

OLD HOME WEEK ATTRACTS THOUSANDS TO LONDON

BIG CROWDS ARE NOW HERE
OLD BOYS ARE POURING IN
REUNION TO BE BEST EVER

Railways Bring in Immense Crowds Saturday and Sunday, and All London Turns Out to Welcome—Down Town a City Beautiful by Night and Everybody on the Street.

The great reunion is a certain success. All doubts as to the attendance were dissipated on Saturday when it was demonstrated beyond question that the largest crowds London has ever seen was in the city.

Every train entered the city loaded to capacity. It was impossible for the railroad men to run the regular trains on schedule time owing to the immense loads carried.

On Saturday night it was impossible to go along the streets rapidly. The sidewalks were crowded to the limit, and visitors had to make the very best of it and get along the best way possible.

The great throngs were greatly increased by the arrivals of Sunday. The regular trains were crowded as on Saturday, and the specials from the different cities were also well crowded.

It was immense, and from every side came congratulations on the most successful beginning of the Old Boys' reunion of 1908.

Royally Welcomed. Large crowds met the incoming visitors and gave them a royal welcome.

President E. J. MacRobert, Secretary B. C. McCann and Chairman Dr. Harry Abbott, of the reception committee, were on hand to meet the returning Old Boys.

With them were all the prominent citizens of the city, and the visitors are not likely to forget the heartiness of their welcome home.

On arriving the visitors were soon taken in charge of by friends and were lost in the great number of the city.

A City Beautiful. Saturday evening was spent quietly.

Buffalo and Hamilton Old Boys
In Extra Coaches on the Express

Large Delegations From Both Cities—List of Those on the Trains.

Among the first Old Boys' associations to arrive in London were the Hamilton and Buffalo visitors, who reached here shortly after 7 o'clock on Saturday evening on No. 5.

Several extra coaches had to be placed on that train to accommodate the visitors, and slow time was made, owing to the great load.

The Ambitious City sent about 300 Old Boys, while Buffalo sent close to 100. All were happy as "kids" at the prospect of coming home, and looked forward to the coming week, with the keenest expectation.

Each member was resplendent with badges and hats and all made themselves felt on the way down. The Hamilton boys were accompanied by the Ninety-First Highlanders' band. The Buffalo boys did not bring a band.

The train was crowded to capacity.

Greeks Pummelled Some Fresh Youths

Three young men who attempted to put things "to the bad" in a Richmond street cafe last evening at about six o'clock were ejected and badly "mauled" by the Greek proprietors. It is said that the young fellows attempted to drink out of the catsup bottles, and when remonstrated with they became very noisy and abusive. They were then ordered out and when they refused three large Greeks proceeded to put them out.

A lively fight resulted, in which the Greeks took the medals. Richmond street was mopped with fine clothes, but as there was no policeman in the vicinity at the time no arrests were made. When the officer arrived he informed the Greeks that the police did all the ejecting in this city. One young fellow's face received very bad treatment.

Visiting Old Boys May Enter Free

The Old Boys' sports and games begin this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Queen's Park, and all visiting Old Boys are invited to attend. No admission will be charged visiting Old Boys who take part in the processions. The general admission to others will be twenty-five cents.

The crowning of the Queen of the Mardi Gras—one of the most brilliant spectacles of the reunion will be held at 8:15 p.m. in front of the Queen's Park stand. General admission to this function will be twenty-five cents; reserved seats fifty cents.

NEW COMPANIES.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—The incorporation of the Locomotive Engineers' Company, Limited, St. Thomas, with power to erect lodgerooms, etc., and with \$60,000 capital, is announced to-

day. Other companies' notice of incorporation of which appears in the Ontario Gazette this week are as follows: Westmonte, Brantford, \$200,000, and the Lambton Pressed Brick Company, London, \$50,000.



Photo by Advertiser artist. THE ARCH AT LILLEY'S CORNERS IN EAST LONDON.

PICKPOCKET
STOLE WATCH

Mr. Charles McGuire Relieved of Jewelry in City Hall on Saturday.

The first case of pocket-picking was reported on Saturday afternoon when Mr. C. W. McGuire, manager of the Queen City Oil Company and chairman of the Mardi Gras committee, was "touched" for his gold watch and fob. Absolutely no clue is given of the thief.

"I have no idea just when the watch was stolen," said Mr. McGuire to The Advertiser. "I was in several buildings



Photo by Frank Cooper. MR. B. C. MCCANN, Secretary of the Old Boys, and known as "the best man in America for the job."

Saturday afternoon, and did not feel any movement in my pocket. I went to look at the time, when I found my watch was stolen. It was a hunting case watch with my initials engraved on the back case in very large letters, practically covering the whole of the back of the case. To it was attached a watch fob, one that I got at the recent Shriners' meeting in St. Paul. I can't tell where it was stolen."

It was reported that another man had his watch stolen, but that the thief had returned it through another person, but this could not be corroborated.

