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Dominion Day

Dominion Day having past and gone, most people will no doubt remember it as a day when they had a wonderful time. The Le- odd years ago, the fact remains that those days and the shoe shine lad was better roads, and a score of other wor- tery was its origin. gion is to be congratulated on the fine parade and sports day plan- the little old town of the teens of not expected to have change. No thy causes. ned and carried out. It is just an idea, but, since our Legion is so this century was a place of happiness old-timer ever really knew when shoe And don't forget the Board of Trade tied up in history of this country and since Dominion Day is our and hope. one historic celebration day, why not get the two together.

This is what we mean. Why not have the Legion sponsor the in, member of the town's first coun-Dominon Day sports day every year. They did such a fine job of cil, and the second mayor of Timmins; it this year that the whole town is talking.

It has been suggested that the Legion start the day off early boat service on Porcupine Lake before with a monster parade, followed by the regular track and field there was much town of Timmins; by meet. With baseball and maybe a swim meet thrown in for good Guy McChesney, who, as a youth, was measure.

this day could be an annual festival day which would be the talk the latter's brother; by Vincent Woodpicnic lunches to the various parks and in the evening after the mins grow from a small clearing in but the sensation would be the Park there are the part of the park the par sun sank slowly in the North-West, the bursting fireworks would be the capping of a perfect day, which would end with a monster visitin the Camp agree that in the days concert and sing song in the park.

Think it over Legionaires and see what you can do with it. Timmins has tremendous facilities when they are counted up. No town join in that chorus, "Thoes were the zen might refer to Dr. H. H. Moore's wide reputation. or city in Canada of anywhere near comparable size could foster days!" such a day. Hollinger Park, McIntyre Park, Gillies Lake Beach One sentimental old-timer on one and so many other fine assets of the town could be put to work occasion some years ago explained the simultatneously to create a terrific day for all Canadians in the glamour of the early days by quoting district. It would be a day to tie the various Canadian groups Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome": together with strong bonds of friendship.

Beauty And The Beach

In the heat of summer there is nothing as relaxing and cooling. It is not too much to say that the as going to the edge of a small clear northern lake, having a verse applies with as great force and swim and sitting on the beach. With the summer season so short (ruth to Porcupine in the early days, it is almost imperative that children get to the beach as often as as it did to Ancient Rome. In any possible to bathe in the exhilarating water and health giving sunshine.

Gillies Lake provides a marvelous spot for a good beach and as the water is tested regularly it is safe to take the children there for the afternoon. After an afternoon's basking in the sun at Gillies outstanding in a background of handi- come from the rich veins of the old-Lake these are few notes jotted down by the editor who has basked caps and hardships. There are few timer's memory's mine: on many beaches and wishes to hand on some constructive criti- joys more satisfying than conquering The Dog Races and carnivals. cism.

by children and why the oldsters don't use it as often as they might, and obstacles are but incentives to the Impeiral Bank corner, for a run ball! Don't start any old-timer remis the need for a good bath house and locker room. We were ingenuity. told that this matter had been looked into by several service clubs Surely they were "brave days," when the second prize 50 cents and every take several nights. Ask any oldbut nothing could be done as the concession could not be let. The comfortable homes could be rented other entry received a shining new timer of he remembers that 13-inning reason given for that was the zoning by-laws. According to one from \$40.00 per month down to -12.00 quarter, or an older coin of the same game that ended 2-1. man no one could sell pop or set up a stand in the area--what that per month, instead of \$40.00 up to \$85. denomination, the boys not seeming Mention clubs or societies and it man no one could sell pop or set up a stand in the area--what that Just as we left the park there was a potato chip salesman's wagon goods @ 2 for for a quarter. Blue races, the boys no always being able to the Welsh, the Lancashire Club the fouling up the air with his greasy wares. How he could park there serge and fancy tweed suits, @ \$20 to keep the dogs apart. Also, there were Knights of Columbus, the Ladies of and sell indigestibles and no bathhouse could get a license to sell \$25. Electric refrigerators @ \$85.00 occasionally, more than dog fights, the Charity, the Caledonians, the Cornish, go to court, a fact which indicates that our men are generally successful in pop or no one could get permission to run a concession on the beach 1916 Model Fords @ \$375.00 and 1917 committee being unable always to keep the Delsh, the Lancashire Club, the separating the innocent from the guilty before their cases are presented for didn't make sense.

