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A Glorious Summer At Its End

THE most enjoyable season and the most largely patronized in the annals of Victoria Beach is at its close. Many are preparing to move in Saturday, and the great majority will be homeward bound by Labor Day.

Beneficial effects have been secured by all; the longer the stay the greater the gain to health, to mind, and to bodily well-being.

New friendships have been formed by the young, which will last for life; progress has been made getting closer to Nature, and the rambles through the woods have strengthened the desire to be next year again a member of the Victoria Beach community.

It is with the keenest satisfaction one realizes that all the merchants who cater to the wants of summer visitors at this beach have prospered to a greater extent than ever before. That the Canadian National Railways have carried to this resort over 3,000 more passengers than last year, and that this has been the banner year of the Victoria Beach Company, whose interests are so large and so vital to the progress of this locality.

It has been often said this summer by public speakers at Sunday services: "What are you going to do with the impressions you have retained and the benefits you have secured when you get back to the city?" That is something worth while meditating on when you have a leisure hour or two.

This season should not be quickly forgotten, but thought of it cherished so that the long winter months may not be so dreary and the cold of Manitoba's winter be all the better endured just because you have been one of Victoria Beach's visitors this year.

It will be, after all, a difficult undertaking to place in the background the brightest, clearest and most glorious summer drawing, we feel with regret, to a close.

September is one of the most delightful months of the year at this beach, filled with enchanting delights. Quite a number will remain down for the next few weeks, and those who have taken their vacation at this period of the year never regret the decision.

There is considerable work to be done this winter

in preparation for next year. The Community Club will take up for consideration a better programme of entertainment for each night of the week at the Club-house. The Executive has not taken this to heart as seriously as they should. It can be done. The Club Executive has solved greater problems than this in the past, and all it needs is concentration and time to reach a satisfactory solution for next season. The young people who are at this beach to-day will, within a few years, be bearing the burden which their elders have now in hand; and they should be given support and direction so that their energizing influence be not lost to the community life of Victoria Beach.

The Club-house has not been open this season during the afternoons of the week, and in the past two weeks the matron has closed the Club-house three nights of the week, the protests of the young people and their parents being unavailing. Friday night last a number of the members came down from the City with a pianiste, prepared to enjoy a little recreation within the Club-house, but the building was padlocked against their entrance. Some solution of such a condition of affairs should be found next season. The Club-house was not built to be open only three days a week. Those who remain down during the week should be given access to the Club-house under the supervision of a capable officer.

The Municipal Council has some problems to solve, and the two new members will have an opportunity to show their calibre.

The Victoria Beach Company has a big programme to carry forward. A new sub-division goes on the market, embracing the present camp-site under the name of "Bay View," one certainly appropriate.

The Church executive has done splendidly this summer, and the thanks of the entire community goes out to the officers and the committee for the generous service they have rendered.

Each individual back in the City can do a little in continuing to keep Victoria Beach the most beneficial summer resort for families in the middle west, and for this effort thousands of children and young people will rise up and call them "Blessed."

FAREWELL FROLIC AT CLUB-HOUSE, SATURDAY

TRAVELLERS ENTERTAIN MERCHANTS

The annual dinner sponsored by the travellers who, during the summer visit the Beach in the interests of their various firms, given to the merchants of Victoria Beach, was held in "Moonlight Inn" Wednesday evening, and was featured by a corn-feast besides the regular menu of a high-class dinner. "Mine Host" Robinson did his part of the work well, travellers were honored, and former Mayor Frank Sprague, who was a guest of honor, highly praised the class of merchants doing business at the Beach, and spoke in equal terms of esteem of the travellers who weekly pay the Beach a visit.

Mr. Sprague was reminiscent, and his history of the present store occupied by Mr. James Kilpatrick was very amusing. This store fifteen years ago, was known to the company as "Mary Ann," and it has occupied half-a-dozen sites on the Beach in the course of time. He urged on Mr. Kilpatrick to respect the traditions of the building, and never ask for another store premises as long as this sacred object was able to hold itself together.

