

## Civic Holiday Spent At Outside Points

**Durham Residents Divided Their Patronage Among Nearby Celebrations.—Owen Sound, Meaford, Mount Forest and Flesherton Drew Crowds.**

So far as Durham was concerned Civic Holiday was quiet. With no local celebration, and several in nearby towns, the crowd here divided their patronage and Durhamites were represented in all of them. At Owen Sound, Meaford, Mount Forest, good crowds and good programmes are reported, while at Flesherton, where the Old Boys' and Girls' Association held their annual picnic, the crowd was also large, it being estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 were in attendance.

The Fleshertonians, with former residents from Toronto, United States points, as well as a large crowd from nearby sections, commenced their celebration on Sunday with special services in the churches. In the evening there was a special open air service, featured by the band of the Owen Sound Salvation Army.

Monday morning there were events on the mill pond. Swimming and diving contests, with prizes for the various ages of boys and girls, kept the committee busy until well after the noon hour, the aquatic events being closed with a duck chase which caused no end of fun for the spectators, and a lot of hard work for the contestants, including the duck.

In the afternoon the opening event was a box lacrosse game between the Runnymedes of Toronto and the Durham team. It was an interesting contest, and ended a tie, 6-6.

After the game the crowd repaired to the park where an old-fashioned picnic was held, and various races and other events staged for the benefit of the younger element. The older ones had the time of their lives meeting school friends of from twenty to forty years ago, many of whom had not met since they started out into the world on their own. It may not have appeared particularly interesting to an outsider, but to the former scholars and residents no better programme could have been devised. About 5 o'clock the preparations for supper began, and this over, the crowd repaired to the village square where the prizes of the afternoon were distributed and a short programme provided, after which the dancing, round and square, or, as they say now in particular society, old-time and modern. The music for this was provided by the orchestra of the Canadian Field Artillery Band of Toronto and the Dorey Bros. orchestra from Proton.

During the afternoon and preceding the activities of the evening, the Canadian Field Artillery Band gave an almost continuous concert at the park and on the square, the programme being interspersed by solos by Miss Marjorie Watters, soprano soloist of Ye Old Tyme Village Quartette, who also gave several sacred numbers on Sunday evening.

The success of these Flesherton picnics is a wonder to other towns, where something similar has been tried and has failed. The secret seems to lie in the co-operation of both village and out-of-town committees, and the fact that those away from home want to get back, and those at home want to have them. The personnel of the Toronto committees, too, has a lot to do with it. There's Charlie McTavish, head of the sales department of General Motors at Oshawa; Bill Hemphill, with the T. Eaton Co.; Alex. M. Gibson, superintendent of Toronto District postal service; B. E. Field, head of the Burton E. Field Co., customs brokers, and many others who could be named.

Whatever the cause, the fact remains that Flesherton successfully carries through that which many larger places have fallen down on, and—they're coming back next year!

## CHARLES DICKENS' SON TO RETIRE

**Sir Henry Dickens, Judge at Old Bailey, London, England, Retires at Age of 84.—Oldest Judge.**

Sir Henry Dickens, K.C., only surviving child of Charles Dickens, the novelist, is retiring from the position of common sergeant of the City of London, England, which he has held for 15 years. In this office he sits constantly as a judge at the Old Bailey.

Sir Henry, who is 84, is the oldest judge still upon the bench. He will preside at the Old Bailey during the September and October sessions, and will then step down for the last time from the bench which he has adorned for so long with distinction.

## DATES SET FOR SOFT BALL FINALS

**First Game Tomorrow Night.—Furniture Company and Bachelors in Sudden Death Fixture.—Final Schedule Game Last Friday.**

Friday, August 5, Tuesday, August 9, and Tuesday, August 16, are the dates on which the finals of the Durham Softball League will be played. This is the decision of the executive and the Bachelors and the Furniture Company will meet in a sudden death game tomorrow (Friday) evening to decide who shall meet the Hockey Club in the three-game series for the title and the Dufferin Cup. This final series begins next Tuesday, August 9, with a week between the first and second games. This arrangement is to allow for the big Sports Day, which comes on the 11th. If a third game should be necessary it will be played as arranged by the executive. As originally planned, the second and third place teams were to play a sudden death game to decide who would meet the first place holders in the finals. As the schedule finished, however, the Factory and the Bachelors are tied for second place and the sudden death game will decide the final league standing and the team to go into the finals.

