

## Old Times Recalled

### FREDERICTON IN OLDEN DAYS WAS FAMOUS IN AQUATICS

(Continued)

At the time of the Centennial Exhibition held at Philadelphia in 1876, one of the entries for the single scull race was from Edward Hanlen of Toronto. 'Ned' Hanlen was not famous at that time but his rowing was receiving attention from oarsmen and from those who followed aquatic sports. During his practice rowing those who were a judge of good rowing singled him out as the one to be watched.

Those who saw 'Ned' in his practice spins looked with suspicion upon the Canadian entry. They saw a rower with a clean cut stroke, rowing a shell of the latest model, the consequence was that the betting fraternity was not willing to offer the odds that had been offered in favor of a popular American entry.

'Ned' had with him his trusted trainer, the morning of the race they sat side by side at the breakfast table. In the coffee that was served to these two one cup was doped; the trainer got that cup, being mistaken for Hanlen. The trainer spent the day in bed while Ned Hanlen won the single scull race open to the world.

The one crew that brings a flush of pride to any oarsman when mentioned in his hearing is the famous Paris Crew, whose home was in the city of Saint John in New Brunswick. Their history is too well known to repeat it at this writing.

At the time that the Tyne crew rowed the Paris Crew on the Kennebecasis excursions left Fredericton by rail and by boat. The same was also true when Ned Hanlen came to row the New Brunswick oarsman Wallace Ross. The May Queen and the David Weston were the excursion boats. This race was a disappointment to the many spectators, Ross appeared to be rowing in good form, although Hanlen had a slight lead it gave no indication that the race might not be won by Ross. To the surprise and disappointment of all present Ross upset or rather fell out of his shell. Some were inclined to view the accident as a course chosen rather than suffer defeat honorably. Whatever the cause it administered a decisive blow to the popularity of rowing in New Brunswick. Ross had many friends and the betting gave evidence of the faith in one who never afterwards regained the confidence of his New Brunswick supporters. Wallace Ross has visited Fredericton to watch our local oarsmen rowing in our annual sports day on the river.

Some sports who made the trip were Hugh O'Neill, W. H. Sutherland, Edward McGinn and Hamilton McKee. We are indebted to these gentlemen for help in the preparation of this article.

For a number of years boat racing was a popular sport, not only near the city but would be an attraction at picnics that were well attended.

There were two boat houses, one at West end about where Bert Atherton is located, called the West End Boat House. Two crews were located here, the Lowery Crew and the

Hildenbrand Crew. At the lower end of the city, in another boat house were the boats of the 'Babies' and the adult crew called the 'Allen Vail Crew.' A boat race was always an attraction. Sherman's Wharf and shore would be black with people who came to see rival crews pitch their strength and skill against their opponents.

The Lowery Crew was composed of—Wm. H. Sutherland, bow; Matthew Lowery, forward mid; Jas. Smith, aft mid; William Lowery, stroke.

The Hildenbrand Crew—Harry Rutter, bow; George Hildenbrand, forward mid; Harry Stratton, aft mid; Frank Stratton, stroke.

The Babies—James H. Hawthorne, Charles Hatt, Normand Edgcombe, Albert Edgcombe—position in boat not known.

The Allen Vail Crew—William Wilson, Jack Vail, — Belyea, Ned Allen—position in boat not known.

Another down town crew—Allen, 'Ned,' Stratton, 'Alex,' Bliss, 'Tot,' Robinson 'Crusoe'—position in boat not known.

At the time of an Exhibition one of the attractions was a race between this crew and the Lowery crew for a 'silver plate' estimated to be worth \$40—the Lowery crew outrowed the down town crew, winning a decisive victory. In fact the Lowery crew won more prizes than any other local crew.

At a picnic sponsored by the 'Tanners' of which there were three establishments at that time, the prize offered was a cup valued at \$40. For many years it was an ornament at the home of William Lowery. The race was rowed down river where the picnic was held, the following crews taking part: Segee crew, Estey crew, Ormiston crew, and the Bliss Robinson crew, all of whom were outrowed by the Lowery crew. It might be well to state that men from regular crews could not always attend, so men would be borrowed to fill the boat. It was good clean sport and all were willing to help.

