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A PROGRESSIVE SEASON

HERE has been progress in the right direction this summer at Victoria Beach. Steady, restrictive influences have continued to mould the governing policy. It has all added to the enjoyment of every individual resident.

Victoria Beach has been host to the greatest number of families in its history. Children have been present in large numbers, and youth and beauty, in young and old, have enhanced the bright, attractive appearance of the bathing beaches.

It has been an ideal season in the matter of weather, and 1923 can be placed in the annals as the most enjoyable of all the seasons spent at Victoria Beach. The government of the Beach has been excellent. The restrictions, which have done so much to place this resort in a class by itself, high in the estimation of its residents and of the public generally in the city and town, have been preserved, and have added to the restful and contented character of its environment. In fact, nothing has happened to mar the enjoyment of the thousands who have spent the past few weeks at this beach.

Everyone has been a contributing factor, unconsciously perhaps, but nevertheless real. A great many have been more active in assisting various organizations in making this place a very desirable spot in which to spend the long summer days and the cooling nights.

This summer, especially at the Church service, has one heard many fine tributes paid this community for the effective work done in guarding this great heritage left by its founder, whose wide-visions policy has been closely followed by those in whose care has been left its responsibility.

Each year much serious consideration is given to the welfare of this beach. Co-operation between the Victoria Beach Company and the various organizations actively at work, has done much to bring about highly prized results.

It has not been done without work and constant vigilance on the part of executives having charge, whose only reward has been the manifestation that happiness has been extended and summer pleasures given an added zest.

There is much to be done in the coming year. Certain interests are casting envious eyes this way.

They think the people living here do not appreciate benefits in a larger way. They think opportunities are being lost. They feel they could do better.

Victoria Beach can be destroyed; its high purpose negated; and all in one season, if commercial suggestions are accepted.

Many appear to have lost sight of the fact that the Victoria Beach Company is largely responsible for the happy conditions existing here. To the manager and directors of the company much credit is due for their good influences.

A change in the company's policy, in the ownership of the company's holdings, and the present owners of land and cottages would find their value much reduced. The company is in receipt weekly of tempting offers. A free and open policy would help the treasure-chest of the company, and at times it is said it is hard to resist tempting offers. Up to the present the interests of the present cottage-owners and land-holders have been respected, although there are a number who do not appreciate what they owe to the company's adherence to the old policy.

Let us all hope that there will be no change, and that Victoria Beach will long continue to exist as it is to-day, working for the highest good and for the greater number, and that commercial temptations will not have any effect on the company's policy.

TWO EXTRA TRAINS

Two extra trains will be operated to Victoria Beach after the close of the regular season, which is Labor Day, September 3. The extra trains will leave Winnipeg at 1.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, September 8 and September 15, leaving Victoria Beach on the return to the City Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, September 9 and September 16, respectively. There is every indication that these trains will be well patronized, so there is no necessity of cottage-owners closing their premises for the year until after September 15.

Fred O'Brien was elected Mayor of Victoria Beach unanimously at the annual nominations called by the Council for Tuesday, August 21, following the resignation of Mayor Sprague. Mr. J. S. Little proposed the name of Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Young seconded. Mayor O'Brien will take his seat after January 1, 1924.

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PRESENCE OF MIND SAVED LIFE

The presence of mind of Mrs. Harvey Kavaner and three children saved a 14-year-old girl from drowning at the Government Pier on a recent Saturday. The near-victim had slipped off the dilapidated landing pier at the side of the dock into the water. She could not swim, and her cries for help attracted the attention of Mrs. Kavaner, who was on the pier. The three young bathers, Merren Kavaner, Sylvia Washington and Phillip Tryon, were urged to form a chain. Mrs. Kavaner held on to the edge of the slippery and broken platform, and the children caught hold of her feet, and thus the four in the water managed to keep afloat until the men and a boat arrived.



Merren Kavaner, Sylvia Washington, and Phillip Tryon

The girl, whose name is unknown, was finally pulled out to safety, although her desperate grips on the little ones in the water nearly strangled them one by one, and at times pulled them beneath the water. She had bobbed hair and overalls on, and every time Phillip Tryon brought her to the surface he cried out: "Are you a boy or a girl?" Had he thought she was a boy he would have let him aid himself more.

All the rescuers were badly used up after their struggles with a heavy 14-year-old girl, and certainly deserve much credit for the splendid and successful effort they made to save a life, guided by Mrs. Kavaner's instructions.

ADDITIONAL DONORS TO SPORTS DAY

Two contributors to the Sports Day's prize-list were omitted in a recent mention. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. T. Kerr and the makers of Dent's English bacon, whose donations were among the best received by the committee.