Any beach which is run properly has lockers or locker baskets for clothes. Generally this is run by an elderly man who enjoys getting the summer sun. A few bottles of pop, some gum, chocolate bars, sun tan oil, beach balls, and a few bathing suits to rent, often net a pensioner a bit extra to get him by when the snow flies.

The lake is well guarded by three lifeguards, one husky young man, a young woman who swam in many swimming competitions and a younger woman who has experience in teaching swimming and lifesaving. TCAC head Bim Sturgeon is to be congratulated Dear Sir: for his choice of beach supervisors.

A pile of lumber stands in the middle of the beach. Every once in a while an energetic youngster takes a short plank off the pile and ber back. It is getting checked and splintered every time these worthwhile. If you go to court on could see that the day would dawn for two separate publications. In these the members are the union. This means an open, democratic union. husky youngsters throw it around. The lumber it seems is for a Tuesday afternoons and I see you when a sports writer would have to troubled times, a writer cannot always dock that is to be built. Numerous men promised to help with there sometimes, you will notice no know something to keep his job. keep a firm hand on his ghost. day when the snow flies. . . This dock was to have enclosed a good no one says, "God Save the King!" is beginning. It is all mixed up with Louis was sufficiently old-fashioned to portion of the beach for the young fry and it would have made The Chief of Police just stands up and psychiatry, television, literature, juris- ignore the dire predictions of Dr. Morthe job of watching 200 splashing younsters quite a simple one. says that court is adjourned. It is no place for a fighter whose simple not to his right fist, nor did Walcott's haps if this was brought to the at-Since the dock was to have been built, no one wanted to pay for a tention of the Magistrate something creed was that a short right was bet- spiritual advantage inject sufficient calsmall boat to be on the beach too. For practical lifesaving all ilfe- would be done to correct this small ter than a college education—or a cium into his jaw to keep him erect guards should have a small row boat available at all times. The but significant matter. boat should be equipped with oars and a paddle plus a few lengths of heavy rope about 3 feet long.

ED. NOTE: Yes we noticed that. Another feature which these experienced old eyes noted was the fact that either the terrace should be grassy or it should be sand, and not gravel. Gravel has too many big stones which bruise one Dear Sir: when reclining. And the garbage can could be some other place ra- A matter which I would like to bring ther than parked in the centre of the beach. It detracts from the to the attention of your readers at this surroundings and the soft cool air off the lake.

Gillies beach is an asset to the town which cannot be measured the local service clubs who tell the in dollars and cents. Enough money is allotted each year to many people that they are out to help the projects but more than just money is needed. It is work on the community, bring in side shows and part of the service clubs.

If the service clubs were really active, not a carpenter would be Hot dogs and pop were at terrific the frustrating effect of postponement, needed to put up that dock, the grass at the playgrounds would be prices and the rides were so short that cut so that small children wouldn't get lost. We nearly lost a cam- you no sconer got on when you had eraman this week when we took the pictures of the playgrounds, to get off. It was plump and plain the garss was that high, I'm tellin you.

But back to the beach. . . There is a marvellous outlay of water clubs get together and build themselves and beach for the hands of men to make into something worth- a merry-go-round and some other rides while. The outlay in money wouldn't be great to sand the rest in one of the town's parks. They could of the gravelly part of the beach and keep the remainder of the make it pay all summer easily just charging 5 cents a ride for kiddies. The

grounds in shape. rides could be built on a permanent On a normal afternoon there are 200 children on the beach and basis and boarded up during the winas the weather gets warmer there will be more and more. As the ter. cowd gets larger and larger the danger of drowning rises.