The Lowery crew rowed some outside crews they went to Woodstock, but suffered defeat from a crew known as Dibble-Eltingham crew. The Woodstock men declined to race a return match at Fredericton.

The Lowery crew received outstanding praise for rowing to a dead heat the Neptune crew of St. John, the race was rowed at Westfield. The Neptune was composed of Andrew Pat, Dick Winchester, spare man of the Paris crew), Jack McGilvery and Ned Wood. The race was three miles one and a half miles with the current and 1½ miles against.

The Hildenbrand crew was a popular one, and found many supporters. Its greatest upset was in a race with the Logan crew when they had to accept defeat. To this crew and to the members of the Allen Vail crew much credit was given to promoting boat racing.

A much talked of race at Fredericton was the coming together of the McLean crew from St. John and the Allen Vail crew. Wm. Wilson after-wards Judge Wilson; was rated as the best oarsman of that or any period since. His strength and excellent

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

### In Honor of Dean and Mrs. Moorhead

In honor of Rev. W. H. Moorhead and Mrs. Moorhead, the ladies of the congregation of Christchurch Cathedral are holding a reception this afternoon at Ashburnham Place, the residence of the Rt. Hon. the Countess Ashburnham. The guests will be received by Lady Ashburnham, Mrs. J. H. Richardson and Mrs. Moorhead.

### Golden Wedding

J. M. Scott, Ex-M.P.P., registrar of deeds for York county, and Mrs. Scott will on Monday, June 29th celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

### Mrs. Little Honored

Mrs. Little Honored. In honor of Mrs. G. Everett Little, prior to her departure from the city, Mrs. A. F. Baird and Mrs. L. J. M. Simpson were joint hostesses at a charmingly arranged luncheon today at the home of the former. Covers were laid for sixteen, the floral decorations being yellow and blue forget-me-nots. At the conclusion of the luncheon, Mrs. Little was made the recipient of a beautiful silver com-  
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### Golden Wedding

Mrs. Thos. Butler of Montreal is the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

### The Misses Gilbert of Saint John

The Misses Gilbert of Saint John are visiting their brother, Walter Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert at 224 Brunswick street.

### Imperial Rebekah Lodge No. 102

met last evening with the Noble Grand, Miss Marion Sterling, in the chair. Regular business was conducted and the officers elected for the coming term. The lucky parcel, donated by Mrs. Hartley Hawkins, was won by Mrs. Tully Burt.

### Prize Winners at D-Coy Inn

Mrs. H. M. Armstrong was the winner of the prize at Bridge following a delightful luncheon held yesterday at D-Coy Inn. The tables were artistic with peonies and columbines, covers being laid for ten of whom the guest of honor was Miss Clara Kerr of Campbellton, who is visiting Mrs. Armstrong. The guests included Mrs. McNair, Mrs. Armstrong, Chipman, Mrs. MacDougall, Mrs. H. M. Armstrong, Mrs. A. O. Crockett, Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Crockett, Mrs. G. W. Hodge and Mrs. G. E. Ross.

### Auld Kirk at Harvey

The Auld Kirk Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church of Harvey held their monthly meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Harry K. Swan. There was a good attendance of members present. After the regular devotional and business meeting at which Mrs. Kirkland presided Mrs. S. S. Miller of Fredericton, and vice president of the Saint John Presbyterial for York County read an interesting address on the life and work of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan. The ladies took up the work of clothing and knitting for the annual gift box which they send away every year wherever it is needed to the West or to port work in Halifax. Last year the box was sent to the fire sufferers in Northumberland. A delicious supper was served following the meeting.

staying powers were his great asset. The matching of these two crews quickened the pulse of those anxious to see two strong crews start from the gun. Like many another race it proved to be disappointing, after rowing a mile the St. John boat fouled the Fredericton boat, then about three-quarters length in the lead. The judges decided the race should be rowed over the following forenoon. It is credited to Wilson as saying, "I'll not row, they are poor sports." One boat rowed over the course the following day, their opponents losing by default. The crew composed of Wilson, Allen, Vail and Belyea, was one of the best we ever had.

