

Varney Garden Party

A Garden Party will be given by the Varney Methodist Church, on

Dr. Leeson's Lawn, Varney

Tuesday, June 29th

MISS CLARICE SPENCER, Electionist

of Toronto has been engaged and will take part in the programme. Miss Spencer is one of Toronto's leading electionists, and patrons of this Garden Party will enjoy a treat.

REFRESHMENTS AND GAMES, FISH POND AND OTHER AMUSEMENTS

A number of prominent speakers have promised to attend and will deliver addresses. R. J. BALL, M.P., will occupy the chair

Admission 25c & 15c. Refreshments from 6.30 to 8 p.m.



12th of July Fares to Owen Sound

ORANGEVILLE TO OWEN SOUND AND RETURN

	Time	Fare
Orangeville Lv. 8.00 a.m.	\$2.30
Fraxa Jct.	8.17	2.15
Laurel	8.27	2.10
Crombies	8.41	1.90
Shelburne	8.55	1.80
Melancthon	9.03	1.70
Corbetton	9.13	1.60
Dundalk	9.24	1.50
Proton	9.34	1.35
Saugeen Jct.	9.41	1.25
Flesherton	9.50	1.20
Markdale	10.05	95
Berkeley	10.15	75
Holland Centre	10.25	70
Chatsworth	10.40	45
Rockford	10.50	30
Owen Sound arrive	11.05 a.m.	

Returning, Special leaves Owen Sound at 7.00 p. m.

Durham to Owen Sound and Return

	Time	Fare
Durham Lv. 8.00 a.m.	\$1.80
McWilliams	8.10	1.65
Glen	8.15	1.65
Priceville	8.25	1.45
Saugeen Jct.	8.40	1.25
Flesherton	8.50	1.20
Markdale	9.05	95
Berkeley	9.15	80
Holland Centre	9.25	70
Chatsworth	9.40	45
Rockford	9.50	30
Owen Sound arrive	10.05 a.m.	

Returning, Special leaves Owen Sound at 7.30 p. m.

Rates good on specials as well as on all regular trains.

War Tax of 5c. on fares of \$1.00 or over.

Patriotic Airmen only are requested by bands, etc.

A loafer never allows himself to get out of practice.

Don't call a man a fool—he may be foolish enough to fight.

CANADA'S KIPLING.

How Service Passed From the Role of Tramp to That of Poet.

London Tit-Bits has the following article on Robert Service, the Canadian poet:

The name of Robert W. Service is to Canada what that of Kipling is to the rest of the world. He is the poet whose "Songs of a Sourdough" present a picture of life "out West" more vivid, definite, and truthful than anything which has yet been written, and his career provides an equally striking story.

"At twenty-one, to the horror of my parents, I kicked over the traces and precipitated myself violently into the wild West." That is how Mr. Service himself relates his migration to Canada, which occurred after he had spent some years as clerk in a bank in Glasgow. "Having reached years of indiscretion," he says, "the routine of the office began to pall upon me. I seemed to see my life an endless vista of drab days, and myself growing bald and paunchy in a halo of respectability. I rebelled. I wanted color, action, change, excitement, with the thrill of not knowing what was round the corner."

And Mr. Service got it; for, after traveling steerage as an emigrant, he landed in Vancouver with exactly five dollars in his pocket, and had to start work by picking stones off the surface of a field destined for turnips. Tree-chopping, farming, school-teaching, newspaper reporting, Indian trading, and various other miscellaneous occupations followed before the Kipling of Canada came to the conclusion that his parents were right and that the work of a bank clerk was his forte.

"I was tired," he says, "of being kicked about from pillar to post, and once more I sought a situation in a bank. I was tamed down, and then I had a stroke of luck that changed my whole destiny. For at the height of the gold rush I was sent to the Yukon by the bank which employed me, and remained there for eight years. The extraordinary virility and color of the life made a great impression on me, and it was during the solitary walks I used to take as a cure for dyspepsia that I first began to write."

"I had read so many stories of the North, and I had read so much Kipling that I began, out of sheer boredom, to versify, Kipling fashion."

Mr. Service, however, thought so little of his work at that time that the verses which emanated from his pen were thrown into the bottom of a trunk, and lay there for some time. One lucky day, however, he came across them and read them to a friend. This friend thought "they weren't so bad for an amateur," and suggested that Mr. Service should have some of them printed and hand them round to his friends as a Christmas card.

"This, however, struck me as rather foolish," he says, "and happening to receive a bonus of one hundred dollars, I took the plunge, sent my verses to a publisher, and told him to go ahead and print them at my expense."

