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IDEAL WEATHER AND LARGE CROWD AT ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PICNIC

Interesting Programme of Sports—Baseball Match—Activities on the Grounds—Everybody Happy

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Propitious skies made St. Michael's seventh annual picnic which was held yesterday in Holton's Grove one of the most successful in the history of the parish. No more favorable circumstances of weather could have been desired. Not a cloud darkened the sun and the atmosphere was not too warm. Accordingly the crowds which attended the yearly event started to arrive at early morn and the roadway along Bridge, Yecmans, and Herchimer Sts was one grand highway for vehicles of all classes during the day. More traffic passed over these roads yesterday than would ordinarily in a fortnight. The starting point was at the corner of Front and Bridge Sts where the picnickers piled into the conveyances.

Noon hour is always a special feature of the St. Michael's picnic day. The large open air dining room enclosure was from twelve until two o'clock crowded with diners, who knew where to go to secure an excellent meal. At St. Michael's picnic no one needs to spend hours of worry in preparation for the day or to carry a lunch basket to the grounds. The ladies of the parish undertake all that work and although it is a big task they carry it through without failure every year. The excellence of the meals beneath the sturdy pine trees is known to all and the large patronage is the result. Supper-hour likewise found the crowd making its way to the dining room. The ladies found that their efforts were entirely successful and the receipts were most gratifying.

What with the grounds studded with booths and the large holiday crowd of several thousand people, the grove presented a scene of activity. The ladies' grab booth, the refreshment counters, the track where you could follow the ponies, the doll-biting gallery, the capacious dancing floor, the baseball diamond and the race course, all had their crowds of onlookers while hundreds sat with friends and chatted in various shady nooks in the woods. The booths plied a most remunerative trade, thanks to the activity of the ladies.

THE GAMES

The races for boys and girls attracted considerable attention. The winners were as follows—

- Boys' race, 12 years and under P. Blanchard Kenneth Latta
Girls' race, 12 years and under Helen Jones Edna Coon
Boys' race, 14 and under Manley Brant Grant Maidens Ewart Maidens
Boys' race, 16 and under Allan Meagher H. Black
Girls' race, 16 and under Reta Hunter Helen Jones

Three interesting competitions were the following races—

- Married ladies' race, 100 yds Mrs. J. Hinchey Mrs. Goyer
Single ladies' race, 100 yds R. Hunter Helen Jones
Fat Men's race P. Frechette Joe Goyer

The basic running contest was won by Mr. Jack O'Connor of St. Paul's baseball team, Toronto in 15 sec. Mr. J. Thibin of the same team was second in 15.2-5th seconds. The only other competitor was Mr. W. Mills in 15.3-5th sec.

Mr. Jack Phelan carried off the running broad jump with 18 feet 9 in Geo. Ketcheson was second with 17 ft 11 inches in his credit.

The other races were competed for by athletes of standing in this city and district.

- 100 yards dash Jack Phelan Geo. Ketcheson Stanley Minns
One mile race J. Alexander C. Shevman S. Minns
Running high jump J. Phelan 5 ft 1 in M. Callaghan 4 ft 9 in
220 yards dash Geo. Ketcheson J. Phelan James Alexander
440 yards dash Geo. Ketcheson

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In the mile event seven runners started but only three finished. The Grand Trunk team carried off the tug of war with ease. The prize was a silver cup donated by the Knights of Columbus and was won this year for the second time by the Trunks and has according to the conditions become the possessor of the trophy. Yesterday they pulled a picketed team on the grounds. George Darrah the anchor of the G.T.R. had the following men on his team—George Freemantle, Thomas Albert, Prosper Frechette, A. Bell, R. Anderson, Wm. Craig, H. Norton and A. Thompson.

ONTARIOS DEFEATED ST. PAULS

The finest exhibition of ball by a local team in years was given by the Ontarios when they clashed with the St. Paul's team of Toronto which stands high in the Don Valley league. The match was a clean one and added fresh laurels to the local line-up. The St. Paul's boys are good players and although they claim that their team had four new men yet they are a team which would prove a hard nut to crack for any but the Ontarios. Freddie Goyer's work as pitcher was the star feature of the game. His fanning of the Toronto men was like clockwork. Regularly two fell each inning to his clever twirling and in the ninth he struck out three. Such an exhibition of pitching with 19 strikeouts was never seen here before. St. Paul's team must have formed a good impression of Goyer. St. Paul's got two hits from him and he walked only one man. The St. Paul's secured only one run, that was in the 8th and it really was not earned.

