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COMMERCIAL GIRLS WON DRILL SECOND YEAR IN SUCCESSION

Contest Was the Feature at the Public School Picnic—8,000 People at Springbank—Not Single Mishap.

Six thousand kiddies at Springbank! And four thousand teachers and parents with them.

These made up the ten thousand people who yesterday took in the schools picnic, and who made the outing one of the best in the history of such affairs.

Chairman Strong and the members of the board of education wore the happiest of smiles. Several times during the day they had sessions of the blues, for the rain fell in such quantities as to threaten to bring the big picnic to an abrupt and inglorious close.

But though the weather man teased the thousands of merrymakers at the most inopportune times, he played fair on the whole, and favored the outing with the finest kind of weather in the later hours of the afternoon and the evening.

Rain Cut No Ice.

The rain in the morning did not keep the crowds away. Every trolley was loaded to capacity, and this year the street railway people were compelled to use two more cars than a year ago. And for the excellent service provided, Manager King earned the hearty thanks of Chairman Strong.

When the crowds arrived at the park, they began to unpack hampers, but they only got nicely started when rain began to fall, and they hurriedly stowed their goodies away and made a bee-line for shelter.

A goodly part of the morning was thus spent in a game of hide-and-seek, with the rain, until about noon the weather cleared. Then the jollification down the river commenced in earnest.

Good Old Pavilion.

With improved weather, the trolleys were taxed to the limit to carry the crowds. Everybody seemed assured that the rain was over, and Springbank was the destination of every Londoner who could get away from the city.

But the end was not yet—that is, the wet end. About 1:30, rain began to fall in sufficient quantities to put a damper on the picnickers. The chairmen of the different divisions undertook to carry out the programme, and the children and their elders stood gamely by the sports until they were finally forced to beat a hasty retreat for the pavilion. For an hour the rain lasted, and during that time thousands of people were wedged like sardines in the pavilion and the dance hall.

Sports Carried Out.

The sports' committee carried out its programme, however, and with the first let-up in the shower, the people were again on the lawn to view the different events. And all afternoon and evening the crowd enjoyed itself immensely, and gave untold pleasure to the men behind the guns, who had worked so diligently for two weeks to make the picnic a success.

The Twenty-sixth Regiment Band covered itself with glory, and won thousands of friends, young and old, yesterday. The men appeared in natty new blue uniforms, and they were a credit to Bandmaster Pococke, and to their regiment. The splendid playing of the band attracted widespread attention, and the generosity of the organization in playing almost continuously for four hours, won the goodwill of everybody. Though many numbers were applauded, it is probable that the rendition of the catchy score of the "Isle of Spice," proved the favorite with the people.

A Generous Act.

As usual, Ex-Mayor Little treated the children. He sent down a lorrie load of bananas, 6,000 in all, and each child who came to the stand was treated. Needless to say the scholars had many words of praise for the Colonel.

Chairman Strong had two men patrol the river bank all day and during the evening, in case any of the children should fall into the stream. Quite a number of the picnickers indulged in paddling, and the lookouts kept a sharp eye on them. Mothers were especially grateful to Mr. Strong for this wise precaution.

Chairmen Gammage, Westervelt, Tillman, English, McCormick, Teasdall and Fitzgerald, of the different divisions, share with Chairman Strong in the credit for the great success of the picnic. Though the affair was a decided success, it is quite probable that a couple of thousand more people would have gone down the river in the evening had it not been for the rain of the morning and afternoon, which somewhat affected people who would have liked to have spent a couple of hours at the park on a dry night.

No Accidents.

Beyond one very slight accident to a little girl, no untoward incidents were reported. This speaks volumes for the care taken of the children by the trustees, principals and teachers, and also for the care exercised by the employes of the London street railway.

Chief Williams and several of his men were on the grounds. As the crowd was a very good-natured and orderly, the services of the guardians of the peace were not in great demand.

The Drill Competition.

The chief event of the day was the competitive drill of the girls of the Collegiate Institute. The young ladies were in charge of Lieut. Gregory, their instructor, who put them through intricate movements in a way which won thunderous applause from the thousands of spectators. The judges were Bandmaster Slatter, of the Seventh Regiment, Ald. Gillean and Ald. Booth.