FIERCE BUSH FIRES IN B. C.
RENDER 6,000 HOMELESS

Flames Reach the Edge of Fernie and Business District Has a Narrow Escape From Destruction—Toronto Sends \$5,000 to the Sufferers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 2.—Six thousand people were rendered homeless by the fierce bush fires which raged around the towns of Fernie, Michel and Morisset for many hours today. The bush fires reached the edge of Fernie at an early hour in the morning, and although the town's fire department hurried their splendid fire equipment to the scene as soon as possible they were powerless to check the flames, and a few hours later had to send some of the apparatus to the neighboring towns of Michel and Morisset. The miners turned out in force and the mines were temporarily abandoned while the workers endeavored to save their homes.

Business Section Menaced. A high wind blew the fire into the outlying districts, and but for the fact that the buildings were well scattered at the fire in Fernie, B. C.

tered the business district would have been burned. It is at present impossible to estimate the loss, but it will run into many thousands. As far as can be learned at the present time no lives were lost, although a number of persons were burned.

Toronto Helps. The mayor of Fernie has telegraphed to Mayor Oliver, of Toronto, asking him to try and send \$5,000 to help the homeless. This is the second time that Fernie has been visited by a disastrous fire, as a large part of the town was wiped out in 1900 by the bush fires which swept through the district.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—The board of control was hastily assembled by Mayor Oliver today, and it was decided to vote \$5,000 to the relief of the sufferers at the fire in Fernie, B. C.

CROWD ESTIMATED AT 7,000
AND MONDAY WILL DOUBLE IT

Secretary B. C. McCann Speaks Confidently of Great Success for the Reunion—Visitors Are Here From All Over Dominion, the United States and Other Foreign Countries.

"I estimate that there are at least 7,000 visitors in the city tonight," said Secretary B. C. McCann to The Advertiser last night. "The crowd is going to be a very large one, as I predicted. Monday morning will see the number increased twice over, and more. This reunion will be a magnificent success."

The other members of the executive are jubilant at the prospects and are entering into the details of the arrangements with a will.

The register has been largely signed already, and it affords a great geographical study. Every province in Canada, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, is represented by London Old Boys.

Nearly every state in the American union is represented, from Maine to California, and from the Thumb of Michigan to Florida.

In addition there are several other foreign countries represented. Among them are India, Mexico, China, Costa Rica, besides one from London, Eng. This, covers the whole North American continent and parts of other continents.

Among the states represented by former Old Boys are Florida, Minnesota, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Georgia, New Jersey, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Indiana, Arizona, Maryland, North Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Ohio, Michigan, Washington, California, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Kentucky, Connecticut and the district of Columbia.

London's representative from the faraway kingdom of China is Mr. Jas. S. Montgomery.

Dr. Jas. W. Waters has come the longest distance to the reunion, coming from Ujjain, India. There are three representatives from Costa Rica, where many Londoners have done exceedingly well.

A list of the large cities represented would fill volumes, but some of the largest include London, Eng., New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Canton, China, Washington, D. C., Portland, Oregon, Cleveland, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto and others.

Londoners can be found almost anywhere.

300 DETROIT OLD BOYS AND GIRLS
ARRIVE ON A C. P. R. SPECIAL

ORDER OF PARADE

President MacRobert, Nicholas Wilson and Secretary McCann.

1—Police.
2—Seventh Regiment Band.
3—Mayor and aldermen.
Board of education and water commissioners.

4—City officials.
5—Societies in carriages.
6—Ninety-first Highlanders.
7—Hamilton Old Boys.
8—Toronto Old Boys.
9—Hon. Mrs. Beck.
10—Hunt Club.
11—Pony show.
12—Carriages and saddle.
13—Twenty-sixty Band.

14—Woodmen.
15—Detroit Band.
16—Windsor and Detroit Old Boys.
17—Newsboys' Band.
18—Veteran Firemen.
19—City firemen.
20—Comic floats.
21—Twenty-fifth Battalion, St. Thomas, Band.

22—St. Thomas Old Boys.
23—A. O. F.
24—Buffalo Band.
25—Buffalo Old Boys.
26—Cleveland Old Boys.
27—Toledo Old Boys.
28—Citizens' Band.
29—Winnipeg and the west.
30—I. O. F.
31—Port Huron Band.
32—Port Huron Old Boys.
33—Sarnia Old Boys.
34—Petrolia Old Boys.

35—Automobiles.
36—Woodstock Band.
37—Woodstock Old Boys.
38—Ingersoll Old Boys.
39—High bicycles.
40—Stratford Band.
41—Stratford Old Boys.
42—Comic turnouts.
43—Manufacturers and delivery wagons.

DROWNED OFF TUG
AT PARRY SOUND

Parry Sound, Aug. 2.—Edward Walker, of Shannville, Ont., a cook on the tug Wahnapitae, was drowned at French River on Thursday night. He had dropped off the vessel, which was lying at the dock, was unable to swim and was alone at the time. The body was recovered the following day. Walker was unmarried, and 29 years old.

A PIOUS AUTOMOBILE

Takes a Notion to Enter the Presbyterian Church at Fergus.