To this Mr. Kilpatrick replied in Gaelic, and while no one understood what our worthy merchant was saying (Charlie Thom being unavoidably absent), one gathered from the motions he was making with his hands that he was demanding from the Company a store structure in which he could serve on each side of the counter without having to go outside to turn around his rotund form. Jack Falls' winter reminiscences were thrilling and were a feature of the night. Those present were: Frank E. Sprague, John Falls, Angus MacLeod (Harris Abattoir), John Mowat (Cran, Mowat and Drever), James Kilpatrick, W. W. Currie (Swift Canadian), J. J. Conklin, Bert Dent (Dent Packing Company), Percy Alderson (Alderson Fruit Company), and W. A. Robinson, owner of "Moonlight Inn."

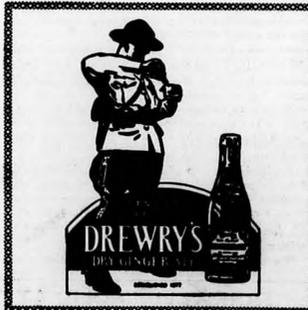
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICE

The preacher for the closing Sunday morning service, September 1st, in the Club-house, will be the Rev. T. Owen Hughes, of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and the soloist will be Mr. Cecil Pratt.

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SPECIAL TRAINS

The special family train will leave the Beach Monday, Labor Day, at 1.30 o'clock for Winnipeg, allowing the mothers and children to arrive in Winnipeg late in the afternoon.

There will be two additional week-end trains, from Winnipeg to Victoria Beach, on the two Saturdays following Labor Day. The departure from Winnipeg is at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and from the Beach back to the City, Sunday, at 7 o'clock.

MISS MILDRED MATLEY MARRIED

A social item of interest to residents of Victoria Beach appeared in the "Free Press" Thursday of this week. It is the following:

AIRD—MATLEY.—At Montreal, by the Rev. Stephen J. Pike, Mildred Leonor, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Matley, of Winnipeg, to William Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aird, Montreal West.

Mr. Aird is the son of the Mayor of Westmount, the fashionable suburb which adjoins Montreal.

SYMPATHY AND HELP APPRECIATED

218 McMillan Avenue,
Winnipeg, August 24th, 1929

Mr. Frank E. Sprague,
Victoria Beach Club.

Dear Sir:—
I wish, on behalf of my daughter, Mrs. Relta Ovas, and all the family, to thank you and the residents of Victoria Beach for the splendid help rendered and sympathy and kindness shown in connection with the drowning and subsequent recovery of the body of our little girl, Claire Allison Ovas.

Such voluntary and persistent efforts, continued until the body was found three days later, are greatly appreciated, and will never be forgotten.

Again thanking you all,
Yours sincerely,
N. McLaughlin.

CHURCH HELPS VICTORIA BEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Victoria Beach Church had a very satisfactory report presented at the annual meeting of the members, held after the Church services last Sunday. Charles A. Ball, president, was in the chair, and in the absence of Mr. Leonard Pratt, who was unable to attend, the annual report of the secretary-treasurer, with the financial statement, was read by Mrs. W. H. Pratt.

This showed that the collections this summer, and the small balance left over from the previous year, had amounted to \$259.19.

Financial Report

Mrs. Pratt reported: "The season's work had been very successful indeed, as the average attendance at the Sunday service was 297, as compared with 253 last year. The week of August 4th broke all records, with an attendance of 410 persons.

The finances are in a correspondingly good condition, \$239.19 having been contributed during the season so far, with one collection to come, which has been arranged for disbursement as follows:

Pare and expenses for Prof. W. G. Smith	\$ 6.00
Postage	1.48
Telephone	.45
Cupboard (payment to Oscar Paulsen)	8.00
Pare, Rev. W. C. Smalley	3.00
Church Notices (printing)	3.57
Donation to caretaker	25.00
Repayment of two loans to the members of the Community Club, plus interest	112.00
	\$ 159.51

"This remaining sum is to be divided between the Victoria Beach Sunday School and possible expenses.

Mr. Leonard Pratt's resignation as Secretary-Treasurer was accepted with deep regret and a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his eight years of service."

Balance of money to Sunday School

Much discussion took place on the best way in which to devote the large balance left in the treasury after paying the season's expenses and paying off two of the loans with interest.

