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Good Results in the Future from Sports Day

THE annual Water Sports Day this year was a big success. Naturally there were some drawbacks; it was centralized to a high degree; and when any one member of the small committee failed to appear at critical periods there was some comment. But it is hard at times for heads of business to be all at Victoria Beach at one time during the summer vacation. There are many calls on them to attend to important matters, especially when nine-tenths of the workers in Winnipeg try to have their vacation during the months of July and August, leaving their fellow-workers and associates to do double duty.

The Regatta Committee had much to do. A heavy programme preliminary to the Sports Day had much to be attended to in Winnipeg, as well as at Victoria Beach, and this made it impossible to complete some of the arrangements except through long-distance calls with one another.

But it WAS a success; the people enjoyed the day, and so did the children, and everyone went away happy.

What lessons can we learn from this year's celebration? One feature is, the preparatory work again there must be laid-sports for the children in must start early in the summer. A larger number must take hold and help out the young men. Then

the afternoon of Monday or in the morning of the day, as well as the water-sports. To see gathered the entire Beach family of youngsters at one spot is well worth the effort of any committee.

The suggestion of Mr. J. S. Little, of holding a "tan-competition," resulted not only in an amusing exhibition, but it was one filled with interest. How some of the kiddies will get off the tan before the cold weather sets in is a mystery, the solution being left to Nature's own remedy.

To assist any of the growing family at the Beach exercise skill in the water; to enable them to do more than splash around, is some reward for the committee.

Then the Sports Day has brought again to the forefront the need at Victoria Beach of a boat-house, where shelter and care may be given costly water craft. Many suggestions have been forthcoming, but none are very practical, except it involves the expenditure of a large amount of money. There must be some co-operation involved so that the expense does not fall too heavily on the few present owners of boats.

Once a boat-house is erected and in running order, it will no doubt be well patronized. There is great lack of this facility at present. Perhaps the success of the regatta feature of Water-Sports may bring about the end desired.

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THE ENEMIES OF BIRDS
It is no doubt an account of the many natural enemies of the small arboreal birds that they prefer to build close to dwellings, where crows, hawks, owls and squirrels are not so likely to pursue them. Unfortunately, the cat, too, often upsets their plans.
It has been found that in thickly-settled communities and around towns and villages, cats on an average kill fifty birds each in a season. Most of the birds are caught in the early morning, and so we know little about it, and are not ready to believe that cats do as much damage as has been reported. They even catch birds at night, and their stealth escapes our notice.

Frank M. Chapman estimates the cats in the United States at twenty-five million.
Dr. Forbush estimates that the cats of New York State kill three and one-half million birds annually.
A cat license in New York City is 25c.
A strong agitation has shown itself in New York State for a cat license.

On Gardiner's Island, New York, where there are no cats, there is a very large bird population.
It was necessary to kill 231 cats in Bronx Park, New York, to protect the grey squirrels and chipmunks there.
One pet Anzora with six bells on its collar caught 32 birds one season and 28 the next. Some big cats have been tethered to overhead wires successfully.

Keep cats indoors after dark. Drown female kittens. It is the female cat looking for food for her hungry kittens that is responsible for much bird slaughter.

Dr. Hornaday, Dr. Forbush, John Burrows, Dr. Chapman, C. F. Hodge and other noted authorities regard the cat as the greatest menace to bird life.
Much of this loss can be prevented by putting up bird houses and placing barbed wire or tin cans around posts and trees where nests are. In this way cats can readily be prevented from climbing such posts and trees, and the bird houses prevent the young fledglings from falling out before they can fly. Most of the young birds that fall out of the nests before they can fly well are caught by cats.

DONATIONS TO CHAIRS AT CLUB HOUSE
The Church Committee has agreed to purchase 50 chairs; 25 were delivered two weeks ago, and another 25 will be available this Sunday. No one will be forced to sit on benches. It is hoped from now on. So far, there have been only a few contributors: Dr. Neil John MacLean, Mr. William Kerr, Sheriff Inkster, "The Victoria Beach News," and Mr. Harvey Kavaner. A number have, of course, placed their contributions on the plate, and the two special collections netted about \$75. Is there anyone else who sees their way to donate to this fund? Mayor Sprague, Mr. Charles Dall and Mr. Pratt will accept contributions.