The Ontarios made five runs and secured three hits off Leigh, two being two baggers in the 8th innings. Leigh secured 6 strikeouts and Camfield who took the box in the eighth got one. St. Paul's made a tumber of errors all due to the stubble field in which the ball diamond lay. As the game progressed, the visitors got used to it and the fielding was excellent.

Scoring by innings was—

Table with 3 columns: Ontarios, Catcher, St. Pauls. Rows include Mills, Goyer, Gerow, Smith, Fegg, Kelleher, Symons, LaVoe, Knott.

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The picnic lasted long into the evening. The booths were open and the orchestra played for the dancing. Many participated in this latter amusement.

The results of the picnic were very gratifying. Mr. John Truesch, chairman and his able staff of co-workers are to be congratulated on the success of the picnic.

A large number of priests from outside points were present and enjoyed the proceedings.

C. F. A. Recruits for Barriefield

The 49th regiment recruiting staff sent to Kingston this morning the following artillery volunteers— Driver H. W. Brown Driver G. Peterson Gunner J. Smith Gunner W. G. T. Wenn Gunner V. Carnahan

OBITUARY

MISS JANE FROST

(From Thursday's Daily.) The death of Miss Jane Frost, daughter of Mr. John Frost, McDonald avenue, occurred at the family residence. Deceased was born in Toronto 21 years ago and had been in ill health for a long time. The remains will be taken to Trenton for interment. Rev. Dr. F. and Mrs. White, of Wilton, are spending a few days with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. P. R. Clarke, West Bridge street.

Military Notes

Barriefield Camp, Aug. 18.—Major W. Sears, O.C. 33rd Overseas Battery, is working hard at the organization of his unit. The tents were moved from the 38th Battalion lines to the artillery lines at the extreme east of the camp on Monday. Here two lines of tents are now in use by the men. The 33rd Battery is situated where the 26th Battery was stationed. The 34th when it arrives from Peterboro, will be located to the east of the 33rd Battery lines and the 32nd Battery when it arrives from Ottawa will be located to the west of Major Sears' battery.

A rumor was in circulation about Barriefield camp on Monday afternoon that orders had been received from Ottawa for the Engineering Department of the staff to send in an estimate as to the probable cost of erecting shacks at Barriefield camp so that the men could be quartered there all winter. When the officers in authority were asked by the Whig the answer was invariably that no such an order had been received.

Sergt.-Major Inst. Bowen, Barriefield Camp, has two brothers and one son beside himself in uniform. His son is a member of the 38th Battalion, but is now in hospital.

One brother is a gunner in the 7th Artillery Brigade, which was stationed at Barriefield for a while, and another is a captain in the 102nd Regiment detachment of Edmonton at the front.

Sergt.-Major Bowen is a musketry instructor at the camp under Capt. W. E. Swaine, and is doing exceptionally good work.

Twenty-seven men answered the roll-call of the 33rd Battery on Monday morning but Major Sears soon had more men in his lines. Seven came up from the city, three came from Deseronto, eight from Belleville and forty from Peterboro during the day, bringing his strength up to 85. The Peterboro company came in charge of Lieut. Huycke, brother of Lieut. A. Huycke, assistant adjutant of the 59th Battalion.

Trench-digging has already commenced in response to the order published Saturday. On Monday morning "D" Company, 59th Battalion were detailed to this work, and under the instruction of Major Brown, General Staff Officer, were engaged to the south of the Gananoque road. The trench will be part of a series to be dug and is laid out as part of a large scheme which will be worked out. The trenches are so placed that an attacking force on the camp could be easily checked.

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Lieut. H. B. MacConnell, 50th Battalion has been promoted to the rank of Captain and the position as adjutant to Lieut.-Col. H. J. Dawson. Capt. MacConnell had been in camp since the 50th Battalion was organized, coming from the 49th Regiment, Belleville, his home place at Marmora. While here he has made many friends who will be pleased that the authorities have shown this appreciation of his executive ability.

Capt. Ferguson, paymaster, 8th C. M. R., returned from Belleville on Monday afternoon after having seen the regiment safely on its way to Napanee.

CROFTON

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ward of Meaford visited at Mr. D. Moran's on Tuesday. Miss Aletta Young of Napanee, has been spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. S. H. Caughey. Mr. S. B. Gorstine of Bethel, is working on Mr. S. E. Munroe's house. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Calman and family attended the Morden picnic at Wellington on Saturday. Mr. E. L. Bodeck purchased a new Ford car on Saturday. Miss Glee Noxon is able to be out again after her recent illness.

