

Wonderful Day On The Kennebecasis

Regatta on Renforth Anniversary a Pronounced Success—Great Crowds on Shore and in Boats— The Results of Races.

Rippling water, wooded hillsides, boats from racing shells to steamers, long lines of automobiles, and from ten to fifteen thousand people combined to make up a picture unique in this part of the country yesterday at Renforth. From early morning the people began to arrive and by two o'clock in the afternoon standing room was at a premium. A double line of motor cars stretched from the lower end of Renforth to the entrance of the Riverside Golf Club and the hillsides down to the waters edge were covered with people, the vari-colored garments of the ladies, mingling with the more conservative colors of the clothing of the men and making a picture never to be forgotten.

The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of the victory of the world-champion Paris crew who defeated the Tyne-side crew in a six mile race for the championship of the world. It was in this race that Harry Renforth, stroke-oar of the Tyne crew, lost his life. It was very fitting that his name should live and that on the fiftieth anniversary of his death a great regatta should have been held at a place named in honor of his memory. The vast crowds were well handled and, on the whole, good order prevailed. The arrangements for the parking of automobiles were well carried out and not a fender was scratched. Traffic was efficiently directed and everything went off smoothly. At the request of Mayor Schofield the citizens

observed a half holiday and from the oldest to the youngest all flocked to Renforth.

The regular train scheduled to leave the city at 12:30 was so crowded at the time of departure that the conductor refused to allow his train to leave the depot but was finally prevailed upon to do so. The cars were literally packed with people and men hanging on the steps. The special train, announced to leave at two o'clock did not get away until 2:45. The line up of people at the station waiting for the train was beyond description and there was considerable pushing and pulling on the part of those at the rear of the line which brought forth vigorous protests from those at the head who bore the brunt. The second train did not reach Renforth until 2:50 o'clock. Returning the Halifax train brought a large number at 4:20. At 8:15 the suburban came along between two lines of people extending from far above the station to down below the clubhouse.

One unpleasant incident occurred here to mar for many the pleasure they had felt at the good humor and good order which prevailed all day. When the train came to a stop everyone made a mad rush for the steps of the cars and it was during this rush that an incident, which was to say the least disgusting, took place. A young man and a woman who were in the thickest of the crowd accused each other of pushing and came to high words. Blows were exchanged

and the woman attacked the young man with her umbrella. He came back with his fists and seized the weapon whereupon she slapped his face. He swung the umbrella to strike her and as he did so he struck a man on the head with it. By this time general excitement reigned and order was restored finally when some men seized the young man and level heads prevailed on the woman to abandon the offensive. It is incidents such as this that rob a day of its pleasure. This was the only untoward incident recorded.

The suburban train was followed soon after by the special at 10:30 the Truro train brought the last of those depending on the C. N. R. for transportation. The houses did a good business all day. At 8:30 a dance was held in the clubhouse to which all were invited and a general good time was held. Every feature of the arrangements tended to make up a day long to be remembered by those who have at heart the promotion of good healthy sport and the development of many men.

The work of the oarsmen representing the St. Mary's Amateur Athletic Club, of Halifax, was an outstanding feature of the day so far as the sculling contests were concerned and it was around these contests that the interest of the thousands was chiefly concentrated.

St. Mary's men won the senior four-oared event; they took first and second in the junior singles; took second and third in the Ross Memorial cup race and also pulled home ahead of the rest of the field in the junior four in the fastest race of the day but were disqualified for finishing outside the flag buoy instead of between the flag buoys which marked the finish line.

St. John's, too, distinctly vindicated its claim to consideration as the home of expert oarsmen. Harry Giggie, of the Millidgeville Summer Club, won the most coveted distinction of the day when he came across the line victorious

in the Ross Memorial Cup race thus becoming the first holder of the most coveted trophy that ever has been donated for an athletic event in St. John. If not indeed in the whole Dominion. Giggie also won the intermediate singles. Hilton Belyea, maritime, New England and Canadian national champion, was an easy victor in the senior single sculls and the West End Improvement League crew rowed across the finish line victorious in the four oared event for boys under eighteen.

The Races

The interest manifested in the various rowing races was intense and from the time the contestants appeared from the boat house until the winners had been determined, a look of eager expectancy was discernible on every face. The showing of the St. John representatives was all that could be desired under the circumstances, when it was taken into consideration that they were competing against clubs their senior by many years, who had every opportunity to develop their style and stroke under the vigilant eye of professional trainers. There was nothing to mar the event, and although hundreds of boats lined the course only a few persisted in moving about in a way to interfere with the scullers. The four-oared junior and senior races were feature events and although Halifax clubs took home the honors, their victory was clean-cut and the participants accorded the highest commendation for their style and all around ability.