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Big Success of Water-Sports Day

Favored by ideal weather, a fine programme of events, in which the Winnipeg Canoe Club participated wholeheartedly, and an interested crowd to watch and applaud the performers, Victoria Beach's eighth annual Sports Day was a success, coming up to the highest expectations of its most earnest well-wishers.

Nothing can start, Saturday, until after the arrival of the 3.10 special through train from Winnipeg, and for this reason the annual programme does not get away to the early start desired. But as it was, the committee had everything well in hand, and ran off the events with despatch, Fred O'Connell being the starter.

The only listed competition cut out was the four-blade canoe race, which is always of special interest and abounds in thrills. But the war-canoe race, 14 a-side, was the big centre of interest, and considering that the Beach boys had never sat in a war-canoe as a crew until within a few minutes of the race, they did remarkably well, and gave the members of the Canoe Club "a race." However, the first holder of the handsome McKinney trophy is the Winnipeg Canoe Club, under Jack Wilson's captaincy.

The wins in the various events were well divided. Jack Conklin, a summer product of the Beach, who is ending his eighth summer at Victoria Beach, carried off the trophy given by the company to the participant in the programme who carries off the most points, and Jack secured nine points. He only secured one first, but he was well up in the other events. The winners in the afternoon were:

Girls' Swimming, 14 years and under—Peggy Lloyd, Mary Little, Vera Doyle; 16 and under—Joan Dalley, Jackie Sprague, Evelyn Hall; 17 and over—Dorothy Lloyd, Flossie Olafson, Laura McLarty.

Boys' Swimming, 14 and under—Tom Fell, Arthur Johnston, Gordon Fawcett and Tony Phillips a tie for third; 16 and under—Jack Conklin, Arthur Rice-Jones, Lloyd Whitcomb.

Men's Swimming, 17 and over—Hoyd Johnston, Harry Whiteley, Dan Sprague.

Girls' Long Dive—Hessie Gee, Flossie Olafson, Laura McLarty.

Men's Long Dive—Jack Spencer, Banks Taber, Jack Conklin.

Girls' Fancy Dive—Dorothy Lloyd, Mollie Thompson, Peggy Lloyd.

Men's Fancy Dive—Paige, Jack Conklin, Stewart.

Ladies' Canoe Race, Single—Mrs. Johnson, Pansy Ateah, Peggy Sprague.

Men's Canoe Race, Singles—Alfred Ateah, Edward Ateah, Jack Conklin.

Mixed Canoe Race, Doubles—Mrs. Johnson and Alfred Ateah; Louise Coombes and Jack Conklin; Edward Ateah and Flossie Olafson.

In the evening, in the Club-house, the winners were presented with the prizes by Hon. H. A. Hoey, Minister of Education, Dr. Ross Mitchell presiding. Mr. Harvey Kavaner was in charge of the many lovely gifts, as chairman of the Sports Day Committee. The attendance taxed the capacity of the Club-house, and everyone coming forward received a large round of applause.

At the Club-house, Mayor Frank Sprague presented the grand aggregate trophy to Jack Conklin, and the winner for three years. Dan Sprague, stood beside the new champion. Mr. Sprague made a witty and clear-cut address, and stated that he was not yet through in providing eligible competitors for the cup.

The judges of the various events were: C. Rice-Jones, Leroy Borrowman, Prof. H. K. McClung (scorer as well), Arthur Hill (past commodore of the Canoe Club), Frank McKinney, Dr. Ross Mitchell, Dr. Neil John MacLean, W. S. Dunlop, Hon. H. A. Hoey and Charles O'Connell (fancy diving).

Dan Sprague stroked the Beach war-canoe team, and he did wonders in the short time he had to get the crew together.