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Frank E. Sprague—An Appreciation

It is seldom that a journal, daily or weekly, has the pleasure of appreciating the remarkable record of a chief magistrate on retirement after eight years of service for the people.

Frank E. Sprague is leaving public life at this Beach with a record that might well be the envy of all.

He has been for years the one outstanding figure the public at large has known. He has done more to give Victoria Beach good advertising in Winnipeg and throughout the west than any dozen individuals. He has done more to keep the original policy in a straight line than anyone else, and he has done it all unselfishly, working only for the people of the Beach.

Mr. Sprague is the first one down at the Beach in the early spring, and the last one to leave when the autumn winds announce that winter is nigh. There has always been much work to be done in the spring, and he has done it. Before leaving for the City in October he visits every cottage to see if everything is right, and if it is not, he promptly informs the owner. He is largely responsible for the golf course and its splendid upkeep. Who is there but does not think that it is a big asset to every cottage-owner and tenant?

His suggestions are always acceptable to the organizations that are on this beach, and he keeps a watchful eye out for everything that is not in the best interests of the people. He is a democrat, but slow to change any policy; and he has listened to hundreds of suggestions with courtesy and appreciation.

It will be difficult to find anyone who can take his place.

GIRL GUIDES AT VICTORIA BEACH

The 32nd Company Canadian Girl Guides have been camping at Victoria Beach for the past two weeks, 20 strong, under the guidance of Miss James, staff captain. Those who could not come for the entire time were present at the week-end, August 4, while a number of the mothers and friends visited the camp on Wednesday. All the Guides and the friends visited the camp on Wednesday. All the report having had a "wonderful time" and passed various tests.

Josephine Smith, Alma Parkins, Mary Trueman, Agnes Ricard, Jean Craig, Marion Miller, Alma Paulson, Millie Whitebread, Beale Vialoux, Yvonne and Margaret Dursoel passed the 50 yards test in swimming for first class.

An unannounced inspection of the camp showed every department in good order, beds neatly folded, kitchen fatigue at work, wonderful eats and everyone bright and smiling, all laying up stores of Nature's treasures for good health.

A marvellous masquerade was staged Thursday evening, August 9; the costumes were original and contrived by the wearers out of materials at hand. Beale Vialoux, as a "Hula Hula Dancer," took first prize. The skirt consisted of hay, held by a belt of birch bark, bright bathing caps being used for flowers. Agnes Ricard, as the "Fat Woman" created great laughter. The two Guides representing 1939, in even more scanty attire than 1938, were charming. Millie Whitebread, as "Bessie," had difficulty in navigating, as the costume was the captain's sleeping-bag, with straps and handles for carrying sheets, sheets, little boys, tramps and a bathing towel, but it all made a gay scene, the folk-dancing and the "hobo hops" being most interesting.

Eveline Kelly, as a "Pine Tree," took first prize for originality.

Friday evening a wonderful bonfire was staged, marshmallows being roasted as well as flaggers and wieners, together with all those dainties delightful to a Guide heart.

The 33rd Company left on the 6.55 train Saturday, August 11, and the St. Vital Company, under the Misses Stevenson, who camped at Victoria Beach last season, have taken the camp over for a few days.

PRINCIPAL RIDDELL'S VISIT ENJOYED

Everyone enjoyed the highly illuminating discourse given by Rev. Principal Riddell, of Wesley United College, at the Club-house, Sunday morning, August 12. The text was from the words: "He That Hath Seen Me Hath Seen the Father."

It is seldom that a Victoria Beach congregation has the pleasure of hearing one so well versed in the interpretation of the Scripture as Principal Riddell. It was a simple, yet highly instructive address, and the earnestness of the speaker left a deep impression. Principal Riddell congratulated Victoria Beach at the steady maintenance of the Sunday Service throughout the summer, and at the large number present on each occasion. The collection amounted to \$28.48.

The offertory soloist was Miss Gwen Wooker, a prize winner at the Manitoba Musical Festival. Her theme was "More Love to Thee." Miss E. Walker, as the church pianist, also played sympathetically during the taking of the offertory.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BUILDINGS

Many changes will be carried out, owing to the improvement of the Beach's appearance and service this autumn and early in the spring. There will be buildings erected, worthy of the name, to replace a portion of Pinehurst Inn. This the Company will carry out at the earnest solicitation of many friends of the Beach. There is a feeling that, with a bungalow-style hotel, many more Winnipeg residents would make lengthy visits.

A new store will also probably be erected, and a restaurant, and the grounds owned by the Company will be laid out to better advantage and more beautiful in appearance to the people as they arrive off the train.

The Victoria Beach Company has pledged itself to make Victoria Beach the most inviting place of all the summer resorts of this province, although they have not the advantage of large capital to go ahead with plans as have the two railway corporations of this country.