Fergus, Aug. 2.—During the morning service in Melville Presbyterian Church an auto belonging to a party became unmanageable while passing and took a notion to come in. It went a little wide and struck the door, splintering it badly, damaging itself, and giving the worshippers quite a start.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—FINE AND WARM.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—Since Saturday the tropical disturbance has moved up the coast and this evening is centred to the southeast of Nova Scotia. It has been accompanied by heavy rainfalls and gales in the Maritime Provinces.

Fine weather has prevailed from British Columbia to Quebec, with the exception of local thunderstorms on Tuesday and the Western Provinces.

During Saturday intense heat prevailed in the southern portions of Alberta and Saskatchewan, but the temperatures throughout the Western Provinces are now more moderate.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 44-69; Atlin, 42-54; Victoria, 48-72; Vancouver, 47-71; Kamloops, 45-80; Edmonton, 50-72; Battleford, 50-64; Qu'Appelle, 52-72; Winnipeg, 55-80; Port Arthur, 50-66; Parry Sound, 50-80; London, 61-85; Toronto, 58-80; Ottawa, 60-78; Montreal, 64-76; Quebec, 64-74; Halifax, 60-66.

FORECASTS.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate to fresh southeasterly to southwesterly winds; fine and very warm today; local thunderstorms on Tuesday.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fine and decidedly warm.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—North to west winds; fine; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Maritime—Decreasing northerly to westerly winds; fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

Superior—Fresh south to west winds; fair and warm; local thunderstorms.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Many Well-Known Ex-Londoners on the Train.

ALL ARE GLAD
TO BE BACK

In the Old Town Again—Mrs. Fred Goldsmith a Passenger—Other Visitors.

Approximately three hundred London Old Boys and Girls landed in London on the C. P. R. special train from Detroit and Windsor at 6 o'clock last evening. The special was met by fully five hundred people, and a moment after the train steamed in the customary handshaking between old friends was in progress.

The special left Windsor at 2:35 yesterday afternoon, and was made up of twelve coaches, each one of which was well filled.

The majority of the London Old Boys and Girls on the train were from Detroit and Windsor, but among those noted were also former Londoners from far-away, sunny Atlanta, Ga., and other southern points.

One of the oldest—if not the oldest—"Old Boy" on the special, was Mr. W. H. Knight, of Detroit, who assisted in opening the Grand Trunk car shops in London over 35 years ago. Mr. Knight is doing well in Detroit, but still retains his love for the Forest City, which he left about 25 years ago.

Dr. "Ben" Bryant, of Detroit, a former principal of Princess avenue school, was also a home-comer.

A Real Old Boy's Wife. One of the best-known personalities met en route was Mrs. Fred Goldsmith, wife of the former great pitcher, Fred Goldsmith, whose reputation as a baseball player in the days of the old International League, was worldwide, and who enjoyed the reputation of having been the first baseball player to pitch a curve ball.

Mrs. Goldsmith was accompanied by her daughter Helen, who resides with her father and mother at 229 Smith avenue, Detroit.

Mrs. Goldsmith anticipated the question on the reporter's lips as she mentioned her name, and with a smile she said:

"Yes, I am the wife of the famous 'Goldie,' the ballplayer."

Mrs. Goldsmith stated that her husband was now a traveller for a prominent Philadelphia firm, and was at present in New York city, where he was being lionized by his old-time baseball friends.

"You can't tell Fred that the present-day ballplayer can play the game like the old-timers," said Mrs. Goldsmith, "but my sons—I have five—cannot believe that the baseball stars of other days would have a look-in with the Youngs, the Mathewsons and the rest of the present-day stars."

"Yes, I would very much have liked to have Mr. Goldsmith take the trip to London, but business prevented. He looks to be about 25 now, though, so he cannot very well be termed a bona fide London Old Boy," she concluded, with a smile.

A London Newsboy.

"I was never happier in my life than at the present moment, when being hauled to dear old London as fast as steam can carry me," stated Mr. Isaac Dent, who also stated proudly that he began life as a newsboy in London, selling The Advertiser.

Mr. Dent formerly lived on Talbot street, near King.

Mrs. Samuel Moore, of Forest avenue, Detroit, was one of the happiest London Old Girls on the special.

"I lived for forty years on Centre street, West London," said she, "and I tell you that I am mighty glad to be journeying over the rails towards my old home."

A most popular little traveller was Miss Edna Patterson, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patterson, of Detroit. Miss Edna is just 5 years old, and she will represent "Miss Detroit" in the Old Boys' processions.

Mrs. (Dr.) Baker, of Detroit, wife of Dr. W. R. Baker, candidate for coroner of Detroit, and a former well-known resident of this city, was another passenger. Dr. Baker was formerly the Detroit city health officer.

Included in the list of London Old Boys on the train were a number of railroad men, contractors and Detroit business men, and this crowd of happy ex-Londoners threw aside business cares as soon as they boarded the train.

Old Boys' President.

Mr. George Moore, president of the Detroit Old Boys' Association, was of the party, and it kept him busy protecting himself from practical jokes on the part of the other members.

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