This year, as last, the prize went to the girls of the commercial department of the Collegiate.

Three companies were entered. They were composed of girls from Grades 5 and 4 of the general; Grade 3, of the general, and the commercial girls.

It was a difficult job to pick the winners, and the judges found it necessary to compel the young ladies of Grades 5 and 4 and the commercial girls to go through the drill a second time, in order to award the prize.

A Pretty Sight.

Grades 5 and 4 were the first to compete. They were misses of the college type. They looked natty and winning in dresses of white with the swagger

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AT THE BIG SCHOOLS PICNIC AT SPRINGBANK—THE GIRLS' DRILL CORPS OF THE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE GROUPED FOR THE ADVERTISER.

33 NEW CASES IN THREE DAYS

Smallpox Is Very Prevalent in Several Western Towns and Cities.

According to reports which have reached this city, there are 40 cases of of smallpax in this district.

Chatham, St. Thomas, Wardsville and other places have their hands full. It is alleged that the Government inspector located 33 new cases in three days.

As a consequence, precautions are being exercised to preserve Londoners from the disease.

Medical Health Officer Hutchinson has been warned by Chairman English of the board of health to keep a sharp lookout for suspects, and to take no chances with anybody.

Down the river the new isolation hospital is in readiness should any cases manifest themselves, and a smallpox nurse is always within reach of the board.

The hospital is built of cement brick, with a tin roof and sheet-iron shutters.

It is absolutely fireproof—and for a purpose. If a frame building were erected the members of the board of health fear that someone might burn it to get rid of it. But now, nothing of an inflammable nature is exposed.

Though the hospital has never been used, the people of the district give it a wide berth, and they call it the "pest house."

The term irritates Dr. Hutchinson, who refuses to recognize any other name for it than the isolation hospital.

SEED GROWERS' CONVENTION.

Ottawa, June 21.—The third annual convention of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, which opens in Ottawa next week, on June 27, will have a very full programme.

PHILIPPINO BAND ON WILD RAID

Kill or Wound Ten Policemen and Capture Rest of the Force.

Manila, June 21.—A band of 300 Pulajanes, under Ceasario Pastor, attacked the town of Burauen, on the Island of Leyte, yesterday. They killed five policemen, wounded five and captured the remainder of the force except the lieutenant who was in command.

Pastor, the Pulajanes leader, was killed during the encounter. The attack occurred at an early hour in the morning. The police were caught unawares and their sentinel was rushed from his post. The bandits then entered the tribunal and a hand-to-hand fight took place. The police fought desperately but were overcome by superior numbers.

The loss of the Pulajanes is believed to have been great but it cannot be estimated, as they carried off their dead and wounded after the fight.

The municipal records were taken from the tribunal, piled on the street and burned. The destruction of these papers was one of the most serious phases of the raid, as they included deeds, license receipts, etc. The safe, containing the town funds, was not disturbed. The bandits carried away the arms of the police, and a quantity of ammunition. A detachment of constabulary, under Lieutenant Johnson, immediately started in pursuit.

GOT 25 YEARS.

Montreal, June 21.—James Hackett, who was found guilty of causing the death of 5-year-old Ida May Ahern, by leaving her naked in the bush at Cote St. Paul, was sentenced to 25 years in penitentiary.

HOUSE TO ADHERE TO SUNDAY BILL

Some Modifications of Measure To Be Made, However.

MANY AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

Sunday Papers Prohibited—Premier Defends Bill, While Bourassa Attacks.