### Furniture Co. 11—Bachelors 10

The final game of the schedule was played last Friday night and, as befitted a deciding game, was a close battle, an extra inning being necessary before a decision was reached. The final score was 11-10 in favour of the Furniture Co. and this places them in a tie with the Bachelors for second place. Had the Bachelors won this game, it and the default by Students, would have tied them with the Hockey Club for first place. With so much at stake the game was closely fought to the very end. This win for the Furniture Co. puts the Hockey Club in undisputed possession of first place, and gives them an edge in the finals.

### Married Men 9—Single Men 8

An exhibition game of the Married men against the Single men was played on Tuesday evening, before a fair-sized crowd, and resulted in a win for the former 9-8. Some very spectacular plays were pulled off and also some very poor pieces of work were witnessed. At one stage of the game the Singles looked to have the game in the bag, when they had the bases loaded and the heavy end of the batting order coming up. However, three smart plays by the Benedicts, cutting runners off at the plate, retired the side without a score. "Ab" Kress for the Bachelors, and "Zack" Aljoe for the Benedicts did the hurling and both were nicked for plenty of hits, although their team-mates' errors accounted for about as many runs as were earned with hits.

The teams lined up as follows: Married Men—Aljoe, p.; W. Wilson, c.; R. Burnett, 1b.; M. Lauder, 2b.; I. Elvidge, ss.; K. Long, 3b.; E. Schut, rf.; E. McDonald, cf.; H. Kress, lf. Single Men—A. Kress, p.; H. Dean, c.; Glenholme, 1b.; F. Murdoch, 2b.; N. Ritchie, ss.; Matthews, 3b.; Black, rf.; R. McGirr, cf.; Snyder, lf. Umpires—N. McIlraith, A. W. H. Lauder.

## CANADA AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Canada's representatives at the Olympic Games now in progress at Los Angeles are ably holding up the prestige of the Land of the Maple Leaf. While not winning every event they are entered in by any means, they are winning enough to show that Canadian athletes compare favourably with the best in the world. Up to the present the Canadian record is as follows:

Men's High Jump—Duncan McNaughton, Vancouver, won Olympic title.

800 metres, Men—Alex. Wilson, Montreal, second; Phil Edwards, Hamilton, third.

100 metres, Women—Hilda Strike, Montreal, second.

In Wednesday's events, on which no information was available at time of going to press, Canada had entries in the Men's 50,000 metres walk, the Men's 200-metres dash, the ladies' 80-metres hurdles and the Men's 1,500-metre run. The Canadians in these events are given an even chance of being among the first three finishers. Up to Tuesday evening Canada was in third place among the nations represented at the Olympiad in the total number of points scored by her athletes.

An important position is the result of starting in a small way, doing the little things carefully and well, and then being prepared to accept the greater responsibilities.

## High School Estimates Are Down This Year

**Board's Requirements \$1,310 Less Than Last Year, Which Will Mean a Saving of Two Mills.—Lower Salaries Being Paid Teachers.**

The requirements of the High school this year have been estimated at \$4,040, a matter of \$1,310 less than last year, when they asked for \$350. This means a saving of approximately two mills on the assessment of the town, and may be taken into consideration when the rate is being struck for taxes. A decrease in teachers' salaries is responsible for one mill of this saving, the balance being from increased grants from the government and the economical way in which the business has been handled by the board.

In the Public school estimates, which are for something over \$6,000, there is also a saving of about \$1,900, another three mills.

Whether these savings are to be passed on directly to the ratepayers by a lowering of the tax rate will not be known until the rate is struck, but among several of the higher taxpayers it is felt that under present conditions the same rate as last year, 52 mills, will give the council a certain amount of surplus money, something which they may need to cope with unemployment this winter, as well as other necessary expenditures which are bound to crop up.

## MINISTER CREATES STIR IN GODERICH

**Stops Steamer from Leaving Port on Excursion.—Quotes Lord's Day Alliance Act.**

A sensation has been created at Goderich by the action of the Rev. George A. McLean of Toronto, Secretary for Western Ontario of the Lord's Day Alliance, who Sunday morning invoked the Lord's Day Act to prohibit a steamship excursion on Lake Huron, scheduled for this afternoon.