Devon also had a four oared crew but we have been unable to learn of their racing qualities. It was known as the St. Mary's crew. There were other city crews that could be mentioned, but we have confined this sketch to those whose career made them the most outstanding.  
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Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney-general, has gone away on a fishing trip. He was accompanied by John and Harold and Joseph Richards, sons of Mrs. Lloyd Richards.

Wilfrid Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, has gone to Timmins, Ont., where he expects to locate.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Oils left today on a motoring trip to Boston and Montreal via the White Mountains. They are today receiving the congratulations of friends on this the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. E. G. Ward is spending a couple of weeks at Grand Manan Island and is much improved in health. Mr. Ward spent the week end and the holiday at Grand Manan and returned home last evening.

### Staff Picnic

The members of the staff of Estey and Curtis from Fredericton and Hartland held an enjoyable picnic at Harvey on the King's Birthday. There were five cars from Fredericton and three from Carleton county, the picnic being held at the summer camp of Harry C. Barter. The guests were particularly impressed with the beautiful drive from Canterbury Station to Skiff Lake, there being a chain of Lakes leading to Grand Lake thus creating a most picturesque view. There are a number of summer camps along the way from both Maine and New Brunswick.

### Enjoyable Garden Party

With a profusion of summer floral decorations, the beautiful grounds of the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith was yesterday afternoon the scene of a delightful garden party. With a border of peonies with here and there rows of peonies with here and there lawn chairs and lawn umbrellas, the small tea-tables presented an attractive appearance. Over two hundred guests were present to enjoy the pleasing function which was sponsored by the Golden Rule Circle of the King's Daughters, a good amount being realized for the work of the order. The members of the Circle assisted in serving and other phases of the work at the tea.

Mrs. Omer Pence of Spokane, Washington, has arrived in the city and is the guest of her sister Mrs. Neva Buckley Inch and Mr. Inch.

### Boone—Seymour

An interesting event took place yesterday at South Devon when Miss Helena Irene Seymour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Seymour, of Kingsley, was united in marriage to Rupert Charles Boone of Geary. The ceremony was performed at three o'clock at the parsonage by Rev. W. A. Burge. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Richardson, the immediate relatives and friends of the couple being present.

The bride wore a pretty costume of Lorraine blue crepe with white hat shoes and gloves. The bridesmaid wore a pink crepe ensemble with white accessories.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride at Geary. Mrs. Gordon Richardson presided over the tea-cups. Among the guests being Rev. and Mrs. Burge. Mr. and Mrs. Boone later left on a motoring trip through Maine and New Brunswick and on their return will reside at Geary.

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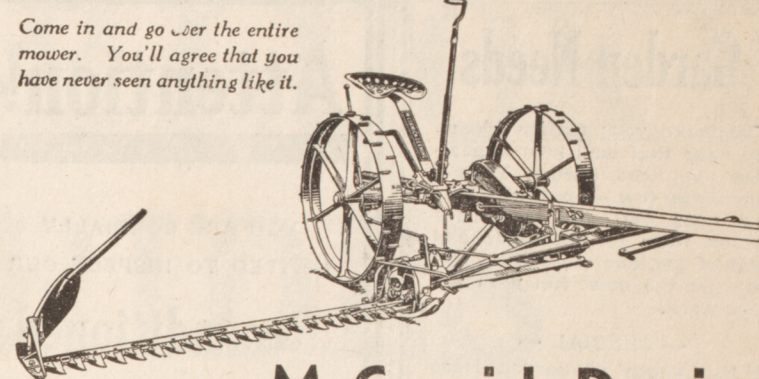
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