It was thought best to devote the money to some religious purpose, and it was finally decided to give it to the Sunday School which is maintained at Victoria Beach during the winter months. This school was established recently to carry on the work so successfully maintained during the summer in the Club-house. Keeping \$20 in the treasury, the church will therefore have a considerable sum, probably \$75.00, to hand to the Sunday School.

It was stated by Mr. Ball, who had investigated the work, that this school has an attendance of as many as 40 children, and the service is held in the school-house, which is admirably heated. Mr. Court, foreman of the Canadian National Railways at the Beach, is the superintendent, and the members have raised sufficient money this year to buy an organ. The money from the community church will enable them to start a library, and provide Sunday School papers, and secure other necessities to a well-conducted school.

The meeting also decided to send a letter of appreciation to all the clergymen who gave their services to the Church this summer, and also a similar letter to vocalists,

accompanists, and to those who contributed beautiful flowers to the Church each Sunday. These latter were Mrs. Leroy Borrowman and Mr. T. E. Williams. A vote of appreciation to "The Victoria Beach News" for its help was approved.

It was decided to continue for another year the same plan of securing clergymen for the services (voluntary), and not to engage the services of a paid man for the present. The discussion was taken part in by Dr. McClung, Mrs. W. G. Campbell, Mrs. Nell John MacLean, Angus More, W. H. Pratt, Mr. McAllister, Dr. MacLean, Mrs. Barager, and others.

Right here "The Victoria Beach News" wishes to draw attention to the service which Mr. Charles Ball has rendered to the community in securing so many splendid preachers during the season with so little cost and all done with the greatest willingness on the part of the clergy. It requires tact and persistency to secure ten eminent clergymen for the summer with only a few dollars expense, and to receive from them such hearty response. Mr. Ball also spends considerable time posting notices around the Beach for the guidance of the residents, and this also is a labor which Mr. Ball does with cheerfulness and consistency.

Executive Committee

Mr. Ball was unanimously re-elected President, and Mrs. W. H. Pratt was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The Committee consists of the following: J. J. Conklin, Dr. Nell John MacLean, Mrs. MacLean, Mr. Angus More, Mr. W. H. Pratt, Dr. Frank Sedgwick, Mr. F. C. O'Brien, Mr. Pascoe, Mr. McAllister, Mr. J. R. Little, Mrs. G. B. Barager, Mrs. W. G. Campbell, Dr. R. K. McClung.

NEW SUB-DIVISION AT BEAUTIFUL WHOHE-LINK

The Victoria Beach Company is placing on the market shortly a new sub-division, and it will include the present camp-site and a large area of the land across the railway tracks from it.

There will be a new 66-foot road put through, which for some distance will parallel the railway, and then will cut into the camp-site by the present strawberry garden. There will also be a pathway, as wide as thirty feet at some places, running the entire length of the bay shoreline, and in front of the cottage property. A rustic bridge of pretty design will be built over the gully near the present entrance, but a new right-angle entrance will be built north of the present one, which will have a pagoda effect and will carry the name of "Bay View" in artistic lettering.

It is the intention of the Company to make the place one of the beauty spots of the Beach, where a stroll or a walk will well repay the visitor. The front will run down as far south as Mrs. Ives' two cottages, built three years ago. The Council of the municipality and the Government have to place their stamp of approval on the plans, but the suggested changes should add to the betterment of the entire beach.

While some of the camp residents have done a great deal to make the spot conform with Victoria Beach standards, some have contented themselves with mere tents and temporary board additions, and the surroundings have not lent themselves to any degree of progress or attractiveness.

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PROBLEMS AHEAD OF NEW COUNCIL

The "News" has received many suggestions from residents as to what the Council should do to improve the situation at the various beaches next season.

There seems to be the opinion that life-guards should be stationed at Patricia, King Edward and Bay View, the new sub-division. Also, that a boat should be secured, a fast motor-launch, that could be sent to the spot where an accident or near accident has taken place, without delay, with the necessary first aid appliances in it.

That a policeman should be secured from the Canadian National Railway services to act at the Beach, one who has experience, has the dignity in bearing, and whose duty should be confined to police duties, and that he should be on call at all times and live at a convenient place where he is accessible. He should have an office near the store centre.

