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Hand Bags 63c

A great Hand Bag opportunity to-night. 100 of them made of extra quality leathers, handsomely trimmed with metal mountings, nicely lined, inside purses and card cases, regular price \$1 each, on sale for

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White Swiss Embroidered Collars with small tabs, new and pretty, on sale special 13c

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Children's Straw Sailors in white and white and navy, made of good serviceable straw, broad brim ribbon band and streamers, special value at 39c

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P. M. PICNIC A GREAT SUCCESS

A BIG DAY FOR THE PERE MARQUETTE EMPLOYEES

Fully 4,000 People Are Attending Big Annual Event Being Held Here Today—Games, Speeches and Music Combine to Provide Amusement And Pleasure

The third annual picnic of the Pere Marquette employees is being held in Chatham today. This is an event which is looked forward to with much expectation by every employee of the road who is in a position to attend, and as a result, the picnic in the past has been a remarkable success. It is safe to say, however, that the picnic to-day is out-rivalling all former events of this kind, both in attendance and in the style of entertainment offered.

Early in the day the trains commenced to arrive, and it was not long before Chatham's streets presented a very lively and animated appearance. Four trainloads of people were brought into the city. A special from Sarnia brought the employees and their wives and friends from the north, another from Walkerville brought those from the west, and two specials from London and St. Thomas were loaded down with excursionists from the east and south. The statement which was made by the management yesterday to the effect that they could have attracted a much larger number of people if they had had the coaches to carry them was fully justified by the incidents of the day. It was found that the people

who were able to get accommodation and considerable trouble in doing so. Every coach which arrived in the city was packed, and people were forced to stand up in the aisles and out on the platforms. All were decked out in their finest robes, prepared for an enjoyable day's outing, and they are having it.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the men who have worked so industriously to make this affair the success it is. The officers of the Association who have the management of the picnic in hand are, C. Montgomery, Hon. Pres.; C. F. Shoemaker, Pres.; Wm. Griffith, Vice-Pres.; D. Balaban, Secy.; and G. W. Cook, Treas. These gentlemen have devoted much time and worry to the arrangements for to-day, and after they see the success which is everywhere apparent, they will have no cause for regret.

The different committees, who have had branches of the work in hand, and on whom a great part of the responsibility rested, are E. S. Phillips, printing; F. H. Humphrey and C. F. Spiller, transportation; Ed. Carthy, B. A. Lawson, H. Farley, F. Warren, Wm. Moore and Geo. Mett, sports; A. Skirving, W. Turtie, F. Shaw, W. M. Hood, A. Whitley, J. Austin, A. Carson, S. Pearce, D.

Cotterell, Jas. Brown, John Handford, Samuel Joffile, general.

The judges for the day were C. Montgomery, J. R. Gihula, R. S. Black, J. W. Ruth, Ed. McCarthy, W. Griffith, H. Morris, B. A. Larson, W. Turtie, A. H. Skirving, W. M. Hood, M. Whitley, E. A. Evans, F. Leaper, J. Gulligan and Jas. Austin.

Two of the men who have done much of the local work in preparing for this big event are Wm. Turtie, Wm. Hood and Archie Skirving. These three men have devoted much time in looking after every little detail, and they deserve the thanks and gratitude of the many employees who as a result have their every want supplied.

Early in the day the Regiment Band, whose services for the day were donated by the City Council, made their appearance on the street and dispensed sweet music. A parade was held up King street, and then the crowd flocked to the Park, where the sports and amusements were held.

The employees of the Pere Marquette realize that they could not choose a better place for their picnic than Chatham. The Tecumseh Park, a perfect spot for games and sports, being situated in the heart of the city, is quite easy of access, and the splendid shade trees make it a very pretty, but a comfortable picnic ground.

Excellent weather was very kindly handed out by the weather man, and thus the sports were not marred in any way.

