

TRAGIC DEATH.

Of Gerald Woodward,
[an] English Farm
Pupil.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING
IN ST. JOHN RIVER.

Went to the Bottom While
in an Epileptic Fit.

BELONGED TO A WELL CONNECTED
FAMILY IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

A very sad drowning accident occurred in the river near the mouth of the Nashwaaksis last evening, the victim being Gerald H. Woodward, a young Englishman in the employ of Mr. A. Bowder, who resides on the Peabody farm. He was in bathing with two boys named William Bowder and Thomas Drillingham, and is supposed to have lost his life while in an epileptic fit.

Woodward had the reputation of being an excellent swimmer and shortly after entering the water he swam to the boom pier, several hundred yards from the shore, and climbed up upon it. His companions remained near the shore, and Woodward called out to them that he was about to take a dive. On examining the water, however, he pronounced it too shallow, and shortly afterwards he was seen to descend from the pier and sit down upon a log which was caught alongside of it. The boys were not watching his movements very closely, but chancing to glance towards the pier a moment or two afterwards were somewhat surprised to notice that the young man had disappeared. They watched for him to come to the surface, but he failed to do so, and procuring a boat they rowed out to the pier to investigate. On arriving there they were horrified to discover his body lying upon the bottom in about four feet of water. It was at once brought to the surface and taken to the shore, and although not more than fifteen minutes had elapsed from the time of the young man's disappearance, all efforts at resuscitation proved fruitless.

In a short time Dr. B. M. Mullin, coroner, arrived on the scene and made an examination of the body. He made careful enquiry into all the circumstances in connection with the young man's death and agreed with the theory that his falling into the water must have been due to an epileptic fit. He decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The victim of the sad affair, was twenty-one years of age and had only been in this country three months. He was a son of Col. Woodward, an officer in the Imperial Army, and was born in India while his father was stationed there with his regiment. His mother resides in Manchester, England, but is at present travelling abroad, and a cablegram has been forwarded to her bankers, requesting them to notify her of her son's tragic death. A brother of the deceased belongs to the royal navy.

The young man had not enjoyed good health for several years, being subject to epileptic fits, and came to this country three months ago to learn farming, and also with the hope that the change of climate would prove beneficial to his health. He had been residing with Mr. Bowder for about a month. He was a young man of fine physique, and possessed of a most agreeable disposition, which won for him the esteem of all his acquaintances. His death, under such tragic circumstances, has cast a gloom over the community. None feel it more keenly than Mr. Bowder, who took a deep interest in his welfare.

Undertaker John G. Adams has been engaged by Mr. Bowder to look after the funeral arrangements. The remains have been incased in a solid oak casket and will be interred in the Douglas burying ground tomorrow afternoon. Services will be held in the Episcopal church by Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie, at 2.45 p. m.

FATHER RYAN'S PICNIC.

The Affair a Great Success—The Attractive Features.

The picnic held at St. Mary's yesterday in aid of the building fund of St. Anthony Catholic church was a grand success in every particular. In fact it was the best picnic held by the Catholic congregation in the history of the parish.

The day was all that could be desired. Shortly after noon the crowds began to arrive from the surrounding districts until it surpassed any picnic crowd remembered at St. Mary's.

The Fredericton Brass Band arrived

about two o'clock and brought the first of the Fredericton contingents, and during the afternoon and evening a large number of people were present from this city.

Supper was served in the hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Warren Capins, Miss S. R. McGrath, Miss Bolan and Mrs. John Duffy had charge of this and were assisted by a host of competent and obliging ladies, who were kept busy attending to the wants of the inner man. Many complimentary remarks were passed on the supper tables as well as on the ladies who presided over them. Mrs. Frank Hayes, Mrs. Gallepie, Mrs. M. Ryan and Mrs. Morris looked after the kitchen in a very creditable manner.

The different games and tables were all successfully patronized during the afternoon and evening. They were attended by the following energetic ladies and gentlemen.

Refreshment table—Messrs. J. P. Hayes, J. Val Megae and Thos. Dennison.