It has also been suggested that the policeman should be in uniform. The official garb has a good effect on the community at large. A plain-clothes man has not the "atmosphere" that a man dressed in a uniform should possess.

A closer inspection of pill boxes in all parts of the beach should be made at frequent intervals. This has not been carried out to the satisfaction of a good many people who claim that their neighbors have not been inspected while they have modern installations.

The Municipal Council will soon have to undertake the installation of modern sanitary appliances. It ought to come without delay. Many resident rents his or her cottage

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for \$250 to \$300 a season, coming down in early June and the late September, and can easily afford to stand the expense. Perhaps an epidemic might arouse us all to the evil.

If there is a wet spring, or even a heavy snowfall this winter, there will be more of Patricia Beach bark and trees washed into the lake this coming year. The incline from above the beach lends itself to a natural flow in that direction, and the flume can hardly cope with the avalanche, which early visitors to the beach claim, comes down.

This is only one of the most popular spots at this resort, and should be preserved even if it costs some money. There is something to say about King Edward Beach along this line, and a competent engineer should be engaged to report on the problem before it is too late.

The Municipality should have an office where complaints or enquiries could be registered.

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:-: The Fir Saw-Fly :-:

Residents of Victoria Beach will have noticed, during the past three years or so, that numerous brown patches appeared on the balsam trees in the latter part of July and August. In 1927 it reached its maximum, and was so prevalent as to disfigure the woods which contained balsams. In fact, it looked as though these trees were doomed. This also applied to Elm Island and the country between Grand and Victoria Beaches. Last year the brood was not so bad, and this year it has practically disappeared.

This damage was caused by the larvae, or caterpillars, or grubs of a small saw-fly known as *Neodiprion abietis*, the Fir Saw-fly. These little grubs, when full grown, measure about a half-inch in length, and are of an olive green colour, so that, unless looked for, are quite inconspicuous on the leaves of the trees. They change into the pupal, or chrysalis stage, during August, and in September the flies come out. The eggs are laid shortly after in the balsam needles, and remain in that state through the winter. When the weather gets warm in the following June these eggs hatch, and the little grubs feed on the balsam leaves, eating the outside of the leaf only, and leaving the mid-rib. This mid-rib is the part which turns brown, and is so noticeable. The damaged needles fall from the tree during the winter, and so are not seen the following year; but when leaves fall from an evergreen they are never replaced, as on a tree which sheds its leaves every year.

PARASITES SAVE OUR BALSAMS

This summer there have been practically no "Fir Saw-flies," and their disappearance is due to parasites which live on them. The Saw-fly, although it is called a fly, and to the very casual glance might be mistaken for a house-fly, does not belong to the Diptera, or fly family, as all true flies have but one pair of wings, and this insect has two pairs. It belongs to the Hymenoptera, or bee family, and to this family also belongs the parasite, so far as they are at present known.

The parasites, of which three species have been found—and there possibly may be more—lay their eggs in, or on, the saw-fly caterpillar. These eggs hatch, and the young grub feeds on the tissues of its host, but does not destroy any vital part. The saw-fly grub, in most cases, lives to change into a chrysalis; but instead of a saw-fly coming out in due course, the insect which has destroyed it, and which, in the pupal case, has changed from the grub to a winged insect, comes out. The females soon start searching for victims in which to lay their eggs. So the cycle goes on.

The life histories of these parasites have not yet been fully worked out; some may have alternate hosts, but the main facts are as here stated.

The saw-fly pupae are usually attached to the twigs or needles of the balsams, and in 1927 the writer collected some hundreds, and found that a certain proportion, about 15% were parasitized. The parasites increased so rapidly, that out of 500 examined in 1928 about 95% contained parasites instead of saw-flies. This accounts for the absence of the pests, and the green appearance of the balsams this summer. We hope that they have gone for good, or, at any rate, for a long period.

Of course there are always outbreaks in some part of the country. The pest appears and gets a good start; then its enemy comes along, and, gradually catching up with it,

reduces its numbers, so that it is no longer sufficiently numerous to work mischief.