The program was a very extended one. Several races were billed for this morning. At 11 o'clock a Marathon race was billed to be pulled off from the Idlewild Hotel to the Abernethy House, and at 1:30 another race of the same kind was also billed. For these races such prizes were offered as a carving set, a half barrel of flour, pair of running shoes, two rubber knee spreads, and a box

of cigars. So it will be seen that it was worth while to win even the smallest prize.

At 10:30 a tug of war between the section men vs. the St. Thomas shop men, was looked forward to on account of the rivalry which prevails between these two factions. The prize for this event was a case of goods from the Garner House. The second prize was a box of cigars.

At 10:15 one of the most interesting events was billed in the baseball game between Chatham and St. Thomas.

It is estimated that there are fully 4,000 people in the city to-day, made up of employees of the Pere Marquette, their families and their friends. Booties have been erected on the Park, where refreshments are being served, and the places of business are flourishing.

A fine program has been prepared for this afternoon. Some nineteen events have been prepared and all are of the most interesting character. They include many races, rifle race, fat woman's race, egg and spoon race, stenographers' race, thread and needle race, fat man's race, baby show, boxing contest, quoit match and many other features. For all of these splendid prizes are offered, from a piece of hand-painted china to a box of candy.

Speeches will be delivered on the park this afternoon from the Band Stand. Mayor Stone will deliver an address of welcome, and tell how glad the city is to have the Pere Marquette employees with them. In this he will voice the sentiments of every citizen. He will extend to the picnicers the freedom of the city.

H. S. Clements, M. P., A. B. McGee, M. P., and Geo. W. Sulman will also deliver addresses. For the time being, politics will be laid to one side, and the audience will hear the best efforts that these gentlemen can put forth in the art of oratory.

LOCAL

Fred Hall, of Blenheim, is in the city to-day.

F. D. Hunter, of Blenheim, is a Maple City visitor to-day.

Miss Mabel O'Rourke leaves to-day to visit relatives in Merlin.

Charles Hadley and Ed. Perrin spent yesterday at Cedar Springs.

Miss Nettie McKay, of Harwich, is visiting Mrs. E. Burr, Charteris street.

Miss Kathleen Dillon leaves to-day to spend the holidays at her home in Merlin.

Messrs. George and John McKenzie and James Hyslop spent yesterday in Blenheim.

Wilfrid McCormie leaves to-morrow on a trip to New York and Jamestown.

Mrs. John McIsaac, of Darrell, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday for treatment.

Miss Mabel Dillon, of Merlin, spent the day in the city the guest of her sister, Miss Kathleen.

Miss Kitty Demaree, of Walkerville, is spending the day in the city with her friend, Miss Irene Neff.

Mrs. D. Gregory, of Kent Bridge, is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Alex. Gregory, Lorne avenue.

The Misses Flora and Mamie Morand, of Walkerville, are the guests of Miss Irene Neff, St. Clair street, for a week.

C. B. Foster, Assistant Passenger Agent C. P. R., Toronto, and W. Dockrill, Travelling Passenger Agent, were in the city on Friday.

James B. Rankin, of Anaconda, Montana, formerly of Cowan's shoe store, this city, is spending a month with his parents in Dover Township.

The Ladies of the Saints' Church will give a social on Monday evening on the lawn of Thomas Vince, Park Ave. West. A good program will be given.

Subscribers who are leaving the city for their vacation will kindly notify us as soon as possible where they wish their papers sent, to avoid any break in the delivery.

W. H. McNabb, of the despatcher's office, Pere Marquette, has returned to his old position on the Michigan Central at an increased salary.

A. E. Evans, chief clerk of Trainmaster Gilhula, takes Mr. McNabb's place on the despatching staff, and A. L. Weese, agent at Coastworthy, succeeds Mr. Evans as chief clerk.

Capt. E. C. Clayton and wife, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, are in the city at the Santa and will remain for some time. The Captain was in the U. S. Navy for 38 years, and received his discharge a few months ago. Like many other Americans, he is most favorably impressed with our city and has decided to prolong his visit.