The lumber for the docks is there on the beach why hasn't the have a lot of stripped down dancers dock been built? Too, when there is a large crowd there are more parading before our children. The instances of stolen clothing and valuables. The locker room is hussies. We have enough badness in needed. The odor of frying potatoes is still in the air. Surely an this town without importing any from ice cream concession would be more healthful in the summer heat. the South.

The health and welfare of the children of this community is a great responsibility. . . the men responsible for these things shouldn't wait until a disaster happens before they make up their minds to do something. Beauty has its place in this drab old world too, and an attractive beach is one which will be patronized and admired to find out, the carnival people behaved round and rides is one which may in- boller to regulate it, thereby saving way, they may find they have slain America as well. by our visitors.

In The Days When The Porcupine! Was Young

By G. A. Macdonald

No. 59. The Brave Days of Old

"Those were the days! The wonder- to \$1.75. And most of the going con- was had by all.

visiting here recently, after varying pe- those were the brave days! riods of absence. They had every ad- Talk about brave days! Why shaves South Porcupine.

This type of idea was voiced not the present 15c. long ago by pioneers like J. P. McLaughby Ed. Leslie, who, with his happy partner, Ernie Schletter operated a through what is now the Porcupine Camp in 1907, prospecting with his

when the Porcupine was young, "those were the days, indeed!" And prac-

"Then none was for a party;

"Then all were for the state; "Then the great man helped the poor; "And the poor man loved the great; "Then lands were fairly portioned;

"Then spoils were fairly sold; "The Romans were like brothers

"In the brave old days of old."

the Porcupine was young. For they were brave days! Of course, there were difficulties and this new land. discomforts, but happiness is the more

One of the main reasons found why the beach is only patronized a struggle, but struggle is the very where forty or more boys started their mayor followed the same plan.

One of the main reasons found why the beach is only patronized essence of real life. Inconveniences one, two or three dogs, in relays, from Hockey! Baseball! Lacrosse! Foot-

Fords @ \$530.00. Ladies' house dresses the boys from taking the part of I. O. D. E., the G. W. V. A., the B'Nai prosecution. \$1.25 to \$2.25. Men's fine shirts, \$1.25 their dogs. But, always a good time Brith and many others.

Editor

Yours truly,

highway robbery.

I suggest that the so-called service

Think that over service clubs. Why

Ed. Note: The service club refered

to made a bit on the deal with the car-

nival people and all the money didn't

Mother of five.

let all that money get out of town and

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pressed by pioneers of this camp, re- several cents lower than usual. Surely at the organ.

still the thought was in their minds 35c. Shoe shines were no more than Trade for better facilities in town, for shines went up to ten cents, or even to Banquets.

But these are not the things that Bardessono on the accordion and 'Gene make them the brave days of old to Colombo on the violin. the pioneer! Some old timers might be tempted to tell the fact or one thing there were absolutely no ordinary, or extra-ordinary rats in the Porcupine number, and soon died out. On one able "Lap" Laprairie. These men, and scores of others re- great, or greater had a rat been dis- cal and instrumental artists at these covered there. As for potato bugs, it evens.

of any of the common diseases except glad to sneak out of the meeting. the one influenza epidemic that swept The political rallies, with genuine Germans all over the continent in 1918 and 1919, prators, (not all of them imported,

event it was the fact that men were these matters would be uppermost in Hughie Mulheron, "mine host of the

Here are a few of the items that will hearly 700.

Stan Rawlinson at the piano Pete The Appel Orchestra.

The Timmins Turkey Stags, with their remarkable entertainments, including the famous "Gimmee" and the Even the human "rats" were few in other happy novelties of the redoubt-

occasion in the early days, there was The Sunday evening band concerts but the sensation would have been as the Band, there were outstanding vo- otage plot to blow up the whole shipyard.