Ottawa, June 20.—The House of Commons today gave unmistakable evidence of the intention to adhere to the principle of the bill for securing better observance of the Lord's Day. Sir Wilfrid Laurier early in the debate laid down in clear and definite language the necessity and advantages, upon Christian and humanitarian grounds, of a day of rest for workers. While adhering firmly to the principle of the bill, which had been approved by the leaders of all Christian denominations, Sir Wilfrid intimated that some modification of the clause dealing with the opening of parks on Sunday might be advisable. A few amendments suggested by the Minister of Justice were the only changes which met with the approval of the members of the House, although a strenuous fight was offered by British Columbia members for the retention of the present custom of publishing morning papers on Sunday and not on Monday morning. The House refused to open the door, and with equal firmness refused to allow work on Monday morning papers to commence before 8 p.m. on Sunday. The clause permitting the delivery of ice on Sunday was stricken out. The majority of the sub-sections specifying exemptions from prohibition of labor on Sunday were adopted. The clause which is designed to permit the operation of coal mines and other industries which would suffer by the entire closing down on Sunday was held over for the purpose of endeavoring to redraft a clause which would be acceptable to the conflicting interests.

Mr. Aylesworth Explains.

Mr. Aylesworth, in response to Mr. Borden's request, explained the bill. He said the question had been thoroughly considered by the special committee who had heard the interested parties and had reported the bill in its present form. The minister of justice said that Christianity was recognized as a constituent part of the law of Canada, as it had been the law of the British empire. There had been for years in Canada and in Britain legislation making certain acts on the Lord's Day offenses against the law. Mr. Aylesworth then glanced over some features of the bill and noted the conflict over transportation interests.

Col. Tisdale asked if the bill would interefer with street railways and tramways now operated on Sunday

Mr. Aylesworth replied that he proposed to amend the bill to provide that it would not interfere with them where

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LIGHTNING'S WORK

Ald. Rife, of Hespeler, Receives Shock—Church Damaged.

Hespeler, June 21.—During a heavy thunderstorm here yesterday, William Rife, son of Ald. Rife, was struck by lightning and knocked unconscious. His neck is badly swollen and he cannot swallow anything.

The Lutheran Church steeple was also struck by lightning and a hole cracked in the roof.

MOROCCO YIELDS

Accedes to French Demand for an Indemnity.

Tangier, June 21. — The Moroccan Government has announced that it yields to the French demands for an indemnity for the murder of M. Charbonnier, a French citizen, as the result of which a French squadron was dispatched to Tangier.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

June 20.	Reported at.	From.
Lancastrian	London	Boston
Bostonian	Manchester	Boston
Pomeranian	Havre	Montreal
Majestic	Queenstown	New York
Ivernia	Queenstown	Boston
Menominee	Antwerp	Philadelphia
Teutonic	N. Y. (wireless)	Liverpool
Hibernian	Fame Point	London
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Koenigin Luise	New York	Geno
Deutschland	New York	Hamburg

CONSERVATIVE CENSURE

Leeds and Grenville Council Roast the Whitney Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Brockville, June 21.—At the meeting of the county council of Leeds and Grenville, the committee on education, in their report, which was unanimously adopted, strongly condemned the Whitney Government for abolishing model schools. A majority of the council are Conservatives.

STRIKING DEMONSTRATION

Funeral of the Late Premier Sedden at Wellington, N. Z.

Wellington, N. Z., June 21.—The funeral of Premier Seddon, who died suddenly on a steamer while on his way from Sydney to New Zealand, took place here today, and was a striking demonstration of public grief.

An enormous number of people followed the hearse on foot to the grave, through streets packed with spectators from all parts of the colony.

The day was observed as a general holiday throughout New Zealand.

WALES WELCOMED BY NORWEGIANS

Is Representing Britain at the Coronation of Their New King.

Trondhjem, June 21.—The arrival and reception of the special embassies from Great Britain and France, headed by the Prince of Wales and Admiral Boyle, respectively, yesterday gave the crowds pleasing spectacles of royal pageantry.

Besides the salutes of the arriving warships and the responses to them, there was an extended exchange of international courtesies and from morning until night guns boomed in the harbors.

The only public appearance of the royal family of Norway was when they went to greet the Prince and Princess of Wales, which was made the occasion of a patriotic demonstration.

The baby crown prince has taken a wonderful hold upon the hearts of the Norwegian people, and, if he retains his place in their affections through the years, he will be one of the world's most popular monarchs when he comes to the throne. The fleet in the harbor is growing rapidly and presents a gala appearance, the vessels being freely draped with gay bunting.