The high-dive ladder, erected by the boys of the Beach, came in handy for some of the best features of the day.

The starting platform this year was erected far enough away from the pier to give all spectators a good view of the competitors.

Mr. Harvey Kavaner made a most efficient and painstaking chairman of the Sports Day Committee, and did much to make the day the success it was. He found in Aidan Conklin a secretary who gave the best of satisfaction.

KIDDIES' WATER SPORTS AT PATRICIA BEACH

Five hundred children, many being kiddies of tender years, gathered at Patricia Beach the morning of Saturday, August 4, scores being competitors in the various events arranged by the committee, which was in charge of Mr. J. S. Little. Assisting him were Mr. G. J. Reese, Mr. Cecil Rice-Jones, Mr. Dalley, Prof. McClung, Angus More, Mr. Frank McKinney, Mr. E. P. Withrow and Dr. Sedziak. The water was too rough to allow of racing in tubs, and it was largely confined to swimming, and every event was well filled.

The committee was in bathing suits, and did nobly among the surf. The children heartily enjoyed every chance they had to compete.

The "tan" competition brought out 200 entries; it was narrowed down to 20, and later to four, and created no end of interest from the hundreds of grown-ups.

At the close of the presentation of prizes by J. J. Conklin, the committee lined the children along the beach and each one was given a ticket for an ice-cream. The dispensers were up on the high bank at the head of the dune, and under the shade of the trees, and did splendid service. There was more than enough and to spare; some

got two and three cones, and the committee shared in the feast before the bottoms of the cans were reached.

The winners of the various events were:

Boys' Swimming, 10 years and under—Alister MacLean, Hugh Sproston, Jack Reynolds; boys, 12 and under—Jack Galusha, Russell Grant, Charlie McKelvie; boys, 8 and under—Jack Brown, Fred Jones, Peter Reese.

Girls, eight and under—Carrol Borrowman, Winnie McAvish, Joan Phillips; girls, 10 and under—Beth Gibb, Cynthia Barzoff, Shirley Birt.

Girls, eight years—Special prize: Joan Sproston.

Girls, 12 and under—Edna Whiteley, Ethel Johnston, Kathleen Rice-Jones.

Tub Races: Boys, 10 and under—Harold Brown, Hugh Sproston, Charlie Grant; 12 and under—Dick Reeve, Walter Gowans, Fraser Miller; Girls' tub race, 10 and under—Beth Gibb, Lillian Dull, Beth Rice-Jones; 12 and under—Margaret Fraser, Marjorie Birt, Phyllis Allen.

Best Tan—Johnny Jamieson, 401 Fifth Avenue; Margaret Pascoe, Billy Hale.

CRUISER RACE WON BY "DOROTHY"

The cruiser race from Selkirk to Victoria Beach, held on Saturday, August 4, was exceptionally well contested. The first three boats to come, the "Hamona," the "Wanderer" and the "Mabehave," were disqualified by the Board of the Winnipeg Yacht Club, and the race was awarded to the "Dorothy," directed by Captain Nearing. The "Wanderer," the "Menota," the "Gem," the "Elmarjean" and the "Bressa" followed later in their arrival.

The cup, presented annually by Harold M. Hutchings for competition over this route, will, therefore, rest with the "Dorothy" owners for the next 12 months. The cruisers remained until after the sports programme and then went for sails up the lake.

ADDITIONAL DONORS TO SPORTS DAY

Besides the firms mentioned in the last issue of the "News," who were contributors to the Sports Day list of prizes, the following are additional names: Orange Crush, J. H. Ashdown Company, Harris Abattoir Company, Swift Canadian Company, Union Abattoir, Western Packing Company, Cran Mawat Fruit Company, Bright Emery Fruit Company.

Those who contributed to the ice cream for the kiddies the morning of the 4th, at Patricia Beach, were: Councillor Robert Crawford, Mr. Cecil Rice-Jones, Dr. Frank Sedziak, Mr. Harvey Kavaner, J. J. Conklin and Hugh A. MacKay.