The steamer Manitoulin of Owen Sound, formerly the Modjeska of Toronto, had made such an excursion a week ago from that port, at which time about 75 people had enjoyed a three-hour trip out on the lake.

When the steamer made ready to leave Sunday the minister, flanked by local constables, was on hand to inform the ship's officers that the proposed trip was contrary to the Act and that prosecution would follow if the voyage was made. As a consequence some 150 people, the ship's capacity, were disappointed and forced to change their plans.

### Act Is Quoted

The protest of ship's officers and local citizens that Sunday trips were made regularly from other Ontario points, was overruled by an interpretation of the Lord's Day Act, stating that the trips mentioned were part of regular schedule and as such were permissible. Another alleged provision allows a man to hire a yacht and take his family for a private jaunt on the Sabbath if he so desires.

An officer of the Manitoulin stated that the trip the previous week was absolutely devoid of any rowdiness or noise, and mentioned that the orchestra aboard played sacred music throughout the cruise. On Sunday the ship remained fast to the dock while hundreds of visitors swarmed aboard inspecting her appointments.

The Manitoulin, skippered by Captain Norman McKay of Owen Sound, operates regularly between Owen Sound-Windsor-Killarney and Sault. She carries a crew of forty-four and is fitted for passenger service. The ship is owned by the Owen Sound Transportation Company.

The Rev. G. A. McLean was a visiting occupant of North Street United Church on Sunday. He took the occasion to express his pleasure over the victory for the Lord's Day Alliance that morning, and publicly acknowledged the co-operation of the Goderich police.

Friend—"Where are you going?" Mr. F.—"To Dabney with my wife—we are going by air."

Friend—"But there is no air line to Dabney."

Mr. F.—"There will be by the time my wife is ready."

### TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	61	70	49	—
Friday	61	68	54	22
Saturday	59	74	51	—
Sunday	60	77	52	—
Monday	60	82	48	—
Tuesday	64	84	55	—
Wednesday	70	72	64	28

## Performs Operation In Mid-Ocean

**Man Critically Ill Necessitating Immediate Operation.—Now on Way to Recovery.**

It was three o'clock last Wednesday morning, and there were few sounds about the ship as the C. P. R. liner Duchess of Bedford cleaved the waters of mid-ocean on her way to Montreal. A slight vibration indicated that the vessel's powerful engines still pulsed tirelessly, and the shadowy gloom of passageways, decks and public rooms was relieved only by a few night lights.

Suddenly there was a clanging of bells in the depths of the engine hold. "Half speed ahead" flashed the engine room signal, and then, a little later, "Stop." The night engineers looked at each other questioning as they obeyed orders. What was wrong, they wondered, as the big ship slowly slackened speed? The weather was fairly calm, and the few awake on the boat hardly noticed the roll as the ship lay idle in the trough.

Lights glittered from certain windows on the main deck, and inside the windows white-robed figures flitted about completing preparations that were hurried, yet deft and sure. They had to be deft and sure, for upon the success of the major surgical operation that was about to be performed depended the life of the young man just being placed on the operating table. An unsuspected and suddenly developing ulcer had perforated the stomach lining, necessitating surgical attention immediately.

### Operation Proceeds

Two exceptionally competent surgeons were passengers on the Bedford, one a Toronto man, and they willingly agreed to help the ship's doctor when he roused them.

When the Bedford docked at Montreal on Saturday, the patient was out of danger but still very ill, and was rushed to the Montreal General Hospital to convalesce. And those who had taken part in that tense drama in mid-ocean at the dead of night shook hands and hoped they would meet again as they went their respective ways. One of them, Dr. F. C. Marlow, of 647 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, returned to that city to relate his unusual experience to his friends.

Dr. Marlow, who is assistant to the chief physician of the Toronto police force and a prominent practising surgeon, officiated as senior surgeon at the mid-ocean operation. He was returning to Canada on the Bedford after doing post-graduate in England.

Associated with him at the operation was Dr. William Beggs, an English surgeon from the Liverpool district on his way to a holiday in Canada, while Dr. J. J. Benny of Montreal, the ship's doctor, acted as an anaesthetist.

