the corpse arrived there, and few there were who did not shed tears when the great grief of the mother and her children was witnessed.

This sad accident should be a warning to boys who cannot swim to refrain from going to ponds and rivers where there is always a danger of drowning.

Two Men Drowned on the Grand Banks.

Yesterday Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, Assistant Collector of Customs, received the following message from the Sub-Collector at Pushthrough:— "Schr. Glenoe, of McCallum Harbor, arrived at Pushthrough on the 19th from St. Pierre. The captain reports that two men were drowned on the Grand Banks from the United States' fishing schooner Arethusa, Capt. Clayton Morrissey. The two men were natives of Newfoundland. One was Jeremiah Sutton, belonging to Pushthrough. The other was from Placentia; name not known."

A Pressing Necessity.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Hardly a day passes now in which boys do not go to the suburban ponds to bathe, many of them who cannot swim doing so at the risk of their lives. In view of the accidents of the past few days it would seem that the erection of public bathing pools where boys could learn to swim is a great necessity, and on all sides are heard demands for such a convenience. If these were erected in some proper spot and properly managed, no lads need go to ponds where there is always the danger of accidents. Not a parent in the city at present but is living in a state of terrible apprehension when their sons are off in the country. This is not allayed till their safe return home. Swimming is pleasurable as well as a useful art, and boys should be given a chance to learn it without risking their lives. Those in authority should arrange to have proper swimming baths erected by next season at least. PARENT.

Wake Up!

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Does not the frequency of these drowning accidents emphasize the necessity of having a swimming pool either in or near the city? The youth of the city does not receive the attention and treatment, either from the Government or the Municipality, which they ought to, and which the youths of other modern cities now receive. It is time that we woke up to this fact and give our young people the heritage which is theirs by right, that is, the thoughtful consideration of their needs and requirements, and the meeting of those needs and requirements in the best possible manner, thus interesting them in their native place and binding them more firmly to the state. Those in authority ought at once to take this matter of a swimming pool into serious consideration and do something to make the thing a present reality.

I am, dear sir,
Yours truly,
NINETEEN HUNDRED & TEN.

The S.S. Lorle's Narrow Escape.

The S.S. Lorle, which left here for Harbor Breton early last week, had a narrow escape from running ashore at Brunette Island in Fortune Bay on her way to Harbor Breton. The lookout descried the land through a thick fog in time and the engines were reversed. She had on board a large number of laborers from St. John's who were going to discharge her at Harbor Breton.

Bell Island Races.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the proposed Regatta at Bell Island met Monday night when they decided to confine the amateur race to the officials of the two companies store keepers and office hands, while a special arrangement was made for Lance Cove. It is impracticable to have a swimming race. Six of the committee were selected to carry on the field sports.

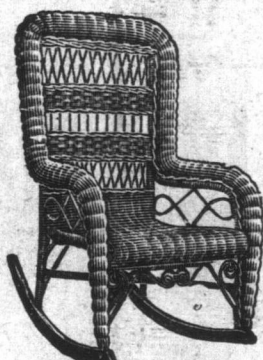
UNSEEMLY CONDUCT.—A number of young men who were coming from a "time" in the country early Tuesday morning created a disturbance and annoyed the residents of Hutchings' Street by shouting, indulging in horse play and kicking about night vessels. The conduct was unpardonable in some of them at least, who knew that a young lady of the place was at the point of death.

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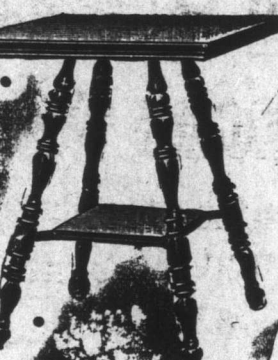
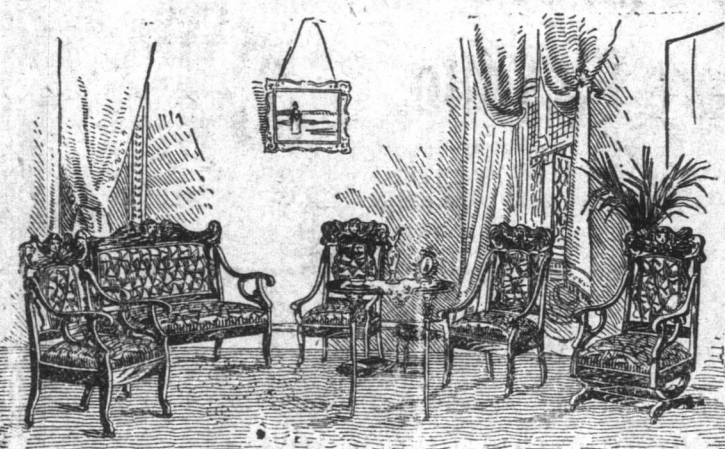
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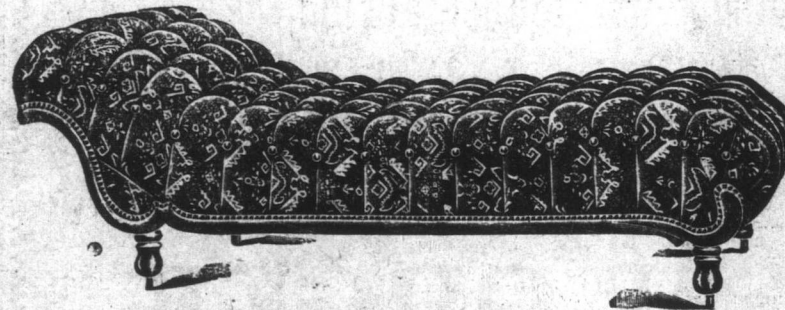


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