LIGHTHOUSE ON PIER

At a meeting of the directors of the Victoria Beach Club, held August 1, and by unanimous vote, it was resolved that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries be urged to replace the lighthouse on the outer end of the pier, and that it be a steel standard, if possible.

The present light, located on the shore, is entirely inadequate, and the above request is made on our firm conviction that a repetition of such a storm and high water as that of last fall, is highly improbable.

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BEACH PEOPLE

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Mr. and Mrs. G. Lesles Campbell are spending a week at Newton Lodge.

Mr. Horne, of the City Fire Department, and Mrs. Horne and family are occupying their cottage on Fifth Avenue for the month of August.

Mr. Percy Cann, of the C.N.R., and Mrs. Cann and family have rented a cottage on Seventh Avenue for the month of August.

Rev. Dr. W. A. MacLean and son, Will, are spending a brief vacation at the Beach.

Dr. Lyall Cameron, of London, Eng., a noted surgeon, with Mrs. Cameron, arrived in Winnipeg Sunday and will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Nell John MacLean at the Beach for a few days after they visit the doctor's former home at Shoal Lake, Man. He is a brother of Dr. Marie Cameron, the medical officer this year.

Mr. J. D. Ruffield, K.C., and Mr. Clarence Jackson, barrister, were the guests of Mayor and Mrs. Sprague over the long week-end.

Hon. R. A. Hoey and Mrs. Hoey were guests of Dr. Ross and Mrs. Mitchell over the week end, and Sunday afternoon a reception in honor of the guests was held at the home of the doctor on Third Avenue, where many of the residents had the opportunity of meeting the Minister of Education and his wife. They returned to the City Sunday.

Mr. Albert Wilcox, general superintendent of transportation, Canadian National Railway, came down to the Beach Friday evening in his private car, and remained over the week-end. He had as guests Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Robert Creelman and Charles Creelman.

Mr. Harold J. Russell, one of the instructors in St. John's Technical High School, has decided to purchase a lot, and will build a cottage.

Sheriff Rupert Inkster and family are now occupying their cottage on Sunset, and will have as a guest over the week-end the former Sheriff, Hon. Colin Inkster.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, and three daughters, who have been occupying Mr. Carson's cottage on First Avenue, have returned to the City.

Miss Alfreda Lehmann and Miss Willa Donovan, daughter of Mr. Justice Donovan, were guests of Mrs. J. J. Conklin over the long week-end.

Mr. J. Terry and the Misses Mary and Helen Terry spent the long week-end at "Auchenhard," Fifth Avenue.

The Misses May and Jenny Lawson are spending a holiday at the Beach, the guests of Mrs. J. Terry, "Auchenhard," Fifth Avenue.

Mrs. J. Terry and the Misses Annie and Caroline Terry are occupying their cottage at 332 Fifth Avenue for the month of August.

Mrs. Jas. McAllister, of 303 Second Ave., entertained the ladies of Broadway Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 8. Among those present were: Mesdames Geo. Batho, De Lanster, Jordan, Duncan, Teeter, Teakles, Fraser,

Warford, Dunham, Campbell, Cummings, Hanson, Nicholson, Robinson, Webb, Verinder, Whiteley, Pooley, Worthington (Los Angeles), and the Misses Yvonne Huxet, Dorothy Webb, Irene, Kathleen and Jean McAllister, Christobel Webb and — Maybee.

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Mr. Hugh A. MacKay, chief engineer of the Manitoba Bridge and Iron Works, is spending the month of August with his family at the Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rice have rented their cottage on Fifth Avenue, for the month of August and have returned to the City with their family.

Miss Hughes, Miss Nora Hadden and Mr. F. J. Colman were the guests of Mrs. R. A. Jones, Victoria Beach, during the holiday week-end.

Miss Isabel Du Pre, of Hoblin, Man., arrived Saturday to spend her holidays, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. A. Jones, Victoria Beach.

Miss Ruth Noble was the guest of Mrs. J. J. Conklin over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Davis will be guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conklin over Sunday.