A boat-house is also one of the probabilities of the near future; the beach has become quite a centre for launches, cruisers and canoes.

NEW CHURCH CHAIR FUND

In aid of the new chair funds there was a liberal response in two collections taken up in the Church, and a few good subscriptions, including Dr. Neil John MacLean, \$10.00; Mr. W. J. T. Kerr, \$10.00; Sheriff Lister, \$5.00; Robert Crawford, \$5.00; Dr. Ross Mitchell, \$5.00; Mr. Harvey Kavaner, \$10.00; "Victoria Beach News," \$5.00; a total of \$50.00. There are surely others who appreciate the efforts of the Church executive to add to the comfort of those who attend the Church, and who can find their way to donate like sums. Mr. Charley Ball and Mr. Pratt will receive any sums at the Church door, and Mayor Sprague at the Beach.

GOVERNMENT WORK AT THE BEACH

The Dominion Government has decided not to go ahead with the repairs to the dock until after the summer season has ended, and this also means the landing stage, which has been temporarily repaired, as had the approach to the dock. The work entailed would mean the closing of the pier to all residents this month, and this, it was thought, is not desirable.

The question of a new lighthouse will be brought to the attention of the Minister of Marine by Dr. Bisset, M.P., this winter, and it is hoped that a more pretentious structure, and one that will give better service will be built in place of the ridiculous affair now resting on the bank.

CHURCH ANNUAL

The Community Church of Victoria Beach, at its annual meeting, August 19, reported a successful year. The attendance has been large and the collections liberal. There will be about \$100 to hand over to the Club treasurer. Fifty new chairs were bought at a cost of \$53. Mr. Charles Ball was again elected Chairman and Mr. Pratt Secretary-Treasurer, with the following committee: Messrs. Potter, Dack, Angus More, Mrs. J. S. Watson, J. J. Conkling, Dr. Selsak, Major Fred O'Brien, J. S. Little, Mrs. Harris, Dr. Hurst, Messrs. Pascoe and McAllister, and Mrs. Nell John MacLean. Pulpit supply committee, Messrs. Ball, Conkling, Pratt and Barager.

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BEACH PEOPLE

Mr. Cecil Rice-Jones has been spending several days with his family, his last holiday this year, with a very busy ahead for him and all engaged in the grain trade in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Nell John MacLean entertained a number of the lady residents of the Beach at a social tea one afternoon last week, at which an opportunity was given of meeting Mrs. Cameron, of London, England, wife of Dr. Lyall Cameron, surgeon, nephew of Dr. MacLean, who is spending a holiday at Shoal Lake, Man., his former home, and at Victoria Beach. Dr. Marie Cameron, health officer, is a sister of Dr. Cameron.

Miss Mary Beach was the guest of Miss M. Pratt over the long week-end.

Mrs. T. E. Thompson and Misses Marion and Betty Thompson, were guests of Mrs. W. H. Pratt last week, returning home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Roberts, CNRW radio announcer, and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Senior, have rented a cottage on Sixth Avenue for the balance of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicholson and Master Phillip Nicholson spent a very enjoyable week, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williams, "Coco Corner."

Mrs. N. Thompson, Miss N. Thompson and Miss J. Howard spent Wednesday as guests of Mrs. W. H. Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McKidd and family are occupying the "Bee Hive," on Fourth Avenue, for the month of August.

Mr. David Bett was Mr. L. W. Pratt's guest from Thursday to Sunday night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. McKeivie and family are occupying their cottage on Fifth Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Youngman and family have rented a cottage on Seventh Avenue for the month of August.

Mrs. Ward-Smith and Mrs. Harper Wilson are guests of Mrs. J. W. Rooks for the month of August at "Blue Bird Lodge."

Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Vance and family are occupying their cottage on Fifth Avenue for the balance of the season.

Mr. Arthur Potts and mother were down for the last week-end.

Mrs. T. McHattie was a recent guest of Mrs. Angus More, Newton Lodge, for one week.

Mr. J. McAllister is spending his two weeks' vacation with his family at their cottage on Second Avenue.

The Misses Dorothy Anderson, Dorothy Simpson, and Beth Simpson, and Messrs. Huxtable and Maley spent Civic Holiday at Victoria Beach, the guests of Mrs. J. W. Rooks, "Blue Bird Lodge."

Mr. J. Gillan, of Moose Jaw, Sask., spent last week with his wife and family, who have been spending the summer with Mr. Gillan's sister, Mrs. E. H. Pascoe, of "Norwood," Sixth Avenue. They enjoyed the Beach very much and hope to come again.

Miss Dochard, late of Bridge of Weir, Scotland, is spending the balance of the season with her friend, Mrs. E. H. Pascoe.