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Pride costs us a heap.

GOVERNMENT MAKES BUNGLE OF THE OIL BOUNTY ACT

H. S. Clements, Introduced an Amendment which, had it passed would Have Protected The Farmer —It Was Not Acted Upon

Shortly after the oil wells were discovered in West Kent a large number of American capitalists came here to invest their money in the rich Tilbury fields. It is probable that great corporations were formed on the other side of the line, thus putting them out of business in the oil industry.

In order to make provision that the farmers of this rich field be given a bounty of 50 cents a barrel and one-eighth of the oil produced.

H. S. Clements, M. P., on Nov. 26, suggested to the Government an amendment to the Bounty Act on crude petroleum from Canadian wells.

Several of the large operating concerns were paying this bounty without any hesitation, but there were some corporations which refused to do so, and for that reason Mr. Clements asked for an amendment to the Act, thus making it read as follows:

"The Act, chap. 28 of the statutes of 1904, entitled an Act to provide for the payment of bounties on crude petroleum from Canadian wells, shall be amended by adding the following to section two thereof: The word 'producer' shall mean and include the owner of the freehold in the land in which such wells are situated. In case such wells are operated by or for the benefit of lessee or any assignee of a lessee of such lands, the lessor shall in such case be entitled to be paid such and the same proportion of the bounty as he is entitled to in the oil produced on his land. That section four of the said Act be amended by adding thereto the following: 'Having regard to section two is hereby amended.

This amendment would protect the agriculturist or farmer who is interested in the oil question, and who is justly entitled to the bounty on his oil as the actual producer. Mr. Clements trusted that the Government would see that the farmers be looked after the same as other industries and corporations, and that his suggestion to the Government regarding the bounties on crude oil be accepted.

If this amendment had been carried out it would provide that the farmer would get the bounty and one-eighth of the oil, and no one could beat him out of the same. When the prospectors came to lease property the majority of them told the farmers that they were entitled to the same, but no statement to that effect was in the lease. All took out their leases on the understanding explained to them, with the exception of a few who got wise to the idea that the bounty was payable only to the producer, and the farmer was claimed not to be the same, but no statement to that effect was in the lease. In order to be brought in.

After the amendment was dealt with in the Government the following bill was passed on Feb. 1, 1907:

"Section two of the petroleum bounty Act, 1904, is hereby amended by adding thereto the words, 'or to such other person interested as the Governor in Council by regulation, special or general, approves.'"

By this the farmer is left at the mercy of the Governor in Council and is entitled to his bounty, if he of the same. This bill is absolutely useless to the farmer, and the question of his being entitled to the bounty has not been touched, but left in the same old condition. The bill is against the interests of the farmers. Mr. Borden, leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Clements, strenuously objected to the bill going any further, as it did not give any relief, and should not be left to the supervision of the Governor in Council. There should be absolute legislation of the bill and the farmers given their rights without any orders. It is a foolish idea for a farmer to lease unless he gets the bounty. The bill as passed is not workable and is absolutely no use or any protection to the farmer.

A ROW IN HARWICH

One of the most sensational rows that has taken place in Harwich township for some time occurred one day this week, when a certain farmer and a married woman, both of Van Horn, met for combat.

Horsewhips, shotguns, etc., are said to have been brought forth on the occasion, but, happy to say, no serious injuries were sustained. The man went one evening to the woman's house, where the scene of the fracas was laid. The dispute arose over some chickens belonging to the woman which trespassed and destroy the crops on the farmer's land. The row got to be quite a large affair at last and the woman, it is said, drove her opponent from the house and also from the farm with a horsewhip. The man then told her that he would shoot her chickens unless she kept them off his property. The hens, nevertheless, continued their search for food, and the farmer, getting a gun, went out to destroy the fowl. The woman, seeing him in the field, loaded her gun and after him, and told him that if he would shoot her chickens she would shoot him. He tried his gun, and, happy to relate, it would not go off. He had borrowed it for the occasion. It happened to be an old muzzle-loader and very rusty, and the trigger refused to work. Had it been in working order it is likely that something serious would have happened, but, as it was, it was made gossip for the neighbors.