THREE DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BELLEVILLE BRIDGE

Had Been Travelling in Eastern Ontario--Claimed to be Travelling Photographer--Taken to Kingston Detention Camp.

A German named Leib was arrested at Brighton yesterday morning by Constable Robert McLaren and taken to the detention camp at Kingston on the C.N.R. train. Leib had been in town several days, going under the name of Lee, and had been boarding at a private house in the village. On Sunday night he went to Charlotte, N.Y., on the steamer Cassius, but was turned back by the U.S. authorities, who notified this port to examine him on his return. On examination he said he was a German who had been in Canada three years, and gave his business as a travelling photographer. He had a number of postcard views and several photographs he had taken himself. All the

photos were of bridges, etc., three being different views of Belleville bridge. He had visited the lake shore towns surrounding here and several small places to the north. He had been in Cobourg, Baltimore, Trenton, Belleville and other places besides Brighton. He had a complete photographic outfit with him and a bicycle to travel on. There was a woman with him during part of his stay. The Kingston authorities were communicated with and from his description they expressed the opinion he was possibly a brother of the spy by the same name who was executed in London, Eng., and they gave instructions to take him to the detention camp there.

FORTY HARVESTS IN ONTARIO THIS YEAR'S STILL IN PERIL

A Record of Adverse Weather Conditions Our Farmers Have Faced--Recent Rains Have Sprouted Large Percentage of Ontario's Greatest Wheat Crop--How Other Crops Stand.

(By Rob Roy in the Weekly Star). 1896 saw ordinary weather; good crops.

Three weeks ago the farmers had the brightest prospects of any year in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Today, with 30 per cent. of the wheat sprouted, the barley and oats in the balance, conditions have changed very much for the worse.

Good cultivation, clean seed, proper rotation and fertilization, are all important, but favourable weather counts for more than all combined. We give a summary of adverse weather conditions during the last forty years.

1875-6 were both ordinary years good weather and big crops.

1878. Sprouting started on April 1, was well advanced on April 28. It started to rain on a Sunday and rained for three weeks. Early sown grain was a good crop; that sown after rain was worthless. Burning dry weather followed the long wet spell, and the ground cracked open. Hay was progressing well when on July 3 a terrific storm came, and acres of hay were flooded down to Lake Ontario. Then a wet spell came in wheat harvest, sprouting most of the wheat. The general election was on September 9th, that fall, when Sir John A. Macdonald came in the country with the National Policy. A terrible storm came on September 5th, clearing all the dams and bridges from the Credit River, from Cheltenham to Port Credit. Old-timers speak of this as the flood that swept away the McKenzie Government.

1879-80 there were good crops and favourable weather. In 1890 there were splendid crops, but it was very wet in oat harvest, and considerable damage was done. 1901 saw a wet spring, but good harvest weather.

1892 there was a very early spring; plowing began on March 17, and most of the seeding was done by March 28. In 1902 there were good crops, but it was very wet at the end of harvest. There was a very wet spring in 1904, and little seeding was done until May. There were heavy rains in harvest time.

1905 and 1906 saw good crops and favourable weather. There was in 1907 a cold backward spring, with poor hay and grass crops. The year 1908 had a very wet spring, with poor spring crops. In 1909 and 1910 there were good crops and weather. The summer of 1911 was very dry, with poor pasture and light hay.

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1882—A wet spell at end of harvest did not do any serious damage. 1885—Very wet in wheat harvest; slight damage from sprouting. 1886—A very wet spring. 1887-88-89—All saw good harvest weather.

A Prophecy That Failed. In 1890 a general Provincial election took place on June 6. There was a terrific rain on the night of June 5, and there were prophecies that Mowat would be downed like McKenzie. These did not come true, however. Hot, dry weather immediately after made a poor harvest.

1891-2-3—were ordinary years. In 1894 there was a wet spring. One week in May the farmers claimed they did not see the sun for a week. There was a poor harvest. In 1895 there was an early warm spring, and consequent wonderful growth. A frost on May 12 ruined the grass, making the worst year in the memory of the oldest inhabitants.

A dry summer followed, with very little grass. Hundreds of cattle in Ontario died the following winter from starvation.

Sentence Was Suspended

(From Thursday's Daily.) Charles Holmbeck a soldier formerly of the 39th, now of the 59th battalion, was tried this morning in police court on a charge of theft of one dollar from the person of Wm. Crump of Corbyville. The accused said he knew nothing of the money as he was in liquor at the time. The case was determined by the magistrate in this manner. The soldier gave to the informant the dollar in question and gave an order on his paymaster for the costs \$8. Holmbeck was let go under suspended sentence.