Many are interested in the make-up of the Victoria Beach war-canoes team which gave the Canoe Club boys a good argument in the Water-Sports Day race for the McKinney trophy. Here they are: Dan Sprague, coxswain; Terry Rooke, Jack Conklin, Howard Murphy, Theo. Steward, Alfred Atch, Don Steward, Eddie Atch, John Rupert, John Olson, Jim Clafson, George Spencer, and Paul Emil Trudel.

GOOD SERVICE THIS SEASON

It is gratifying to know that the merchants of the Beach have had a successful season. There have been more residents than ever before, and they have been generous patrons of the stores at the Beach.

The service has been good, the prices reasonable, seeing there are express rates on most of the goods sold, to be met, and there is also the hazard of having to keep all supplies in good condition.

The milk service has been excellent, and the Crescent Creamery is to be congratulated on what they have done to meet the demands of this large milk-drinking community. Pinehurst Inn has been well conducted, and Mrs. Melwood has at all times given good service to the rooms and in the dining-hall, and has kept the various buildings neat, clean, and sanitary.

Many complimentary words have been heard in regard to the attractiveness of the Inn this season.

The ice service has been adequate and prompt, and Mr. Anderson has looked well after the general transportation.

Oscar Paulson and Mr. Larson have been busy all summer. It is a big asset to have at the Beach two men of such fine character and high standing to look after the construction work and repairs that constantly have to be attended to, as these two gentlemen have proven themselves.

A word for the meat shop. Mr. Kilpatrick has given the best of service, and his supply of meats and vegetables have been of the highest quality.

The bread question has been settled satisfactorily, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Thom are attending to the every want of the people of this beach, and these are many and varied.

The Canadian National agent has been one of the best to have served the Beach, and Mr. Costello has carried out the principles and the ideals of the Government railway as should be expected.

NEXT ISSUE OF "NEWS"

This is the ninth issue of "The Victoria Beach News" this summer, and as there is only one more issue this season, the next number will not come out until 10 days' time.

BEACH ITEMS

The Council of the municipality of the Beach will meet at four o'clock, Saturday, August 11, in their room in the Club-house, when the matter of the resignation of the Mayor will be taken up.

It is some satisfaction to have at Victoria Beach such a fine meat emporium as Mr. James Kilpatrick conducts where the variety is many, the quality unsurpassed and the prices reasonable. A larger shop will be needed next year, as the patronage overtaxes the interior at times; but the delay is not serious.

The raspberry and blueberry crops are proving to be abundant this year and fine in quality.

A FINE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Sunday service of August 4, in the Club-house, conducted by Rev. R. Gordon Burgoynes, minister of Grace church, Winnipeg, was one of the most impressive that has been held so far this summer. Mr. Burgoynes has been spending the past four weeks at the Beach and, being a preacher of eloquence and power, his words carried conviction to a degree seldom noted.

His story to the children of the little donkey engine was also one of the brightest and most interesting of the series given this season. Miss Gertrude Newton was the offertory soloist. She sang McDermot's beautiful setting to the words of the Master: "In My Father's House are Many Mansions." The singer clothed the words with tones of the most beautiful quality, and her sincere, earnest and sympathetic interpretation was enjoyed to the utmost by the large congregation present.

PRINCIPAL RIDDELL TO PREACH

Sunday service in the Club-house, the morning of August 12, at 11 o'clock, will be conducted by Rev. Principal Riddell, of Wesley College, who, with Mrs. Riddell, will spend the week-end at the Beach. The offertory soloist will be Gwen Wooley, contralto, winner of two competitions at the last Winnipeg Musical Festival.

PICKING A NEW MAYOR

The time is approaching when it will be necessary for the community to take action towards the election of a Mayor to succeed Mr. Frank E. Sprague, who will finish out his eighth term at the end of the year.

The Community Club should call a meeting to discuss the subject of a successor.

Mr. Sprague has done a great deal of the "spade-and-shovel work" in this community, and we imagine that no one will be able to spare the time or be in a position to take hold of the practical work of this municipality as has Mr. Sprague.