The rest, according to Mr. Service, reads like a fairy story, for the publisher was so impressed with the merit of the verses that he insisted on publishing them on a royalty basis, and before Mr. Service realized what a genius he was his verses had reached the seventh edition, and they have been selling ever since.

A Remarkable Corps.

Perhaps the most remarkable corps training in Canada just now is the Fourth Brigade of Field Artillery encamped at Toronto and Guelph.

They were selected in the first place on the score of their high standard of education. They are men who are more than ordinarily smart, mentally. Over ten per cent. of them are University graduates, and over twenty per cent. are college men. There is a large number of professional men among them. One corporal is an ex-member of the United States Congress and a graduate of three universities. In the ranks of one battery there are three ordained clergymen. There are several college professors and demonstrators, engineers and mechanics of all kinds. There is nothing in the matter of technical skill that the Fourth Brigade cannot do. Then in its ranks are a number of men who have been in the royal navy. All of the twelve men who man the limber guns are ex-navy men—the limber gunner is really the caretaker of the machine, as it were—and all are excellent men, reliable, and careful mechanics.

Next the men are selected for their good moral character. "We have no time," remarked Lt.-Col. Brown, the commander of the brigade, "to bother with men of indifferent character. Artillery work is so technical that it is only men of the higher type who have sufficient assiduity to master it." Thirdly, physical fitness is looked for; and lastly, some special kind of fitness in the applicant.

Who Said Boots?

None of his fellow-officers are mentioning the subject of "boots" to Lieut. Chas. Porterfield of the Eaton Motor Machine Gun Battery these days, and there is a very good reason for the omission. Having heard a great deal about the qualities, good and bad, of the Canadian military footwear, Lieut. Porterfield decided to import a pair of high boots from England. He sent \$25 to pay for the boots, but when they were delivered he had to give \$17 for duty and \$10 for express and other details, making a total of \$52 for the one pair. He intends to wear them out as quickly as possible.

Quebec's Tobacco Crop. Reports regarding tobacco in Quebec, last year, while varying to some extent, appear to indicate a smaller yield, estimated at about 5,000,000 pounds or about two-thirds of an average crop. The quality is good and the area under cultivation was about 4,750 acres.

THE DURHAM'S WIN FIRST LACROSSE MATCH

The first intermediate championship lacrosse match in several years took place here on Friday afternoon, when the Orangeville team played their opening game of the season in No. 1 district of the O.A.L.A. Though neither team was in mid-season condition the game was strenuous at all times, with flashes of bright combination by both teams that tell of an excellent brand of lacrosse when they meet later on in the season.

From the first blow of the referee's whistle, the Durhams had the edge on their opponents, and while both teams were evenly matched the locals were in just enough better condition to take advantage of the breaks and had the better of the game in every quarter. The final score was 7-3, and by quarters 2-0, 6-0, 7-1 and 7-3.

The last quarter was a freak, as the referee, Hartley of Port Elgin, lost his head and started after the Durham team, ruling them off right and left. It looked like a clean-cut intention to present the game to Orangeville, and the crowd was not slow in voicing their opinion on some of his rulings. As neither team had indulged in any rough-house tactics, it is not yet clear why he decided to hold the men down more in the last quarter than in any of the others. With the first three periods, nobody has any reason to complain of his decisions, and had he proceeded along the same lines in the fourth the one little fracas that did occur between two of the players never would have happened. Refereeing, however, like playing the game, requires practice, and will improve as the season advances.

Anyway, it was a good game for this season of the year, and just about as clean as will be seen anywhere. Whatever roughness that did come through, and there was very little, appeared to be from lack of condition and practice rather than downright intentional cussedness.

PERSONAL

Mr. R. J. Sproul of Flesherton was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Sutherland of Fort William is visiting at Mr. W.B. Vollet's.

Miss Grace Barclay of Toronto is visiting her parents here.

Messrs. R. J. Ball and John Taylor of Hanover were in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Capper and children of Mason City, Iowa, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders.

Reeve Calder is attending the County Council in Owen Sound this week.

Rev. W. H. Hartley of Delaware is spending a couple of days in town.

Miss Julia Weir, of the High school staff at Smith's Falls, is holidaying with her parents and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, of Horning's Mills, accompanied by Mrs. Hogaboom, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly.

Mr. W. F. Dunn of Moose Jaw, is visiting friends in town, and rejoins Mrs. Dunn, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, for the past four weeks.

Mr. Eric Kelly of the Standard Bank, Blenheim, is spending a couple of weeks at the parental home here.

Mr. Beales, "tobacco" editor of The Toronto News, was here as reporter for that paper at the Conservative convention.

Mr. Thos. Allan of Toronto renewed acquaintances with Durham and Egremont friends and relatives last week.