The remaining special embassies, including Prince Henry of Prussia, will arrive here today, when the final preparations for the coronation will be completed.

The Swedish minister at Christiania finds it convenient to have urgent private business requiring his presence at home. However, the incident seemingly is proving not at all disturbing.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR AND WARM.

London, Thursday, June 21.

Sun rises..4:35 a.m. Moon rises..4:35 p.m.
Sun sets...8:03 p.m. Moon sets...7:44 a.m.

Toronto, June 20—8 p.m.

The weather has been showery over the lake region, accompanied by numerous thunderstorms, clearing in the Northwest Provinces, and continued fine in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 44—76; Victoria, 54—70; Kamloops, 50—68; Edmonton, 40—64; Calgary, 36—66; Qu'Appelle, 40—52; Winnipeg, 52—56; Port Arthur, 54—56; Toronto, 62—70; Ottawa, 64—84; Montreal, 62—82; Quebec, 52—84; St. John, 50—76; Halifax, 46—62.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, June 21—8 a.m.

Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; mostly fair and warm today and on Friday, but a few scattered showers are likely.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	42	38	Fair
Winnipeg	52	50	Cloudy
Port Arthur	52	50	Cloudy
Toronto	64	48	Clear
Ottawa	70	66	Fair
Montreal	70	66	Cloudy
Quebec	70	64	Fair
Father Point	64	62	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers and thunderstorms have been general in the lake region, and they have occurred more locally in the Ottawa and Uper St Lawrence valleys. Elsewhere the weather has been fine. A marked depression covers Lak Superior, indicating still more or less unsettled conditions.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 75°; lowest, 63.5° above.

SERIOUS MUTINY AT SEVASTOPOL

The Malcontents for a Time Held the Fort.

ARTILLERYMEN REBELLIOUS

The Loyal Regiments of Infantry Disarmed Them—Morale of Army Shaken.

St. Petersburg, June 21, 11:50 a.m.—A serious mutiny, which for a time threatened to place the fortress of Sevastopol in possession of the mutineers, was suppressed yesterday, according to a special dispatch to the Novoe Vremya. The mutiny was started by a battalion of fortress artillery, which declined to obey orders, whereupon the men were promptly disarmed. Two other battalions then mutinied, and took possession of the guns in the north shore batteries, but on the appearance of several loyal regiments of infantry, the mutineers abandoned the idea of fighting, and returned to their barracks.

Gen. Nebleuff, commander of the fortress of Sevastopol, is represented to be greatly concerned about the temper of the sailors, as well as the soldiers of the fortress.

That the morale of the whole army is being shaken by the revolutionary propaganda is proved by the continual extension of the rebellious outbreaks among the troops. It appears to be confirmed that the Botchoff Regiment at Ryazan has driven out its officers and burned the armory.

Another reports says the soldiers deliberately attacked the officers' club at Ryazan, killing one officer and wounding two others. A panic prevails in the town.

Four companies of the Viborg Regiment, stationed in St. Petersburg, have presented demands which were acceded to, and they have now returned to duty.

The soldiers of the notorious Semenovsky Regiment, whose name became synonymous with repression, owing to the deeds committed by these troops at Moscow, are reported to have held a meeting and to have decided that they can not any longer endure the public opprobrium, and must wipe out the stain on the regiment.

The tenderness with which the military authorities are treating these and recurring exhibitions of the mutinous spirit among the troops is sufficient evidence that they fear the entire army is infected.

CRUISE OF THE VIGILANT

Yankee Poachers Not So Plentiful—Fish, Too, Are Scarcer.

Port Stanley, June 21.—The Government cruiser Vigilant has arrived here.

Captain Dunn, speaking of poachers, said that he had not seen an American fishing boat or net in Canadian waters since the vessel's first voyage early in the spring.

"The fishermen's strike has put a check on the poachers," said the captain. He further said that fish are very scarce along the shores of the lake, but are reported to be plentiful further out.

