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THE TRURO PICNIC.

Reports differ as to the attendance at the Tory picnic at Truro on Saturday—one says 2,000 people were in attendance, and another asserts that 6,000 were present. The truth probably lies midway between these figures.

No doubt the attendance was a good feature of the show, as Truro is the centre of a large population, is easily accessible, and great efforts were made to exploit the picnic.

But there was one great disappointment for the people—the absence of Mr. Foster, who was put forward as the piece de resistance—the leading orator of the occasion. Mr. Foster disappointed his friends at Sydney Mines by not putting in an appearance, pleading ill health, but he assured the Truro people that he would certainly be on hand for the picnic there. Instead, it was announced that he was ill, and had left for his home in Toronto to consult physicians as to his health.

We trust nothing is seriously the matter with Mr. Foster, physically. The Tory party is short enough in leaders and cannot well afford to lose his services, however well the country may be able to get along without him in office. In parliament Mr. Foster is the Tories' mainstay, although they did not think enough of him to make him leader, and on the stump too, he is a valuable man. Mr. Borden and Mr. Ritchie who has the honor of a couple of defeats at the hands of Mr. Fielding, and who is following that gentleman with great vindictiveness were the chief speakers at Truro, and Mr. Ritchie is said to have made a very bitter attack on the finance minister, a very brave proceeding in the absence of that gentleman.

Mr. Fielding just now is being honored by an almost ceaseless flow of abuse from Tory orators and the Tory press, but it will take oceans of oratory and acres of Tory editorials to prejudice him in the eyes of the country, especially in Nova Scotia, where his great ability and clean reputation make him the most popular politician since the palmy days of Joe Howe.

The Truro picnic was designed to give the Tory party a send-off for the anticipated bye election in Colchester, which is expected soon to be vacated by the appointment of Mr. Lawrence, M. P. to the supreme court bench and incidentally to rehabilitate the Tory party generally in central Nova Scotia, where its fortunes have fallen to a low ebb.

FORGETS THE RECORD.

Mr. Borden has evidently dropped all pretensions to formulating a policy for his party, and has joined the noble army of muckrakers of which Mr. Foster is the distinguished chief. At Sydney Mines and Truro, the Tory leader descended to the discussions of alleged scandals which were investigated and disproved at the last session of parliament, and the discomfort of him was the discomfort of his party.

Mr. Borden should hesitate before attacking the Liberals for corruption. Has he forgotten the record of the Tory party for Sir John Macdonald's bartering of great railway charter for election contributions down to the nest of traitors episode, immediately preceding the Tory rout in 1896?

Does he fail to recall that the Tory party kept in office for years by the most unblushing corruption in the annals of any constitutionally governed country, that the scandals of 1891, which sent a Tory cabinet minister about his business, and a Tory M. P. to fail made Canada's name a reproach all over the civilized world, and that the Tory party were kept in power for years by the shameless gerrymander and the services of partizan revising officers? When Mr. Borden gets on his feet and talks about scandals he should be reminded of his own party's history.

The record of the Liberal party is clean, healthy and creditable compared with that of its opponents, and Mr. Borden should read the political history of Canada for the past thirty five years, before launching his campaign scandal against the Liberals.

Carrie Nation has been put in jail again. Wrong Institution.

HIS POLITICS PAY.

Mr. Bryan is not without strong opposition in the Democratic ranks, and one of his vigorous enemies is Mr. Roger Sullivan of Illinois, prominent politician and a member of the National Democratic committee.

Mr. Sullivan, in a letter in answer to an attack made upon him by Mr. Bryan, accuses the latter of making politics secondary to filling his own pocket with American coin.

A short quotation from Mr. Sullivan's letter is as follows: "Mr. Bryan is now a man of property. As fortunes go, he is a rich man. He has made every dollar of his fortune out of politics as a stepping stone to the lecture platform. Mr. Bryan discovered many years ago that he could make his political prominence pay. He is a shrewd advertiser, and in his way a clever business man. He has discovered that so long as he is a candidate for President, and a possible nominee, gifted with the ability to weave flowing sentences into well rounded periods, the public will come to hear him at so much a head."

