

Bluenoses in the West

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N EARLY 500 bluenoses, herring chokers, and spud islanders, as they are sometimes called in the west, coming from the provinces by the sea, and living in the Province of Alberta, gathered at Red Deer for a re-union, picnic and general good time on the 30th of July.

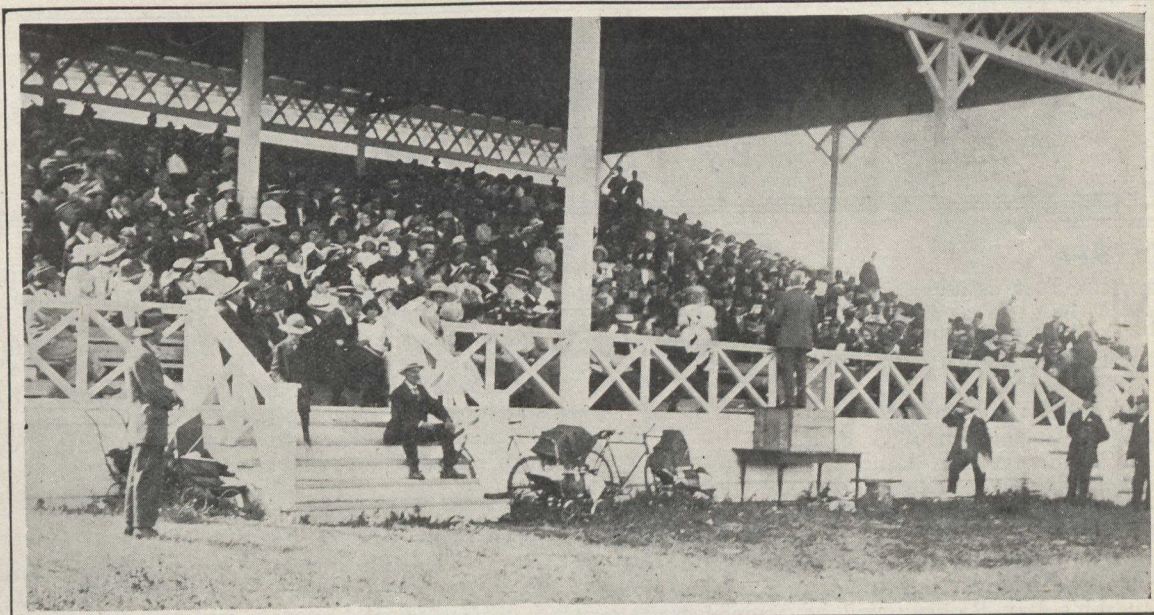
It was one of the most interesting gatherings ever held in the west. Nearly every county and town in the old provinces were represented. A large number of the leading men in Alberta come from the Maritime Provinces, and hold many important positions in the religious, social, political and business life of the west, and a great many of them attended the picnic to renew old acquaintances and meet former friends.

A rather unique badge in the form of a fish, with the words "Blue nose picnic," was given to each one present.

The party were met at the station by the band and citizens of Red Deer and escorted to the park and picnic grounds. After luncheon all assembled in the large pavilion on the Exhibition grounds, and were welcomed to the city by the Mayor, Mr. Galbraith. His Honour Lieut.-Governor Bullyea, a former resident of New Brunswick, replied, and spoke of the achievements the men of the Maritime Provinces had accomplished in the religious, social, political and educational life, not only in Alberta, but the world over. Some of the other speakers were F. H. Whiteside, member for Coronation in the Alberta Legislature, and formerly of New Brunswick; Rev. Dr. Sharpe, of the Baptist College, Calgary; Alderman Geo. H. Ross, K.C.; and L. U. Fowler, of Calgary, both originally Prince Edward Island men; Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. C. H. Huestis, and George W. Smith, of Red Deer, from Nova Scotia.

Following the speakers came an interesting game of baseball between Red Deer and Calgary, won by the latter. General sports of all kinds were held, including a tug of war between men from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—the winning team, Nova Scotia, having to compete with the men from Prince Edward Island. The Nova Scotia team won.

A great many of the eastern folk in passing hurriedly through the west generally receive the impression that the west is all prairie. This is a mistake. There are to be found many parks, trees, forests and excellent scenery. Red Deer has been bestowed by nature with a great deal of natural beauty. It is one of the beauty spots of Alberta, and the men from the east attending the picnic almost thought themselves transported back to their old haunts in the woods by the sea. Such festivals as these do good. They revive memories of the past which hearten for the future.



The "Bluenose" Picnic at Red Deer Was a Great Success. Chairman G. W. Smith Speaking to the Gathering from an Improvised Platform.



Sons and Daughters, Grandsons and Granddaughters of "Bluenose" Descent; Happy and Prosperous in Their New Homes in Western Canada.

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Chairing the Winner of the King's Prize at Bisley



"The Maple Leaf Forever." Hawkins, After Winning the King's Prize, Was "Chaired" and Carried About the Grounds Waving a Branch of Maple. Canada's Soldiers Are Proud of Canada's Emblem



Canadians, in Front of the Canadian Hut at Bisley, Cheering for Hawkins' Victory. Even Hawkins, in His Chair, Could Not Restrain Himself When There Was Cheering for "The Maple Leaf."