Additional assistance was given by a trained nurse on board the ship, and by A. R. Bazin, son of Dr. A. T. Bazin, noted Montreal surgeon. It was a doubly unusual experience for young Bazin. The man on the table was his chum R. E. Curran of Kansas City, with whom he was returning to this continent after a course of medical study at Edinburgh University, where they had become close friends.

## DURHAM BOWLERS SUCCESSFUL

Two rinks from Durham, who attended the bowling tournament held in Hanover Monday of this week, came in for prizes. A rink composed of T. Henderson, A. Hay, T. Goodchild and O. Hahn, got second prize in the first event, each receiving a fancy wool blanket. This rink played with Goderich for the trophy, Goderich winning. A rink composed of J. P. Huner, Will Hunter, J. Firth and Dr. Pickering, got second prize in the third event, each receiving pillow cases.

Thirty-two rinks from Hanover and the different towns around attended the tournament.

On Wednesday of last week a rink composed of Messrs. Sparling and Garland, Mrs. S. McIntyre and Miss M. McKenzie, took the first prize at a mixed tournament at Hanover, the prizes being thermos jugs.

## FINED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

As an aftermath of the accident half a mile east of Ceylon two weeks ago, Blain McFarlane and John Petty were before Magistrate Laidlaw Tuesday afternoon on a reckless driving charge laid by Traffic Officer Hood under instruction of the County Crown Attorney. Both pleaded guilty and were fined \$15 and costs, \$21 in all, and had their driving permits cancelled for 30 days.

## SOFT BALL LEAGUE TO HOLD SPORTS PROGRAM

**Full Programme Announced For Next Thursday, the 11th Inst., to Close With Concert and Dance at Night.—Popular Prices Should Draw Big Crowd.**

The advertising is out announcing a big Sports Day for Durham next Thursday afternoon, and patrons are assured a full afternoon of varied amusement. There is to be a men's softball tournament, and a girls' game between the famous Owen Sound Wawanekas and Durham. A lacrosse game at 5 o'clock between the Camp Borden Fliers and Durham will be a stiffly contested affair, as the Fliers are in the lead in the tri-county league and are a heady, hard-playing team.

In addition there will be a step-dancing contest, a fiddlers' contest, horse-back races and other novelty entertainment on the grounds, the whole affair to start off at 1 o'clock by a parade of teams and contestants from the main corner. Durham Band is to supply music during the afternoon, with pipe music as an additional feature.

At night a big concert and dance will be given in the town hall. The famous McQuinn Sisters Company, with Dad McQuinn as comedian, have been engaged, and with a Dominion-wide reputation patrons will have the opportunity of listening to one of the few high-class concert companies on tour this season. After the concert a dance will be held in the dance hall, the music being supplied by the McQuinn orchestra.

This promises to be one of the best days held in this section for some time, and with a popular admission fee of 25c for each amusement a big crowd should be on hand.

Patrons of this first celebration to be held in town in some years, will not only help the softball league but the Relief Fund as well, as a portion of the net receipts go to this worthy cause.

## OFFICERS OF LACROSSE ORGANIZATION ELECTED

At a meeting of the lacrosse players in Mayor Murdoch's office on Wednesday evening an executive and manager for the local box lacrosse team were appointed to handle the team in the present exhibition games and in the expected group games in the fall. The following were appointed: Hon. Pres., J. H. Harding; President, J. N. Murdoch; Secretary-treasurer, Fred Murdoch; Manager, J. A. McLachlan; Executive committee, D. M. Saunders, C. B. Lawrence, Robt. Campbell.

The meeting expressed sympathy with Mr. J. H. Harding in his present illness, and the players spoke with gratitude of the efforts and time which Mr. Harding had given on the team's behalf in the past. Hope was expressed that his recovery may be in the near future.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. HENRY MOFFAT

Mrs. Henry Moffat, of Glenelg, passed away in her sleep at her home on the third concession last Tuesday morning, in her 76th year. We would refer our readers to Traverston correspondence for the obituary.

### WALTER BLACKWELL

Walter Blackwell, Atwood, a former resident of Durham, passed away on Thursday last, and interment was made on Saturday at Atwood. Mr. Blackwell left here upwards of 20 years ago. He was a member of Grey Lodge of Odd Fellows, and Messrs. A. C. Kinnee, H. Falkingham, J. A. Graham, T. Whitmore and Wilfrid Thompson of the local lodge attended the funeral. The late Mr. Blackwell, who recently received his 25-year jewel, was ill only two days.