THE G. T. PACIFIC

Proposal to Make a Shorter Route to Montreal.

Montreal, June 21. — A meeting was held at the board of trade yesterday for the purpose of discussing the proposal to divert the Grand Trunk Pacific branch to Montreal from a more direct route via Joliette.

A former resolution favoring the shortest route was affirmed, and a delegation was named to go to Ottawa in support of the resolution.

INSTANTLY KILLED

Fatal Accident to Duncan McKellar of Caradoc.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Coldstream, Ont., June 21.—A tragic event occurred last evening on the premises of Mr. A. Campbell, Caradoc.

A gang of men were tearing down an old shed, when the building collapsed. Mr. Duncan McKellar, a well-to-do farmer, living on the town line. Lobo and Caradoc, two miles south of Poplar Hill, was instantly killed.

LIBERALS SWEEP NOVA SCOTIA; CARRY 33 OF THE 38 SEATS

In Two Cases the Conservative Majority Is Doubtful—Every Minister With Portfolio Has Been Elected.

Halifax, June 20.—Nova Scotia is still a bunch of grapes that hangs too high for the Conservative party. For almost a quarter of a century, ever since the short-lived Government of Sir John Thompson went out of power in 1882 Nova Scotia has been safely Liberal in provincial affairs, and in recent years the Opposition has practically been non-existent in the House. In the general election of October, 1901, there were only two Conservatives elected, Mr. Charles Tanner, of Pictou, and Mr. Daniel McLeod, of Cumberland. The need for some more effectual Opposition than two in a House of thirty-eight was probably felt even by Premier Murray and his colleagues, and that feeling undoubtedly brought about the increase in the Conservative and Independent representation in today's polling.

Carried Thirty-three Seats.

The Liberals have carried 33 of the 38 seats in the House of Assembly by substantial majorities. The Conservatives have elected five members, but in two cases the vote is so close that these seats may still be classed as doubtful. The Government elected a supporter in every county in the province, and, although the Opposition have apparently gained three seats, the verdict is hailed with the greatest satisfaction by the Liberal party. Every member of the Government holding a portfolio has been elected.

The Premier's Message.

Premier Murray wired from North Sydney tonight the following message: "I fully appreciate the overwhelming renewal of confidence on the part of the electors of Nova Scotia, which the Government has received. I accept this striking verdict of the people as an evidence that the record of the Government was in the best interests of the province. It will be my earnest endeavor to continue to administer provincial affairs on broad and progressive lines."

Liberals Elected.

Following is a list of the Liberals elected:

Annapolis—Bancroft and Daniels.
Cape Breton—Gillis and Kendall.
Colchester—Pearson and Hill.
Cumberland—Pipes and Paul.
Digby—Comeau and Gidney.
Guysboro—Ellis and Whitmar.
Halifax—McPherson, Faulkner and Finn.
Hants—Drysdale.
Inverness—McDonald.
Lunenburg—Mader and March.
King's—Campbell and Dodge.
Pictou—McGregor.
Richmond—Bissett.
Shelburne—Irwin and Nickerson.
Yarmouth—Armstrong and Leblanc.
Antigonish—Hon. C. P. Chisholm and T. R. Trotter (acclamation).
Victoria—Premier Murray and John Morrison (acclamation).
Queen's—Farrell and Cooper (acclamation).
Total—33.

Conservatives Elected.

Pictou—Tanner and Baillie.
Hants—Wilcox.
Richmond—Landry.
Inverness—McMillan.

TWO BRIDGES ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE HEAVY TRAFFIC

Such Will Be Effect of Expert's Report on L. and P. S. R. Structures.

Mr. Connor, the Toronto bridge expert, and Engineer Moore, yesterday completed their examination of the bridges on the London and Port Stanley Railway. Though no official report has as yet been made, it is understood that Mr. Connor will have something to say to the city this week which will make the L. and P. S. R. board and the Pere Marquette sit up and take notice.

It is stated on excellent authority that it is Mr. Connor's opinion that the bridges over the Thames and at Kettle Creek are not strong enough to stand the heavy traffic now being run over them.