The peculiarity of the quarrel is that they are next door neighbors.

DISTRICT

BLENHEIM

Blenheim, July 20.—Quite a number from Blenheim attended the band concert at Erieau last night.

Miss Ida Tobey, of Chatham, is the guest of Mrs. J. S. Crookshank, of Blenheim.

Mrs. Jenner, of Blenheim, has established a cream parlor in connection with her confectionery business.

Mrs. W. C. White, Miss L. White and Miss Bernice Cooper were Erieau visitors yesterday.

Mrs. R. M. Thompson, formerly of Blenheim, who has been visiting in town for the last two months, has gone to Magnetiwan/Muskoka, in which place she will be the guest of her brother, Dr. J. W. Freeborn.

The Pere Marquette picnic proved to be quite an attraction to a goodly number of Blenheimites, judging by the large crowd that went to Chatham from here to-day.

Miss Ida Lugaden, of Toronto, is visiting her brother, Mr. W. H. Lugaden, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Blenheim, at Ben Oban, his summer residence at Erieau. Miss Lugaden will stay the rest of the season.

Mr. J. W. Shillington, who has been attending the London Bowling Tournament this week, as a member of the representative rink from Blenheim—R. L. Gosnell, ship,—had to return home before the tournament was brought to a close, on account of illness. Mr. Shillington is feeling better to-day.

PLEASANT OUTING

The party of tourists, composed of Dr. J. W. Rutherford, Wm. Gordon, A. J. McGregor and Samuel Gien, who left last Sunday morning in Dr. Rutherford's car on a tour down east, returned home yesterday afternoon. They report having a very enjoyable time. The places they touched in going to Buffalo were London, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. The roads were excellent and at times they made fast time. In coming back they came through the United States by Cleveland, Toledo and Detroit. All are much refreshed as a result of their pleasant outing.

AN ALLEGED SLANDER

Hamilton, July 19.—On behalf of the management of the Gaiety Theatre, a writ was issued this morning against School Trustee Chas. Booker for \$5,000 damages for alleged slander and libel. At a recent meeting of the Board of Education Booker made the charge that pictures were being exhibited at the Gaiety which were immoral and unfit for children to look at. The Board passed a resolution calling on the police authorities to take some action in the matter.

This is a sad world for those who have no humor in their make-up.

OUR ANNUAL SALE OF

HAIR BRUSHES

WILL COMMENCE

Tuesday, July 2nd

AND LAST FOR TEN DAYS

We will give Hair Brushes at one half their value for these ten days and we want every one of our customers to come and get at least one of these bargains. Nothing but good reliable brushes will be put in this sale.

Prices: 17c, 19c, 22c, 33c, 79c.

Those who bought last year know the excellent value we give. Those who did not come and get an idea of what a bargain in hair brushes is. We have 5000 to sell and we want to sell them all in ten days.

The Store with the Stock

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE,

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Tearing Things Loose

Commencing Saturday

MEYNELL

The Cother is going to tear things loose. He is going to put in New Show Windows and Re-model his Store to meet his ever-increasing business. This season being the biggest in our history compels us to make these changes. We have marked all our Clothing at Sweeping Reductions to sell quickly. We do not want anything damaged by brick, mortar, or lime, hence the sweeping reductions we have made. If we had this full page we could not show you our Bargains, neither will you believe all you read in print, therefore we ask you to do yourself justice by coming to the Progressive Clothing Store and see what's doing. A visit will repay you.

Men's Suits, Men's Trousers, Youth's Suits and Trousers, 2-piece Suits, 3-piece Suits, Men's Summer Suits, in fact everything in Clothing for Men, Boys and Children.

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