Spruce and larch (tamarack) are subject to similar infestations, but from different saw-flies. There is a large tamarack forest at Osoyoos, on the C.N.R., about eighteen miles east of Brandon, which some years ago was in danger of destruction by the larch saw-fly. Parasites were introduced; in time they gained the upper hand, and to-day a saw-fly cannot be found in the district.

The staff of the Dominion Entomological Branch are mainly engaged in searching for and combating outbreaks of forest and field-crop pests. Any report of noxious insects sent to them will always be investigated, and measures undertaken or suggested to remedy the situation.

The writer wishes to express his indebtedness to Mr. Norman Criddle, of the Entomological Laboratory, Treasurers Bank, Man., for information and advice respecting the Fir saw-fly.

G.S.B.

CLOSING NIGHT AT CLUB-HOUSE

Members of the Victoria Beach executive, who are remaining down for the long week-end, have conceived the idea of having a unique closing evening at the Club-house to-night, Saturday, August. There will be community singing, square-dances, and a get-together.

Fancy caps will be furnished to all, and there will be some music-making. Just a little frolic before the residents all go home for the long season in the City. This is in addition to the programme to be provided by Jack Withrow's orchestra, which must not be missed, as the boys have come to a little extra effort to make their final bow one not to be forgotten.

CLUB-HOUSE FREE OF DEBT

The "NEWS" has great pleasure in announcing that the Club-house, which was built four years ago at a cost of \$5,000, is now free of debt. The last four loans of \$50.00 each, and interest, will be paid next week; there were eleven original loans of this amount and, with the payment of the last four, there is now no financial obligation against the building. The Club has a 99-year lease from the Victoria Beach Company of the site, which was secured on payment of one dollar.

GIRL GUIDES ENTERTAINED

Mrs. T. E. Williams, "Cozy Corner," 1514 Avenue, and Mrs. A. P. Jamieson, entertained the 43rd Company of Girl Guides on Saturday, August 17th. The girls arrived on the morning train, and, on reaching "Cozy Corner," donned their bathing suits and went for a swim. After what they proclaimed was a glorious dip, they were then ready for lunch. The tables were decorated with flowers grown at the garden of Mr. Williams—real Victoria Beach blooms. After lunch the Guides went for a treasure-hunt. The treasure was found by Peggy Jamieson. Everybody came back ready for another swim and indulged in games on the sands until supper-time. Supper was served at "Halemers," after which the Guides proceeded to the beach, where they had a camp-fire, toasting marshmallows and singing their songs. When time for departure came, they all proclaimed it one of the happiest days they had spent, and wished for a return trip next summer.

Patricia Beach Winners at "Sports' Day," August 3rd



The upper picture shows the smallest class being judged in the "coat of tan" competition. The lower picture shows Miss Edith Jamieson and her "castle of sand," winner of the event in the oldest class.

BEACH PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lunney and sons, Garnet and Vernal, have just returned to the City, after having spent a delightful two weeks' vacation at their cottage "Eriudale," having had as their guests, Mrs. F. Hutchinson and sons, Jack and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Terence Burt, with their daughter, Miss Terry Burt, are spending the summer at their cottage, "Teresa," and have as their guest Miss E. M. Sme, Winnipeg.

Mr. George Letchford and Mr. David Bell spent an enjoyable week with Mr. W. H. Pratt, boating and fishing occupying most of their time.

Miss M. F. Pratt has just returned to Winnipeg after spending a week with her mother and father. Miss Mabel Letchford was her guest for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pratt have returned to Winnipeg after their motor trip to Regina and Saskatoon.

Harry Little and Gerald Griffin, well-known grain brokers and members of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, came down to the Beach last Saturday from Winnipeg by airplane, covering the distance in three-quarters of an hour and enjoying the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Clarkson have returned to town, having spent the past few weeks at the Beach.

Miss M. F. Pratt, Miss M. Ryan and Miss E. Thompson spent the week-end with Mrs. W. H. Pratt.

Mr. Cecil Pratt is spending a week of his holidays with his mother and later will enjoy a motor trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott, Oxford Street, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son. Mr. and Mrs. Scott spent the month of July at the Beach.