Another serious-minded old-time citi- many of the speakers being orators of not stop until it was solved.

number of typhoid cases, and no ser- for the Seamen's Union in Britain, and eases, testing of all cows for T.B., tempted to interrupt Peter, but he used hospital. Unlike most mining camps, seemed ready, and eager, to follow up Timmins never had a regular epidemic his words with his fists, that they were

Yet, it is not likely that any of either) to make the welkin ring.

like brothers in the brave days when the minds of old-timers recalling the Goldfields," and his annual sleighride brave days of old. Rather, it would party of all school children of the be the times of friendships and fun in camp. One year he treated over 300 youngsters. The next year, it was the war

declared a civic holiday for the occascircumstances. Life may have been Particularly, the Boy's Dog Race, ion, and Dr. McInnis the succeeding

around town. The first prize was \$1.00 iniscing on any of these, or it will checks.

by Victor Riesel

By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington - During the war an American tanker broke down in the North Atlantic while in convoy toward a combat area. The reduction gear assembly had been put out of commission by a piece of metal wedged between bearing surfaces.

As the rest of the convoy dropped over the horrizon and the tanker ful days! The days when the Porcu- cerns had "going-out-of-business" sales The concerts by the Byrnes Presby- hauled up to wallow in high seas and await assistance for the uncertain return every time they moved or altered tehir terian Choir, under the leadership of to an American port, there were tantalizing questions in the minds of all Sentiments of that kind were ex- premises, and prices then were always Jas. Geils, and with Mrs. J. W. Faithful aboard. What was that little piece of metal in the gear assembly and who put it there? Members of the engine room crew were particularly uneasy. The Burns banquets at Timmins and If there was a Jonah aboard, he must be among them because they were the only men who had access to the ship's machinery. What would the FBI find miration for the Porcupine as it is, but were only fifteen cents, and haircuts, The gallant battles of the Board of when Agents came aboard to check on the possibilities of sabotage?

What the Agents found were a number of mashed and broken gear that if Timmins, for example, is much a nickel, though the average man did fire protection, for express delivery, teeth and a small segment of crushed steel wedged in one of the gear groves. bigger and greater than it was thirty- not wait for change from his quarter for better post office service, more and This obviously was the piece of metal which had done the damage. The mys-

Spectrographic examinations in the FBI Laboratory revealed that there were no foreign substances in the gear assembly. The scientific examinations and the Agents' investigation aboard ship led to the same conclusion; nothing but a mechanical breakdown was involved. A gear tooth had broken

The outcome of this case is typical of hundreds of wartime sabotagecases handled by the FBI. Whenever there was an unusual accident, explosion, or breakdown directly affecting the production or transportation of war material or endangering American lives, there was always the tormenting doubt; was it caused by an enemy agent or was it accidental? Always the accusing finger of circumstance pointed directly at one man or a group of men, and nearly always there was an undercurrent of wartime hysteria ready to fan the reasonable sparks of doubt into a holocaust of mob violence.

In one case an entire shipyard was closed down for one shift and five strongly suspected men (second-generation Germans) were advised to tarentula was found on a bunch of ban- programmes worth many times the col- leave quietly and take refuge in their homes where they could summon police protection, if necessary, while FBI Agents were investigating an alleged sab-

When FBI Agents arrived, little knots of angry men were assembling throughout the plant; vigilante groups were already forming to dispense was years and years before the acclim- The rousing recruiting meetings held. summary 'justice' upon the suspected Germans. Foremen successfully disatized themselves to this country. here during the war of 1914-1918, with persed the men by telling them that FBI Agents were on the case and would

The investigation disclosed that there had been no sabotage plot and reports as Medical Health Officer. Us- The stirring Navy League gatherings there were no guilty persons. There had been a simple (although unusual) ually he reported the general public here. At one of these, the famous breakdown in a piece of welding equipment which was connected by a direct health as good, with a record small Peter Wright once a gallant fighter pipeline to the shipyard's principal reservoir tank of oxygen gas,

The breakdown was discovered by an inexperienced and excitable ous cases of contagious diseases. Then, later in His Majesty's secret service, workman who reported to his foreman and then, among his fellows, started he would urge extension of the water-delivered a scathing and scorching at- a scare story that reached fantastic proportions within a matter of two hours. works system, installation of a sew-tack on the "Bolshevicks," as they were The outraged men who were forming vigilante committees were convinced age system, closing of all wells to pre- then called. There were some of these that a cutting torch had been loaded with a highly inflammable substance vent danger of typhoid and similar dis- fellows in the audience, and they at- which would have caused a mighty explosion when the torch was lighted.