"He is in politics because it helps the gate receipts. Like the actresses who have discarded the stolen diamond dodge for the greater publicity of a divorce suit. Mr. Bryan will quit running for President and will quit politics just as soon as he discovers that some other form of advertising will bring more dollars to the box office when he is announced to appear on the stage."

CURRENT COMMENT

Dr. Torrens' large circle of friends will sincerely regret to learn of the quite serious accident that overtook him at his home on Sunday, and will hope for his speedy recovery.

It is said a Fairmount, Ind., minister has resigned because his congregation criticised his wife's clothes. That parson has been splendidly trained by domestic circumstances.

The Independence League, worked up by Mr. W. R. Hearst, meets at New York tomorrow, and its promoter expects to receive the nomination for governor of the Empire State.

This was the day of the State elections in Maine, and while it is thought probable that the Republicans as usual will carry the State, the Democrats express strong hope of electing their candidate for governor—Mr. Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville against Governor Cobb, seeking re-election.

The Editor of the Carleton Sentinel is the happy father of a little girl—the first arrival in his family, and he is evidently so elated over the event that the last issue of his paper does not contain the usual amount of slashing editorial matter for which he is becoming noted. Mr. Thorne's numerous friends will unite with the Herald in congratulations on the important domestic event.

"Looking over the whole country, I have come to the conclusion," says Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, "that the greatest factor in our progress has been the newspaper press. Russia is much bigger than this country in every way. She has a tremendous population and immense natural resources. Yet she is fifty times slower. Why? Because she lacks the power of a free press. She cannot unite or harmonize her forces. But when we want to do anything in America the newspapers take it up. Everybody reads the newspapers, everybody knows the situation, and we all act together. That is another way in which our energies are being centralized and systematized."

WAS TORN BY CAGED LION.

Trainer Richard Bass Narrowly Escapes Death.

Wattertown, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Captain Richard Bass, a lion trainer, had a narrow escape from being torn to pieces at the Jefferson County Fair grounds late this afternoon. Bass was in a cage making three lions perform in the presence of a crowd of several hundred persons, when one of the beasts leaped upon him from behind and buried its teeth in his back. The trainer managed to keep his feet and beat the animal off, escaping with a painful laceration and a few scratches. He was taken to a hospital.

Miss Mary M. Lincoln, who was born on Aug. 3, 1806, the oldest person in town, died Saturday afternoon at Leominster, Mass. She died in the same room where she was born, and where her parents were married, and she has always lived in the same house on Union street. The original part of the house was built over 150 years ago, and the present main part of the house was built by her father in 1797.

The Toronto fair people claim a surplus of \$40,000 this year.

BITS OF NEWS.

Another hot wave struck Winnipeg Thursday sending the thermometer up to 91. The indications are that the heat will continue for several days.

M. Waddington, former premier of France, minister of foreign affairs in the several governments and at one time French ambassador to Great Britain, is at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec.

A serious accident occurred at the Digby Baptist Sunday school picnic, held at Wade Saturday. While a number of boys were racing Roy, the twelve year old son of Captain C.F. Lewis, ran into a tree and broke his left arm just above the wrist.

Arthur R. Keele, receiving teller for the Security Trust Company, Troy N. Y., committed suicide at his home Sunday night. Keele was short in his accounts at the banking house and it is believed that the fear of arrest and the disgrace prompted him to kill himself.

A public meeting in honor of Rev. S. P. Teed will be held in the Wesley Memorial Church, Moncton this evening. Mr. Teed has completed fifty years of ministerial work and the address from the N. B. and P. E. I. conference will be presented at this meeting and addresses will be delivered by the president of the Conference and other visiting clergymen.

William J. Raymond, who for six years has been a reporter on the St. John Telegraph, left Saturday for Montreal to join the writing staff of the Herald of that city. Mr. Raymond fought during the Boer war as a member of the first Canadian contingent, and was in the firing line at Paardeberg, besides taking part in other battles.