Mrs. Robert Lesech, of Marlon Street, Norwood, was the guest of Mrs. E. W. Spence at "Bay View" over the week-end.

Major F. C. O'Brien, Mrs. O'Brien and family closed their cottage last Saturday and returned to the City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Little, Sunset, closed their cottage Monday and returned to the City. They contemplate taking a motor trip to Minneapolis early next month.

Major James F. McCallum, K.C., Mrs. McCallum, with their sons, Peter and Michael, who have been occupying a cottage beyond the Club-house for the month of August, returned to the City Wednesday.

Mr. Herbert Scott, of the M. Hawlf Grain Company, was a visitor to the Beach this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Felde.

Miss Hearn, of Montreal, who was the guest of Miss Felde for two weeks, has gone to Brandon to visit friends.

Mrs. J. J. Conklin entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. W. Harper Wilson.

PINEHURST INN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moulden, Mr. Leonard Walker (Springfield, Mo.), Miss L. E. Tyson, Miss N. B. Bowman, Miss Elsie Robertson, Mrs. Fred G. Bridgman and son, Mrs. W. J. Dowler and son, Mrs. A. B. Hill, Miss Teresa Searling, Miss Hazel Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dawson, Mrs. H. J. Quinn and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Brown, Mrs. Hazley (Toronto), Mrs. Nimmons (Toronto) and two grandchildren, D. Campbell and niece, A. Coleman, Mrs. C. E. Norris (London, Ont.), Mr. and Mrs. Ray Montague and children, Mr. C. Hawlf spent the week-end.

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A TRAGEDY OF THE NORTH

It was August 12th in this summer of intense heat and drought. Thunderstorms had played, time and again, all around Lake Winnipeg. Electric flashes had split in twain the sombre cloud-banks, and still no rain fell and no real local storm hit Victoria Beach. We heard, we saw, and remained safe inside a charmed circle. Across from us, on the afternoon of the 12th, we saw banks of indigo-blue clouds north of Grand, reaching away to the west and north of the Lake, making a wonderful intense background for the dark green firs of Elk Island; white caps ruffled the troubled waters that the sky painted with wide bands of olive-green and slaty-blue. Then, on a sudden, came a silence of all Nature that could be felt! No bird-notes, no creatures rustling in the under brush, no breath of air through the branches of white birch, just an immense stillness—a suspended waiting—for what? Came growls of thunder, vivid flashes of lightning, and then a mighty rushing wind that swept over the Lake and hung itself on our peninsula with the shout of a giant. Some rain fell, some more electric display was visible and, behold! the threatening terrific storm had come and gone, leaving Victoria Beach safe again within a charmed circle! Only the giant wind was left and the raging lake, manifest in its fury, with its great rollers dashing on the sandy beaches and splashing on the granite boulders. All night these forces raged—the wind howling and moaning, the lake spending its strength on the helpless land, and, in the wild indigo-blue dawn of a day that struggled to be sunny,

there was washed up on the shore of Connaught Beach, south-east of Elk Island, two young jumping deer. Had they tried to cross the ford from the Mainland to the island at its eastern end and lost their footing, or were they swimming across the Lake from the west shore, and were caught in the storm? We shall never know. They lay there, not long dead, one of Nature's silent tragedies!

—CROSBIE SHEARMAN.

BEACH NOTES

Mr. T. E. Williams' garden at Fifth and King Edward is in all its glory at the present time, and it seems unfortunate that, just as some of the finest blooms are coming on, it all must be left to the tender mercies of the early frosts. Mr. Williams claims to have had wonderful success this season, and his garden is way ahead of Winnipeg flower gardens in growth and color. Some of the flowers from Mr. Williams have been placed on the platform of the Church during the month of August and were greatly admired.

Mrs. Leroy Borrowman, who delights in her Winnipeg flower garden on Walsley Avenue, has been good enough each Sunday throughout the summer to send to the Church service a beautiful stand basket of lovely blooms which have added to the beauty of the service hour.

Residents returning to the City should send in the fact they have returned home to the daily papers, which will be pleased to publish the announcement.

Have You Purchased a Lot or a Cottage? If Not—DO IT NOW!

The season is almost over. This is your last chance of the year to pick out what you want.

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