This explosion, they thought, would have been great enough to blow and the establishment of an isolation such blistering words to them, and out the safety valves in the feed line to the main storage tank and set off an explosion in the huge reservoir that would have demolished the entire shipyard. The only persons who had had access to the torch between the time when it was last used and the time when it was discovered "loaded" were the five FBI Agents proved that the substance in the torch was not explosive

or highly inflammable. It was slush that had accumulated naturally during the time when the torch was improperly connected with a defective tank of acetylene gas. Such cases are not as unusual as one might think. Moreover, they

are as commonplace in the peacetime work of the FBI as they were during Typical and illustrative was a recent forgery case in which police ar-

rested a man whom several eye witnesses identified as the man who had cashed some worthless checks. The police sent the checks to the FBI Laboratory. Laboratory technicians determined that he had not written the checks. A search through the fingerprint files, however, brought up the record of another man who had not previously been under suspicion. FBI Laboratory technicians established that this man had written the worthless

Regardless of the kind of case - whether it involves espionage, sabotage, a criminal matter, or a Federal employee's loyalty to his govrhment we take no part in the final interpretation of the information, which we collect. Our duty is discharged when we have collected a conclusive body of facts.

Convictions result in more than 96 per cent of all FBI cases which

BY EMIL REEVE

General President, Textile Workers Union

and Vice President of the CIO The most overworked word in new-day debates over the labor prob-

lem is union "responsibility". It's used by labor's enemies and friends alike, including Victor Riesel. Mostly it has made very little sense. Everyone agrees unions should be "responsible" - just as they agree statesmen should be "liberal", laws should be "just" and our country should

be run in an "American way". As applied to unions, "responsibility" is just another high-sounding expression which can mean anything or nothing. I have never liked this kind of double-talk. I would like to take this opportunity to define union "responsibility" as it appears to me, and to express

For one thing, a union must be responsbile to its members; after all,

Second, a union should be responsible for fulfilling its contracts --

for keeping its word. This means a reasonably well-disciplined union And third, a union should take a responsible attitude toward the in-

I submit that these points add up to union "responsibility" in the best sense — including responsibility to the public. It seems to me a union meets its public responsibilities by behaving honestly and reasonably. Of course, these specifications wouldn't prevent a strike; too many Congressmen and

columnists forget, it 'akes two sides to make peace. Bu that's another story. My union and many others are in favor of these rules. But the men who framed the Taft-Hartley act are not. They love already made one of them impossible, weakened another and brought he third under attack. You who are not in the labor movement - you, the "public" - are the real losers,

The Taft-Hartley act prevents any union from guaranteeing to live up to its contracts. It does so because it has destroyed the union shop, and with it, union discipline. Under the so-called union shop permitted by the law. there is only one grounds on which a union can demand the dismissal or layoff

of a worker - non-payment of dues. At the same time, the law encourages employers to sue unions for contract violations. How does this affect the public?