Therefore, in discussing the matter with the councillors, the opinion prevailed that it will be necessary to hire a foreman to look after the many matters which affect the welfare of every cottage-owner.

This year, Mr. Sprague has given considerable attention to the extension and enlargement of the water system, to insure a plentiful supply of water to every part of the residential area of the Beach. This has kept him up late and brought him out early many days this summer. No one else holding the position of Mayor of this beach will have the heart to tackle the job as he has done it.

Therefore, his successor will be largely a man with administrative ability, who will know what work has to be done to meet the needs of this municipality, and who will exercise the power to put into effect what is required.

The salary of the Mayor of this beach was \$100 a year. The municipal Act of Manitoba states that the Council has the power to vote any amount up to \$300. Mr. Sprague was content with the \$100. Will his successor accept \$100, or will the Council not see fit to increase it?

So that the tax-payers are facing higher taxation, due to having to hire a foreman or supervisor and an increase in the Mayor's salary. The Community Club should take action without delay, or at least, the executive of the club should act, and give a lead to the people.

To avoid an election and a heavy expense to the tax-payers, some candidate, favored by the majority, should be selected. The Mayor's resignation will be in the hands of the Council by Saturday, August 11.

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VISITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

"Fidels" writes "The News" as follows:
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"I engaged a cottage for the month of July at Victoria Beach, to all outward appearances delightfully situated amidst God's own creation of verdant trees and foliage."

"Tired and weary of the busy, hustling life of the City for the dollars that perish, I duly arrived at your burgh amidst delightful sunshine and where everything seemed at peace, and only man was vile." I started on the trek to our delectable abode, accompanied by my young daughter, and presently was lost in the foliage of your beautiful woods. Truly, you have something to boast of in this respect!

I had not proceeded far, however, before I became sensible to what seemed to be a well-planned attack—not from machine-guns (of which many of us have had previous experience), but from a winged army which it seemed impossible to defeat. Presently, we arrived at our cottage, only to find that the enemy had a large reserve force awaiting us; but, laughing at them, we entered behind the screened doors, secure in the hope and thought that, once inside, we should be free from these pests.

"Of course, I do not seek to blame your charming woodlands with being responsible for this invasion of mosquitoes,

but I do think your resident owners could assist your Council in their efforts to get rid of this pest if they would make better clearances of the underbrush to their approach.

"Again, while owners are enjoined to keep everything sanitary, just take a stroll up Fifth Avenue and view the piles of inflammable rubbish heaps."

"Again, may I suggest, as a business investment, one of your estimable merchants might well open a brace store at the extreme end of Fifth Avenue and so save the residents becoming pack-horses in order to get the provender necessary to sustain human life to these distant residences."

Wishing you all success,
 "FIDELIS."

"CATS"

Referring to your article on "Neglected Cats" in a recent issue, it certainly would make any person feel sympathetic at any other time. But just now the cottagers have been upset and annoyed for several days by a cat, right in their midst. A delegation, however, has decided to wait on the Fire Department, to call it out to give pussy a good soaking, as this is evidently what she badly needs.

—"A CAT-HATE"

Fresh strawberries from the Victoria Beach garden are being received daily at the stores.

A Message To Tenants

Particularly those who have been going to Victoria Beach year after year, paying \$100.00 per month to \$200.00 per season. You know there is no finer summer resort within reasonable reach of Winnipeg: no resort where the bathing is so good, where the affairs of the Community are so well looked after, where golf can be enjoyed at a nominal cost, where your children are so safe as Victoria Beach. Why not obey that impulse now, and go to the office of the Company, pay the small deposit required on the purchase of a lot, and decide to own your own home here.

There will be no worrying over where you will locate next year, and every dollar spent on your property will bring its return in happiness and health for the entire family. Do not forget that the choice of lots is rapidly narrowing, and in very short while you will have to pay a premium over the Company's price for the location you desire.

Our Agent at the Beach will be glad to give you particulars of property available.

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