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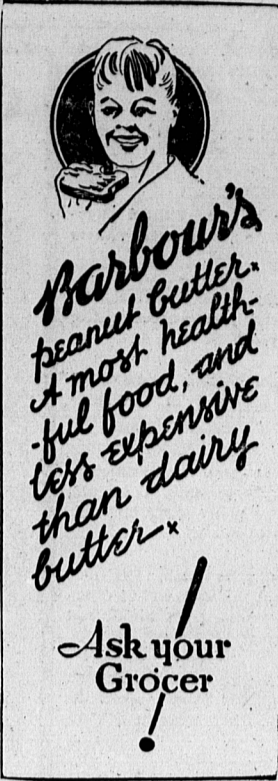
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Our First Dominion Day

The following article of our First Dominion Day contributed by Mr. E. Humphrey, Box 49, Breadalbane, R. R. 4, tells of a time when crinolines and hoops were worn by the ladies, the large skirts drawn over them, giving the appearance of a field of walking hay coils only of many different colors. Many of the ladies also wore large sun bonnets and if not in a favorable position, it was hard to say which was Miss or Mrs. So and So. Quite a few of the gentlemen wore high silk hats, ruffled shirt-fronts that tried the skill of the laundry maid, paper collars and shoo-fly ties, fancy front vests and long calf-skin boots with turned down tops.

In the early summer of 1867 A.D. our teacher at school, Section No. 9, Beverly Township, Wentworth County, Upper Canada, told us that we were to have a new holiday. Up to that time there had been "Upper Canada" and "Lower Canada." Mr. Phillip Green, our teacher, was a very patriotic man and decided that the day should be kept in some special manner, so he planned a monster picnic. For weeks before July 1st, he had the school children practising songs, readings and dialogues. He composed a poem entitled "Our New Dominion Day," and set it to music for us to sing. He arranged with Mr. Cochrane, the teacher at Sheffield, to join our school in the picnic.

The first day of July was a beautiful day, and the weather was all that could be desired. The children were to meet at the school house at 10:00 A.M. and march in couples to the woods where the picnic was to be held. The Sheffield School marched down and met our School, and they were headed by the "St.



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George Brass Band." They turned about and all marched back to the grove, then they broke ranks and ran hither and thither.

The children were very warm because they had walked a mile or more in the hot sun. Swings had been put up in the large trees, and these were soon filled and in motion. The whole woods belonged to a Mr. Cornell. Men had been at work the day before and a large platform had been erected for the programme, and planks had been placed on logs for seats. Back of the seats two long tables had been built with seats on either side. The whole country-side came, every family bringing a good supply of picnic lunch. It was not just a lunch. It was a dinner—a banquet. Large clothesbaskets filled with dishes and all kinds of good things to eat—whole boiled hams, legs of mutton, roast chickens, etc. were carried to the tables. The tablecloths were spread, and the tables loaded with sandwiches, pies, cakes, tarts, pickles, cheese, jam and jelly. People came in farm wagons, democrats, buggies, on horseback, and on foot. The woods were filled with teams tied to trees, and the road was lined on either side with horses tied to the fences. There were no fast rushing automobiles at that time. Bicycles were not even heard of then.



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When dinner was ready the school children were called together and seated at the tables and served first, Mr. Green was master of ceremonies, and, with uncovered head, announced that "Grace" would be sung, which he started in a rich tenor voice, and the woods rang as all joined in singing "Be present at our table Lord." Then the hungry boys and girls fell to and did justice to the stacks of good things. Mrs. Willard's iced story cake was the admiration of all, it being something new. It was three stories high and iced with white sugar and white of egg, she informed the other women who enquired anxiously how

she had done it. Confectioners' sugars had not been heard of at that time. After the children had fully satisfied their appetites, the tables were cleared and reset, and filled with adults. When all had been amply served, the "Brass Band" mounted the platform and began to play, which brought the people together and the seats were soon filled, and a fine programme was given, interspersed with occasional selections from the band.

The trustees and Mr. Cochrane of Sheffield, made speeches, Mr. Green was chairman, and he finally finished up the programme with a very appropriate account of Confederation. He told of how Upper and Lower Canada and the Eastern Provinces were joining together, and were forming one confederation called "The Dominion of Canada," and July 1st was set as a public holiday in each year to commemorate the event. Then after the band had played "God Save the Queen," Mr. Green stepped to the front of the platform and announced "Three cheers for the Queen." "Hip, Hip, Hurrah," and the woods rang out once more in three rousing cheers. It was getting late, the afternoon was about gone, and everyone had enjoyed the day. The sun was dropping low in the west, and we went to our wagons and soon were on our way to our homes where the milking and evening chores were awaiting us. Thus ended our "First Dominion Day."

MURRAY HARBOR NORTH

Mr. John S. Condon closed his Lobster factory for the season on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., as there was not enough raw material to pay expenses and little hope of improvement this season. A number of other factories will probably close up this week.

Services celebrating the 125th anniversary of the first Presbyterian service in this locality will be held in the Presbyterian Church here on Sabbath the 5th day of July, that being the date on which the late Rev. James MacGregor, D.D., preached in the homes of the late William Graham and Jas. Irving. Many changes have been made in this period but we are assured that the blue banner will continue to float in the breeze for a while longer. At the Communion Service on Sabbath June 21st, Mrs. Stewart who has passed her 88th birthday last November was present and had a full share of the occasion as she walked from her home to the Church and could hear every part of the service. Rev. Alex. R. Gibson of St. Andrew's Church, Montague, will conduct service in the morning at 10:30 and the pastor Rev. P. Watson Currie will preach in the evening at 7:30. All former members and adherents are cordially invited.

Farmers are drawing help from the shore and lobster shells from the factories to help build up the fertility of their farms here.

Our public school closed for the term on Tuesday the 30th inst. and resume about the middle of August. May all have a pleasant vacation.

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Mrs. Herbert Llewellyn was on the sick list on Monday of this week and unable to attend to her duties at Johnston's factory.

The wild strawberries are ripening and a large crop seems assured as the vines seem to be everywhere but picking is a little tedious.

MISS A. G. McLEOD

There was a large attendance of friends at the funeral of Miss Ann Gertrude McLeod, only daughter of Dr. R. A. McLeod, 2205 Fulton avenue, Burnaby, B. C. and the late Mrs. Bethia Jenkins McLeod, and granddaughter of Benjamin Jenkins, Mt. Albion, who passed away on May 25th.

The service was held on Thursday afternoon at the residence, with Dr. W. S. