

# DICK MATTHEWS BRINGING 5,000 FROM "CITY" OF EVELYN

Former Alderman of London,  
Newspaper Publisher and  
Gentleman Farmer, Writes Jim  
Bell That He Will be Here for  
the Old Boys' Reunion.



No old boy will be  
welcomed to London  
more than Richard  
Matthews, publisher  
of The West Nis-  
souri Nudger, for-  
mer alderman of the  
City of London,  
gentleman in the  
metropolis of Evelyn  
and farmer in the  
County of Middle-

sex.

Mr. Matthews is perhaps better known  
as "The People's Dick." He ran for  
mayor here once and now he is running  
a plow, running a newspaper, churning  
butter and picking pickles off the alfalfa  
bushes.

You will know "The People's Dick"  
when you see him on the street. He is  
sunburned, has a poetical crop of hirsute  
adornment, wears a sombrero skypiece  
and a pair of Amsterdam wooden clod-  
hoppers. With the latter he expects to  
sail up the Thames River, as he is enter-  
ed in the regatta races.

The first intimation that the city hall  
had of Mr. Matthews' proposed visit to  
the city was in a letter which Jim Bell  
received yesterday. The communication  
is an epic and will be inscribed on a  
bronze tablet in the new city hall that  
John M. Parsons will let the city build  
in the year 1925.

## THE BARD OF EVELYN.

The letter is as follows:

James Bell, Esq.,

Treasurer London Old Boys' Assn.

My Dear James,—Will you kindly have  
sent to the undersigned a programme of  
the Old Boys' celebration.

If the association will promise us a fair  
show in procession somewhere close to  
the 7th band we will come about 5,000  
strong from Evelyn on Monday.

Will take passage on SS. Chittick from  
Dorchester Sound at midnight, Sunday,  
August 6, to avoid complications with  
the Lord's Day Alliance.

Arrange to have mayor, police magis-  
trate and reception committee meet us  
at Vauxhall Wharf (Egerton street en-  
trance), at 9.30 Monday a. m.

We want to get close to 7th band be-  
cause our members cannot walk well to  
all kinds of band noise.

Am glad to see that Fin. Marshall has  
bene appointed one of the marshals. His  
section will always be able to see their  
Marshal—which is a good thing.

A. O. Graydon might also have been  
chosen. While he is not so easily seen  
as Fin, his clothes always tell his  
whereabouts—they are so loud.

Had it not been for that old reliable  
Free Press I would not have known that  
there was a celebration in London this  
year.

Sincerely yours,  
R. F. MATTHEWS,  
Evelyn, Aug. 4, 1911.

P. S. — All being  
well—as I see every-  
thing is to be free—  
I will take dinner  
(12.30) with you and  
Mrs. Bell on the big  
day (Monday).

R. F. M.



Missouri Nudger Fyle  
For 3 years and 11 months —  
(Forced to discontinue on  
Account of first great war)  
Signed Richard F. Matthews  
Publisher.

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