Rev. Harry Athinson will be the preacher at the Sunday Service, August 26, at 11 a.m.

The "Hidden Hole" golf competition, August 18, resulted as follows: H. Mackay, 68, grand aggregate winner; runners-up, G. A. Taylor, Rev. George Horrobin, 71; D. M. McDonald, 73; F. W. Smith, 73. Hidden hole, Adair: F. W. Smith, 6. The hidden hole was 5 and 11. Ladies: Mrs. L. H. Henderson, 10, with her aggregate. Runners-up: Mrs. E. F. Withrow, Mrs. Drennan, Dr. Marie Cameron, Mrs. MacGurk. All these ladies had a score of 10, but the lowest aggregate won. Hidden hole, 14 and under: V. Harris, 5, with an aggregate of 11. Runners-up: Arthur Rice-Jones, 9 (88); Dennis O'Brien, 9 (89). Consolation prize, hidden hole: Highest score, Miss A. Campbell, 19.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Editor,

"Victoria Beach News:"

In your closing issue it is my desire to comment on some of the activities with which I have been associated this season, and, if possible, to leave a thought or suggestion that may be of value for another year.

I was given a place on the Executive of the Victoria Beach Club, and, later on, made Chairman of the Water Sports Committee. To be thus associated for one season makes one realize the work and time required on behalf of community interests; and to fancy that, in past seasons, the bulk of this work has fallen on a comparative few!

It was gratifying to see the Annual Masquerade and Dance pass off successfully; and possibly more so, the Water Sports Day programme; and I wish to sincerely express my thanks and appreciation to and on behalf of all those who so ably assisted in the work. Many prizes were donated, and an effort has already been made to convey thanks to the various donors, while many other prizes had to be purchased and allocated and suitably wrapped for presentation. Mr. Conklin, Sr. worked continuously, as did Aidan Conklin, the Secretary of the Committee, while the ladies who assisted put in many hours and contributed wonderfully to the success of these events.

If these events are beneficial and thus necessary to the full enjoyment of the Beach community-life each season, the work involved should not be borne by a small committee, but rather represent a charge on the time of Beach residents at large.

My closing thought, therefore, is in the form of a request that, as we assemble another year at Victoria Beach, filled with enthusiasm to enjoy a greater season than ever before, individual and voluntary service towards matters of community interest will be appreciated and surely result in the greater enjoyment of us all. We can never do too much for the children, and many of us, who are older, enjoy such pleasures also.

HARVEY KAVANER.

Correspondence

DID THEY ENJOY SPORTS DAY? READ THIS!
An appreciative letter received by the chairman of the Water-Sports Committee, Mr. Harvey Kavaner, speaks in no uncertain way of the pleasure enjoyed by members of the Canoe Club during the week-end at Victoria Beach, August 4-5-6. It reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Kavaner—"Beyond our expectations" seems to be the best phrase I can find to express our feeling towards you and the officials of the Victoria Beach Club. This is the first trip of its kind for a long time, which the paddling members of the Club have had the privilege to participate in, and the feeling of all the boys is one of praise. The generosity of those donating the prizes was overwhelming. Prizes were not in our minds at all, although the boys had an idea that a cup of some kind was to be given to the winning war-canoe crew; but certainly we did not expect to receive such a handsome trophy as that donated by Mr. Frank McKinney. This in itself took our breath away, but I wish I could describe the facial expressions when I passed the cake, the ham, and peaches around; this was an absolute surprise, and very much appreciated.

The whole trip passed off beautifully, the accommodation given by the Canadian National couldn't have been better. We couldn't have received better treatment from any other body of people than we did from those of Victoria Beach. I am glad that Mr. McKinney's trophy is for annual competition, because that means another trip to Victoria Beach.

which cannot be too soon for us. We hope you will ask us again.

Yours sincerely,
H. F. WILSON,
Rear-Commodore.

THE "TRIBUNE'S" APPRECIATION

My dear Mrs. Allardson:

Many thanks for permitting us to use the enclosed negative. I am only sorry that the picture did not come out more clearly. We take the occasion of thanking you personally, and through you, the children at Victoria Beach and their parents, for the splendid contribution of \$52.57 towards the Fresh Air Fund.

Yours truly,
C. V. COMBE.

APPRECIATING WORKERS' EFFORTS

Miss Muriel F. Pratt, secretary of the Victoria Beach Club, writes to the "News:"

"I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank one and all who helped to make the masquerade, regatta and children's sports a success, on behalf of the Victoria Beach Club and myself. No one appreciates the work attached to the handling of these sports better than I do, and the worker so seldom gets a word of thanks, but has to stand all the complaints. There were too many willing workers to name them all, but we again thank you."

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.

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