Very acutely; it has forced my union and others to abandon long-

standing pledges not to strike while under contract. We can promise only that there will be no strikes authorized by the union president. Otherwise we would be liable for damages for every wildcat walkout promoted by comtrace the winner's atavistic ferocity pany spies, communists or hot-heads. We can no longer protect ourselves Moral suasion is our only weapon, and the power of sweet reason has

The same provision of the Taft-Hartley act - passed, if you recall,

with loud bleats about "liberty" for workers - has also been a blow at union democracy The recent convention of my union amended our constitution to vest

in the president the sole power to authorize strikes. I supported this action with great reluctance, after our union lawyers insisted that it was the only way we could avoid being prosecuted for strikes we no longer have the means to prevent. Obviously this was a step away from democracy. I do not think such a concentration of authority is a good thing. Yet

the law made it necessary. Finally, the anti-labor forces in Congress have revived the idea of

breaking up national unions into an assortment of splinters. This would guarantee that no union could offer a really informed or intelligent program, of collective bargaining. It would wreck labor research and stimulate inter-

Strikes would be a dime a dozen until the last union fragment went down fighting, and American labor was reduced to a seething, voiceless pro-

Maybe the Taft-Hartley boys think, to paraphrase the old Indian go out of town. As far as we are able But the idea of a permanent merry-go- be installed on any type of furnace fighters, that the only "responsible" union is a dead union. If they get their

This would be a "responsibility" indeed,

Robert Ruark Discusses Letters to the Joe Louis' Retirement I sure do hope Joe Louis continues tickle the appetites of the customers.

As an avid reader of your paper I ment from the fight business, after 11 fighters commenting on fighters and would like to bring something which years of championship, because this not muscling into other racket.s It did has been bothering me for some time, sports dodge is no place now for us old not even outrage the customers when Maybe it will seem like not much but fogies with bald spots. It's why I old Dempsey got a little confused one it is little things which make living quit sports writing some years back. I time and picked two separate winners

writer whose only technical accomp- after the 11th. lishment was the knack of keeping an However, it would only be a matter of

acurate baseball box-score.

time is the awful rooking of the public The AP's tame bone-pointer, Dr. J. Mary Hayworth. by these carnival people. Why should L. Moreno delivered a lengthy harangue the day before the fight about the impact of rain on Louis' sensitive would be most likely to suffer from mor was to help him survive the delay. Said both of them might wind up in a mire of self-pity and self-ex-

cuse, disastrous to their effectiveness. Now, I ask you, how in the name of John L. Sullivan is an ignorant fight writer going to know all them things? I can talk about a left hand like Charley white's and I know enough to al-"crimson cascade," but I am short on syndromes and fresh out of emotional

If I am running a sports desk again, I will maybe call up Dempsey and ask him what he thinks, and before long his spook will deliver a good tight script to the effect that the best man is a cinch to win, 500 smackers, please, because the old Mauler never worked for

themselves in a respectable manner, terest some of the service clubs.

to stand firm about permanent retire- was regarded as ethical since you had

A new, vast, intricate era of sports But it was comforting to observe that says that court is adjourned. Per- prudence and high-bracket accounting, eno. His abject frustration extended

> time before some blabbermouth would It gave me quite a nasty turn to see be coaching the fighters on this grisly that the Associated Press had hired a voodoo, and they would enter the ring psychiatrist to expert the late Louis- a tremulous mass of short-circuited Walcott conflict. Obviously the Freu- reflexes. It is then that your fight dian frustration has replaced the rab- writer would necessarily go to his ringbit punch, and I am prepared to deal side seat with a score-card, a copy of Zilboorg, and the latest excerpts from

He could be fired for saying that the champion lost because of some deepburied mother fixation, if in actuality rides which take all the money out of psyche. Said that Joe, who was vain, he lost because the challenger reminded him of his first sweetheart. prose might be deepest purple his smiles magnificent, but unless he could back to a boyhood hatred of grandmother, he's out on the pavement, looking for a job.

> Apart from boxing, the newer, vaster responsibility of the sports writer becomes evident in baseball, as its figures cavort in literature, appear in ways call blood "claret" and "gore" and courtroom litigation, and dabble with wages and hours. The pro football writer must also have a wide underworld acquaintance if he is to learn, in time, the names of the men on the bookie pay roll.

It is too tough for an old metaphor man to tackle. I am glad to be out of the business, and so, I imagine, is Joe. He was ever a basic boy, with two fine fists, and I should hate to see him drop a duke to the restless shade of Sig-