Secretary Wilson of the Washington government may eventually prohibit the use of salt-peter as a preservative of meat. Dr. Wiley, the department chemist, is coming to believe that it is deleterious to health. To settle this, on Oct. 15 he will put a "poison squad" of young clerks to eating a diet of products preserved by salt-peter.

The Conservative picnic held at Truro Saturday was attended by about 3,000 people. Speeches were delivered by R. L. Borden, C. E. Gregory, J. J. Ritchie, J. M. Bailey and C. E. Tanner, M. P. P's. The tug-of-war contest between the Tories and Liberals was won by the latter. The feature of the picnic was the bitter attack by J. J. Ritchie on Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Thomas Smith, a Chatham barber was arrested Thursday charged with keeping a gambling house. The police made a raid and secured enough evidence to convict him. In the police court Smith pleaded guilty and was remanded until Monday for sentence. His place has been known for some time as a gambling den and was patronized by young men belonging to leading families. A large quantity of liquor was found in his room.

Miss Charlotte Dean, an actress who appeared here two years ago as the leading lady in the W. S. Harkins company, met with a tragic death at Williamsport (Pa.), Aug. 29. She attempted to get into the elevator to go to her room in the Park Hotel before it had stopped, and was caught between the elevator and the side of the shaft, being carried to the next floor, from where she dropped to the basement. She was dead before assistance could reach her.

BIG BALL LEAGUES.

Games Played Since Friday—Standing of the Clubs.

National League.	
At St. Louis—First game, St. Louis, 0; Cincinnati, 4. Second game, Saint Louis, 1; Cincinnati, 2.	
At Chicago—Chicago, 7; Pittsburgh, 2.	
At New York—New York, 0; Brooklyn, 6 (first game.)	
At Brooklyn—New York, 0; Brooklyn, 1 (second game.)	
At St. Louis—St. Louis-Cincinnati game postponed; rain.	
At Philadelphia—Boston, 4; Philadelphia, 0.	
At Chicago—Pittsburg, 0; Chicago, 0.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.	
Chicago Won.Lost.P.C.	
New York 39 32 .756	
Pittsburg 32 45 .647	
Philadelphia 28 47 .636	
Cincinnati 28 45 .636	
Brooklyn 21 51 .690	
St. Louis 18 48 .848	
Boston 12 42 .833	

American League.	
At St. Louis—First game, St. Louis, 0; Cleveland, 3. Second game, St. Louis, 1; Cleveland, 1.	
At Chicago—Chicago, 4; Detroit, 0.	
At Boston—Boston, 2; Washington, 5.	
At Cleveland—Cleveland, 4; St. Louis, 0.	
At New York—New York, 1; Philadelphia, 1.	
At Detroit—Chicago, 4; Detroit, 3.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.	
Chicago Won.Lost.P.C.	
New York 77 48 .616	
Chicago 76 49 .607	
Cleveland 69 54 .561	
Philadelphia 68 56 .548	
St. Louis 64 67 .508	
Detroit 57 66 .464	
Washington 49 77 .388	
Boston 40 88 .312	

EASTERN LEAGUE.	
Saturday Games.	
At Buffalo—First game, Buffalo, 3; Toronto, 1. Second game, Buffalo, 1; Toronto, 4.	

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At Rochester—First game, Rochester, 3; Montreal, 2. Second game, Rochester, 0; Montreal, 1.
At Jersey City—First game, Newark, 1; Jersey City, 4. Second game, Newark, 3; Jersey City, 1.
At Providence—Baltimore, 3; Providence, 0.

Sunday Games.
At Providence—Baltimore, 14; Providence, 11.
At Newark—First game, Jersey City, 3; Newark, 0. Second game, Jersey City, 1; Newark, 0.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING.	
Buffalo	Won.Lost.P.C.
Jersey City	72 52 .588
Baltimore	71 52 .577
Rochester	67 59 .531
Newark	67 66 .503
Providence	57 67 .459
Montreal	53 73 .420
Toronto	43 80 .348

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