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**Our Ottawa Letter.**

A regrettable feature of the first day's debate on the second reading of the Redistribution Bill was the attack made by Sir Charles Tupper upon the Minister of Justice. Hon. David Mills was defeated at the last general election by Mr. Clancy, in the constituency of Bothwell which he had long represented. The present bill proposes to abolish the constituency altogether and put its competent parts back into the counties where they properly belong, and Sir Charles Tupper unblushingly declared that this was done at the instance of the Minister, to get even with his successful opponent. It was, asserted the Opposition leader, "an act that would stamp him to the end of time as a narrow man, blinded by personal passions and prejudice, done for the purpose of striking down a man whom the electors of Bothwell had declared that they considered a better man than himself." The facts of the case are that the original constituency of Bothwell was so mutilated and carved up, that no excuse was possible to justify the rearrangement save that it swept away all chance of electing a Liberal. Townships having a Liberal majority of 311 were taken away and others giving a Conservative majority of 34 were added making a net Liberal loss of 345, and even then Mr. Clancy could only secure a majority of 87, while the detached Liberal townships gave a Liberal majority of 379 showing how precious small Mr. Clancy's chances would have been on a fair arrangement of the boundaries.

**DEFENCE NOT DEFIANCE.**

The splendid work that is being done this year at the annual camps is a happy outcome of the fortunate combination of an enthusiastic Commandant and a Liberal minded Administration—the latter willing to provide increased means that will make it possible to do effective and extended work, and the former thoroughly posted in his knowledge of what is most necessary to be done, and fully competent to do it. There can be little question that the spirit of militarism is growing in Canada; there are evidences of it on every hand, and it is difficult to see that there is any substantial cause for the strong criticisms offered thereon by some excellently well-intentioned but I venture to think mistaken people. Man is essentially a fighting animal, boy and man he is bound to scrap, and were it not for the splendid courage of the past, courage natural to the Anglo Saxon but strengthened and utilized to the best advantage by knowledge, experience and training, the Empire would not stand where she does to-day—leading the world in civilization and Christianity. Besides all this Canada owes it to that Empire that she should do her full share in protecting herself from outside aggressors and in no better way could she do this than in the training of the Camps such as are now in progress.

**ENTERPRISE DOWN BY THE SEA.**

Canada naturally turns west for evidence of development—the march of Empire always has been with the sun; but our growing time is not confined to the newer sections by any means. At the present time there is a vast enterprise under way in Nova Scotia to establish smelters at Cape Breton for the reduction of the vast iron deposits of Newfoundland, using therein the coal of Nova Scotia. There are unlimited supplies of both coal and iron ore, labor is cheap and transportation facilities good, altogether presenting a most satisfactory combination of conditions. The initial stages of the enterprise are well under way, and these successfully launched there are others in the background, not the least of which is the establishing of ship yards capable of turning out the biggest ships afloat in any waters. The possibilities of the future are inexhaustible and what is more the people down by the sea are becoming fully seized of those possibilities.

**Jefferson**

Saturday, June 24th, is a day long to be remembered by the public school children of Oak Ridges and Jefferson, for on that day the teachers, pupils and a large number of friends assembled at Wilcox's Lake and held their annual Union picnic.

Shortly after arriving at the grounds the boats were launched, and it is not necessary to say that the boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's boating, as the day was all that could be desired.

About five o'clock a sumptuous tea was served in the grove to which all did ample justice, and it will not be surprising if some of those present are not tart this week judging from the way the tarts disappeared.

After tea the sports which consisted of races took place. The first was a potato race in which Harry Newton of Jefferson won 1st, Ed. Hogan, Oak Ridges, and John Hearn, Jefferson, 3rd. In boy's race, over 12, Garfield

Bostwick, Oak Ridges, 1st; John Mortson, Jefferson, 2nd; Ed. Hogan, Oak Ridges, 3rd. Boys between 9 and 12, Kenneth Legg, Oak Ridges, 1st; John Hearn, Jefferson, 2nd; Eddie Gamble, Jefferson, 3rd. Boys between 7 and 9, Chas. Ham, Oak Ridges, 1st; Emy Dibb, Jefferson, 2nd; Leonard Duncan, Jefferson, 3rd. Boys under 7, Stanley Casely, Jefferson 1st; Willis Thompson, Oak Ridges, 2nd; Lorne Clubine, 3rd; Elmer Clubine, 4th, Jefferson. Girl's race, over 12, Aggie Gamble, Jefferson, 1st; Mary Hogan, Oak Ridges, 2nd; Delsa Bostick, Oak Ridges, 3rd. Girls between 9 and 12, Clara Bostick, Oak Ridges, 1st; Jennie Gamble, Jefferson, 2nd; Edna Hodgins, Oak Ridges, 3rd. Girls between 7 and 9, Sadie Fisher, 1st; Georgie Brown, 2nd; Stella Clubine, 3rd; all of Jefferson. Girls under 7 Stella Murphy, 1st; Hazel Duncan, 2nd; Wroxy Topper 3rd, all of Jefferson.

The next in order was a spelling match in which six pupils from each school took part and after a sharp contest Geo Jefferson Oak Ridges (late of Jefferson) succeeded in winning the prize which was a copy of Gulliver's Travels.

It is needless to say that the trustees and teachers spared no efforts to make this the most successful picnic that they have ever held and we believe that they have accomplished the desired result.