Mr. C. Ramage of The Review, attended the Grand Camp of the Sons of Scotland in Hamilton this week. Mrs. Ramage accompanied him, and before returning they will visit in Toronto and Puffalo.

EDGE HILL.

Mr. Arthur Wilson of Bentinck is engaged with Mr. J. G. Firth for a month.

Miss Emma Ritchie was home from Sullivan over the week end.

Mr. W. R. Edge was in Walker-ton a couple of days last week.

Mr. W. G. Firth delivered four nice cattle in Durham on Friday for which he received a good price.

Miss Belle Firth left on Monday for a trip to the west, going as far as her sister's, in British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Geddes of Egremont were guests at the home of Mr. Thos. Greenwood the beginning of the week.

Mr. W. R. Edge realized a good price for a horse, which he sold at the fair last Thursday.

Mr. W. G. Firth and sister, Miss Maggie, attended the wedding of

their brother, Mr. D. H. Firth, in Hamilton on Wednesday, and visited a couple of days with relatives there.

A goodly number from this neighborhood purpose attending the Sunday school convention in the Rocky church this afternoon.

The statute labor in this division is to begin on Thursday, with Mr. Fred Staples as pathmaster.

Miss Mary Edge, teacher in Drayton Continuation school, is home for the summer vacation.

Five pupils from No. 3 are writing on the Entrance examination in Durham this week. We hope they may all be successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Firth and family, of Markdale, motored over on Sunday and enjoyed a visit at the home of Mrs. R. Edge.

Mr. Fred Staples and his brother-in-law, Mr. Jos. Porter, of Allan Park, were over to Markdale on business on Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Whaley conducted prayer meeting in the Grange on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance.

We extend hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Firth, who were married in Hamilton on the 16th inst. They were visiting here a couple of days with Mr. Firth's mother, Mrs. D. Firth, prior to leaving for their future home in Winnipeg.

Mr. Ernie Greenwood and sister, Miss Minnie, visited with the Corbett family, near Dornoch, Sunday. Mr. Adam Anderson has put a neat woven wire fence across the front of his lot, which adds materially to the general appearance. The wire fence has many distinctive advantages over the old zig-zag rail fence, which it is rapidly replacing throughout the country.

Mr. Geo. Bailey of Bruce, was visiting with Messrs. J. and C. Moffat for a couple of days, and purchased from them a thrifty young Polled-Angus bull. Mr. Moffat delivered the animal in Durham this Wednesday morning, and shipped him via Grand Trunk to Port Elgin, which is Mr. Bailey's nearest railroad station.

Messrs. Thos. Greenwood and J. G. Firth have excavations made for silos, which the Edwards Bros. of Bunessan, are to build in the near future.

Mr. E. J. Pratt, the well known well driller, erected a new Baker windmill for Mr. C. H. Moffat on Monday. It is 45 feet high. Windmills are quite common in our neighborhood now, as we have eight of them in less than two miles. No other machine on the farm requires less attention than a windmill, and very few investments are more profitable when labor saving is considered.

CORNER CONCERNS.

Miss Mabel Meade is home from Toronto for her summer holidays.

The masons have completed Mr. Joe Lennox's barn foundation, and made a good substantial job.

The auction sale of the effects of the late John Wells on Tuesday was a great success. Good liberal bidding, and everything realized good value.

Mr. Malcolm McInnes of Priceville vicinity, purchased a bunch of good steers from the Nichol brothers on Monday, giving a good price. It is the first time he has come into this neighborhood to buy, but created a very good impression.

The union picnic of the day and Sunday schools of this section is to be held, as usual, in Mr. Thos. Wilson's bush on July 2nd. A real good time is expected and everybody is cordially invited.

That suggestion a week ago to fix up the sides of the road, is a good one. It is about the only part of the road farmers can use. They have been building roads all their lives for autos and motor cycles and it is about time they would think about themselves.

To avoid any future conflict between Conservative annual meetings and Varney Grange picnics, we might just say the annual meeting will be held on the third Friday in June of each year, as set forth by the Constitution published last fall, and distributed by the hundred throughout the riding. We were very much surprised at the clash this year, as we understood your correspondent is head of the Varney Grange and a prominent Conservative. We were also a little surprised to hear him say his oversight might be the cause of him turning around on voting day. Of course we were aware that a weathercock would turn with almost any wind, but it so slight a breeze would turn him in the opposite direction he would certainly be a veritable whirligig in a storm.

Mr. Thos. Pollock of Saskatchewan, who is spending a couple of months in old Ontario, is in this part at present visiting old neighbors. He retains well his boyish spirit and is entertaining company for young, as well as old.

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