Iron bridges, Mr. Connor points out, are a thing of the past, and they should be replaced by modern steel structures.

The expert has also found that the wear and tear of over a quarter of a century has told upon the old bridges. Especially is this the case with the abutments.

The north abutment of the Kettle Creek bridge is in a bad condition, and needs to be repaired without delay.

Mr. Connor declares that the Thames River and Kettle Creek bridges were never intended to carry the heavy cars and locomotives of today. The bridges are only light at best. They were all right in their day, but their day has passed.

Mr. Connor will not make an official report until such times as he has gone over the plans of the bridges. This will take him some days.

LORD'S DAY BILL UP IN COMMONS

Amendments Offered Re Saving Crops, Lumbering, Street Railways, Etc.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 21.—In the House this morning, replying to Mr. H. B. Ames, the Minister of the Interior stated that the sale of a large tract of land in townships 19 and 20, range 17, and township 20, range 18, west of sixth meridian, British Columbia, has not recently been effected.

Mr. R. L. Borden again called attention to the difficulty experienced by Canadian merchants in getting their goods into Japan upon most favorable terms, to which they were entitled, under treaty with that country.

Hon. Mr. Fisher replied that the difficulty was the result of the Japanese consul-general not having received instructions regarding the form of proof that the goods were of Canadian origin.

The House again went into committee on the bill respecting the Lord's Day. At the request of Mr. Aylesworth, the sub-section exempting Canadian street railway companies of an interprovincial or international character was ordered to stand until clause 16, which permits the provincial act respecting the operation of railways to remain in force, is considered.

Col. Sam Hughes moved a long resolution mentioning a variety of things, which it would be legal to do on Sunday, and asked that the bill be referred back to committee for this purpose.

The resolution was declared out of order because they were working in committee.

Mr. Bourassa moved the insertion of two sub-sections, one specifically exempting lumber operations, and other legalizing saving of crops on Sunday. He pleaded that the lumber industry should not be left in an uncertain position of dependence upon a judicial decision; that driving of logs, for instance, was a work of necessity. While a farmer might not starve if he could not save his hay or other crop on Sunday, it would be a source of serious loss in wet seasons if he could not take advantage of a fine Sunday.

Mr. Roche, Lavergne, offered an amendment permitting the carrying on of sugaring in bush on Sunday. Amendments were allowed to stand over.

STRUCK BY BOLT WHILE 'PHONING

Wm. Agnew Seriously Injured During Progress of Storm at Noon Today.

While using a telephone in the offices of the Shedden Forwarding Company, in the freight sheds on York street, at 1 o'clock today, William Agnew, aged 30, was struck by lightning. He is now in Victoria Hospital.

As yet his physician, Dr. Drake, cannot say how badly he is injured, but it is thought he will recover. One side of his throat is paralyzed, as is also the left side of his face. His left arm is powerless, but is regaining its strength. A peculiar feature of the case is that the chest is seared and marked like the branches of a tree.

Agnew was leaning against the wall with the receiver to his ear, when he was struck.

In the room with Agnew, who is foreman for the company, was Canvassing Agent Robinson.

A flash of lightning was accompanied by a terrific bolt of thunder, and instantly Agnew was knocked six feet from the 'phone. Mr. Robinson was also temporarily stunned by the shock. He was able to go to Mr. Agnew's assistance in a few seconds, however, and he found the man insensible on the floor.

Dr. Drake was summoned, and when he arrived he succeeded in restoring Agnew, who, however, was unable to speak. Neither could he use his throat to swallow.

The doctor then had him removed to Victoria Hospital, where he worked over him for an hour.

The lightning burned out two telephones in the office and upset things in general.

FIVE OF THEM

Canning Company Takes Out Permit for New Buildings.

The London Canning Company today took out building permits for its new plant on the corner of Rectory and Simcoe streets.

All the buildings will be of corrugated iron, and will cost in the neighborhood of $5,000.

The workhouse will be two stories high, 32x100 feet; the warehouse, 32x100 feet; evaporator, 32x50 feet; process room, 32x60 feet; corn shed, 40x75 feet.