**Temperanceville**

The annual garden party and strawberry festival of the friends of the Methodist church held on the lawn of Mr. Henry Smith was successful from every standpoint. The evening was gorgeous and everything passed off as nicely as it was possible. The lawn was tastefully decorated and looked neat and attractive. Mr. Smith was most accommodating, and Mrs. Smith as hostess did her best to make all feel at home. The Richmond Hill Band rendered excellent music, and the Mendelssohn Choristers of the same place gave some choice and spirited selections. The cash prize of \$5.50 in the football contest was won by Kinghorn after a close game with Eversley. Other games were indulged in during the early part of the evening. At the entertainment Rev. R. B. Beynon made an acceptable chairman, and Rev. Herbert Lee gave a "farewell" address to his people. The receipts amounted to \$90.

The Methodist church was crowded last Sunday evening when Rev. Mr. Lee preached his last sermon as pastor of the congregation. Rev. and Mrs. Lee carry with them to Burk's Falls, their new station, the best wishes of their many friends.

Our old friend, Mr. John Glass, lies in a critical condition, and hope of recovery seems to be gone. The barn-raising of Mr. McMurchy was one of the events of Thursday last. Mr. T. H. Legge and A. B. Wells captained the sides and a keen contest followed the word of command. Honors were almost even, but slightly in favor of the King Councilor and his stalwarts.

Mr. Ira Fleury is having his house overhauled starting with a stone foundation. When completed he will have a very neat and comfortable residence. The road-planer is at work in this division, and better roads may be looked for.

**Maple**

The Sabbath schools of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's held a picnic at Wilcox's Lake last Saturday. Nine large loads headed by Velloré Band were in the procession.

Rev. G. Waugh preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening to a large congregation. He leaves this week for his new field of labor, Sturgeon Falls.

Rev. J. W. Stewart conducted the Review Service on Sunday morning. In the afternoon a large number from here attended the Song Service at Hope.

Miss Porter of Carrville, read an interesting paper at the League on Monday night. The subject was "Established in Heart." The League has been closed for the summer months.

Quite a number from here attended the Patterson school picnic last Saturday afternoon and spent a very pleasant time.

Mr. Piggott and Miss Clara Bond of Toronto Junction were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. John Combs, last Saturday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Stewart.

Mrs. John Campbell of Sherwood, died on Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. The friends have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Miss Minnie Dilworth of Toronto, was visiting friends here this week.

**Patterson**

The annual picnic and closing exercises of Patterson school took place in Metcalf's grove on Saturday last. There was a large attendance of rate-

payers, nearly every family in the section being represented, and many were present from Maple and surrounding neighborhoods. The boys enjoyed a good game of football in the afternoon, and a little later a sumptuous repast was served on the lawn. In the evening an enjoyable entertainment was given by pupils and ex-pupils of the school. Mr. J. T. Saigeon of Maple made an ideal chairman. In his opening remarks he referred to the pleasant feeling which existed between the teacher and her pupils, and expressed the regret of the section that Miss Hall had chosen to resign her position at the present time.

The various numbers on the programme which followed were rendered in excellent style and consisted of the following:—

Song, "Away," by a class of girls.  
"Bee Song," by a number of girls.  
Dialogue, "Buttermilk," by Miss Rumble and Master E. Metcalf.  
Fairies Frolic, by a company of young girls.

Song, "Pretty Moon," by school children.  
Good Night Drill, by eight little girls.

Before closing a vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Hall and her pupils for providing such an enjoyable and agreeable programme.

Ice cream and other delicacies were served from a stand in the lawn. The national anthem was sung and all separated for their various homes.

**IT WAS SWIFT.**

The opening game of lacrosse of the York District was played here Saturday, the opposing teams being the Mimico Stars and the Home team. The play was marked by close checking, clever passing, fast running and accurate shooting. Both teams were true sportsmen, not over-exultant in victory nor too downcast in defeat. From beginning to end there was not a sign of rough play nor unmanly conduct. It was a perfect day for lacrosse and a perfect game was played. The personnel of the games was: Richmond Hill—Goal, W. Glass; Point, J. Glass; C. Point, F. Sims; Field, F. Grainger, E. Glover, G. Sims; Centre, G. Cooper; Field, W. Trench, H. Hooper, W. Trench; Outside home, W. Clifford; Inside home, H. McKenzie.

Stars—Goal, Burgess; point, Burgess; C. Point, Harrison; Field, Parker, Maloney, Behan; Centre, Harrison; Field, Maltby, Burgess, Kay; Outside home, Adamson, Inside home, Behan.

Umpires, C. Lynett, J. Maguire. Time-keepers, E. Mason, T. Redmond.

Captains, C. Ellston, G. Kay. Referee, W. Savage.

After the usual words of warning by the referee the game began with the visitors defending the eastern goal.

By lightning passing the home team tallied four consecutive goals, then Mimico seeing that the Hill boys were depending upon Clifford to shoot made his check hug him so tightly that no opportunity was given him of again scoring. Meanwhile the Stars scored two goals and they began to wear a more healthy and hopeful air, saying that they would yet win. But the Hill seeing through the Visitors' ruse changed their tactics of attack and under the able strategic management of Captain Ellston rapidly added five more goals to their credit.

No particular praise can be given to individual players. It was combined play that won and that alone. Every man did his duty and did it well.

Though the score stands 9 to 2 yet it must not be thought that the Mimico boys are inferior players for they excel in stick handling, passing and running but their home was unable to cope with the stonewall defense of our team. Attack after attack was made by the visitors, shot upon shot was fired at the Hill goal, but in vain. From such a distance and so hurriedly were they made that scoring was almost impossible.

This is the second time this season that these teams have met, the former occasion being May 24th when the score was 5 all. The difference in the score and the character of play can only be attributed to the faithful practicing which our boys have done during the past month.

One feature of the day which especially pleased the home team was the merited applause which Hillites gave to the clever work of their visitors.

In the evening a very successful garden party was held by the Hill club on the park and the management thanks deeply the kindness of those who assisted in making the day and evening the success it was.

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