## FIND NEW DISINFECTANT

An effective disinfectant for poultry houses developed at the Dominion Experimental Station, Lennoxville, Que., and one which is proving entirely satisfactory for washing poultry equipment and houses is made up as follows:

Dissolve three-quarters of a pound of concentrated lye in as small a quantity of water as possible. It will be necessary to do this several hours before it is required, as the lye should be cold when used. To this add one and one-half quarts of raw linseed oil, slowly, stirring meanwhile. Keep stirring until a smooth liquid soap is produced, then gradually add one gallon of commercial creosol, stirring constantly until the fluid is a clear dark brown. Use one-half cup of the mixture to a gallon of water.

## St. Paul's Church Held Anniversary

**Full Church in Attendance at Services on Sunday, and Good Crowd at Garden Party Monday Evening.—Rev. Canon P. N. Harding Special Preacher.**

The 25th anniversary of the building of St. Paul's church, Egremont, was held last Sunday and was a most successful affair. Only one service was held, at 7.30 in the evening, but the church building was packed to the doors. The special preacher for the occasion was Rev. Canon P. N. Harding of All Saints' Church, Windsor. His sermon was based on the supernatural power of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Ghost, the speaker said, had worked in the hearts of the people from the early Christian days, and that influence was still a dominating one in the lives of present-day worshippers. This influence makes for success in the community, the church and the individual. The churches today are faced with many problems. They need more faith in the power of the Holy Ghost. It is the Spirit manifest in the lives of each Christian individual which makes for happiness, patience and joyful endurance in the hearts of individuals laboring under the difficulties and strain of the present.

Durham choir united with that of St. Paul's and provided excellent music for the service. The rector, Rev. J. Billingsley, expressed regret that Rev. A. A. Bice, of London, rector in charge of the building of the church, was unable to be present, but who sent his best wishes to his former parishioners. Many were present from Holstein, Durham and the surrounding district.

The annual garden party on J. Johnston's lawn on Monday night was also most successful. Besides the usual amusements there was a varied programme, but unfortunately the Chronicle reporter had other things on hand that day, could not be present, and the programme has not been handed in. We are told, though, that it was an exceptionally good one. Amongst those taking part were the Queen and Rahn orchestras, James Hargrave, Mrs. McGuire and daughters of Holstein, Miss Mabel Sharp, of Durham, and others whose names we could not ascertain. Rev. Mr. Billingsley was chairman. Lunch was served at the close.

## REVENUE OF PORT AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

**Seven Months' Figure for Toronto Port Is Leading, Despite Drop for July.—Customs Fall Off.**

Despite a drop of \$420,000 in customs and excise revenue for the past month, in comparison with July a year ago, the cumulative total for the first seven months of this year is still \$678,176 ahead of the parallel figure for 1931, says the Toronto Mail and Empire.

From January 1 until Saturday, it was revealed by Collector of Customs J. H. Bertram, customs, sales tax and excise revenue totalling \$25,543,401 was collected at the port of Toronto. In the same period last year the total was \$24,665,225.

Revenue in the month just past was \$3,250,864, representing a decrease of \$420,264, in comparison with the total for July, 1931, of \$3,671,128. There was an actual gain, said Mr. Bertram, in last month's sales tax and excise revenue by itself, but it was not sufficient to offset a sharp drop in customs duty receipts.

This customs drop was attributed by Mr. Bertram to a cessation of imports and withdrawals by importers waiting to see what action would emerge from the Imperial Economic Conference. Particularly if a general lowering of tariffs is agreed on, a gain in customs revenue is anticipated at the end of this month or early in September. Aside from January, last month was the only month this year in which a gain has not been registered in the combined total of customs, sales tax and excise revenue.

## MAKING A GARDEN

Man ploughs and plants, and digs and weeds. He works with hoe and spade; God sends the sun and rain and air, And thus a garden's made. He must be proud who tills the soil And turns the heavy sod; How wonderful a thing to be In partnership with God.

No matter how many clothes your wife has she always buys a lot more the minute you offer to take her on a trip.