A big event on the programme was the single scull race, not because of any anticipated keen competition, but because land champion and rowing idol of St. John, was to take part. When he appeared from the boat house the air was rent by the shrill blasts of the whistles on the tugs and steamers and the prolonged cheering of thousands of admirers. That he would win was a foregone conclusion, but to watch him manipulate his shell was the ambition of many who had never seen him in action. As he rowed home a winner he was greeted with cheers and as he went to the club house he was literally showered with compliments. The special race for the Ross Memorial trophy was another event watched with keen interest and Harry Giggie, the youthful winner, was accorded a flattering ovation.

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Swimming Race for Boys, (50 yards.) (16 years and under.)

First, Douglas McKinney; second, Nicholas Bone.

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First, George Power, St. M. A. C.; second, Lawrence O'Connell, St. M. A. C.; third, James Fleming, R. A. O. C. Time 11:22 3-5.

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M. Dalton; third, St. John Amateur Rowing Development Association composed of N. Ring, G. Stubbs, R. White and R. Brayley. Time 5:39 1-5.

Dinghy Race.

First, B. J. Heans, 5:01:47; second, E. N. Herrington, 5:02:29; third, H. W. Heans, 5:03:11.

Intermediate Single Sculls. (Maritime Championships.)

Harry Giggie, Millidgeville Summer Club, rowed this race against time, owing to Power's absence. Time 12:27 2-5.

Yacht Tenders. (One half mile.)

Grenville Ring won this race unopposed.

Senior Four-oared Shell.

First, St. Mary's A. A. C., composed of John O'Neill, Edith Scullion, William Morriarty and J. Howland; second, North West Arm Rowing Club, composed of J. Calam, E. C. Briggs, H. W. Young and W. D. Melvin; third, Renforth Athletic Outing Club, composed of George Wetmore, D. W. Patterson, James Fleming and P. Patterson. Time 10:29 2-5.

Swimming Race for Ladies, (Open.)

First, Miss Rita Carney, St. John Swimming Scow; second, Miss Teresa Ready, Y. M. C. I.

Singles Sculls (Matched Race)

First, Willie Logan; second, Donald McCavour.

Senior Single Sculls, for Pulton Memorial Trophy (Maritime Championships)

First, Hilton Belyea, St. John Amateur Rowing Club; second, F. R. Hart, North West Arm Rowing Club. Time, 11:42 2-5.

Ross Memorial Race for Young Men Under 22 Years of Age

First, Harry Giggie, Millidgeville Summer Club; second, Lawrence O'Con-

nell, St. Mary's A. A. C.; third, George Power, St. Mary's A. A. C. Time 11:47 1-5.

Canoe Race (Men's Doubles)

Renforth Athletic Outing Club, composed of Guy Lordly and P. F. Lordly rowed this race against time owing to the withdrawal of the other contestants.

Swimming Races for Men (100 Yards Open)

First, George Burton, Y. M. C. A.; second, McGinnis, St. John Swimming Scows.

Motor Boats.

In the speed boat race, the Silver Spray was disqualified for not turning the second buoy and the Anzac won first prize and the Auto Rite second. Time: Start, Silver Spray, 4:00; Auto Rite 4:04; Anzac, 4:08; finish, Silver Spray 4:15:30; Auto Rite, 4:22:30; Anzac, 4:21.06.

In the motorboat race, the Dash me with an accident before the time of starting the race and the Dixie, while was also entered, did not appear on the starting line.

The Officials.

Referee—R. T. Macleith, Pres. B. P. A. O. A.

Judges at Finish—J. L. Gower, Mary's A. A. C.; J. A. Gregory, St. M. A. R. C.; Peter Clinch, St. John A. R. C.

Judges at Turn—Frank T. Belyea, John A. R. C.; J. Fraser Gregory, Millidgeville Summer Club.

Timers—W. R. Scriven, N. W. A. C.; J. C. Cheley, St. John A. R. C.; P. Patterson, Renforth A. & O. C.

Clerks of Course—Harry Ervin, M. A. O. A.; Fred W. Coombs, Renf. A. & O. C.; W. W. Hoyt, M. P. A. A.

Starter—Frank White, St. John A. R. C.

For the Power Boat Races

Judges—Wm. Keirvin, George Pulton Timers—Kenneth MacRae, R. M. Arty.

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