Chance table—Misses Hughes and Kate Hanebury.

Ice cream table—Mrs. S. Staples and Miss Maria Rush.

Fancy table—Misses M. Hayes, Hughes and Rowan.

Large bagatelle—Misses Gertrude Melore and Gilbert.

Small bagatelle—Miss Katie Hanebury.

Wheel of fortune—Mr. S. Staples.

Bowling alley—Mr. Michael Bolan.

Air Gun—Mr. Wm. McNulty and Mr. Basterache.

Bean Toss—Jer. McNulty.

Ring Toss—Edward Barry and Jno. Barry, Jr.

The grounds were nicely shaded and the different booths and tables decorated nicely. The electric light was also furnished by a dynamo on the grounds.

A dance platform was erected on the grounds and was one of the popular features during the evening. Ald. Stockford acted as floor manager.

Take the picnic all together it could hardly be surpassed. The popular pastor of St. Mary's, Rev. Father Ryan, and his energetic congregation make this picnic an annual affair and this year's outing showed that they had profited by experience.

The teachers and students of the St. Anthony Sunday School will hold their annual picnic this afternoon on the grounds where the other picnic was held yesterday. Children free. Admission, adults, 25 cents. An orchestra will be in attendance.

Messrs. James Farrell and James Shorell sold tickets at the gate and Messrs. Peter Hughes, Sr., and Williams for the supper tables.

Rev. Father Ryan and his congregation desire to express their thanks to Mr. F. S. Williams of Marysville, for the use of the electric plant and to the Messrs. McGinn of this city, for setting it up, also to Mr. Harvey Cook, who acted as engineer.

The following firms who donated prizes are also entitled to the thanks of the congregation: Kitchen & Co., R. Chestnut & Sons, James Hodge, McMurray & Co., Farrell Bros., Arthur Ryan, James S. Neill and Peter Farrell.

The following is a list of the prize winners with the exception of two events which will be announced tomorrow.

Large Bagatelle—1st, Miss Seery, suit case; 2nd, W. E. Seery, bottle of perfume.

Parlor Bagatelle—1st, Arthur Hanlon, parlor lamp; 2nd, Harry Crotty, gold studs.

Air Gun—1st, Thos. Denmore, half doz. silver forks; 2nd, John Chase, banquette.

Ring Toss—1st, D. E. Hanlon, silver scissors; 2nd, J. Duff King, hand painted head rest.

The receipts from the picnic held by the congregation of St. Anthony's church yesterday afternoon and evening, amounted to the handsome sum of \$500, showing that the affair was a success financially as well as otherwise.

LATEST C. P. R. ENTERPRISE.

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Telegrams are accepted at any of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's telegraph offices in Canada and sent to the steamships named below:

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U. N. B. GRADUATE.

Appointed to Chair in Manitoba University at \$2,500 a Year.

Chancellor Harrison, of the University of New Brunswick, has received a letter from Mr. Frank Allen, at present at Cornell University, saying: "I have just received a telegram from Winnipeg informing me that I am appointed to the chair of Physics in the University of Manitoba, at a salary of \$2,500 per annum."

Mr. Allen is a son of Rev. J. S. Allen of Alma, Albert Co. He graduated with honors from the U. N. B. in 1895, capturing the Alumni medal in that year, and received the M. A. degree in 1897. In 1900 he was appointed to a fellowship at Cornell University, and is now senior instructor in physics at that University.

Death at French Village.

The death occurred at French Village, this morning, of Ida May, wife of Frank Goodine, a popular and respected resident of that place. Deceased was 26 years of age, and was a daughter of E. Gallagher of French Village. Death came to end a long period of suffering from consumption. Deceased lady was highly esteemed. She leaves a sorrowing husband and two children.

Going to New Glasgow.

Miss Fanny Richards, who has been head milliner for R. N. Wyse for some time, left here by steamer for Campbellton yesterday, where she will spend a month. Miss Richards will then go to New Glasgow, where she has accepted a position. During her stay in Newcastle Miss Richards made many friends and her departure will be greatly regretted.—Newcastle Advocate.

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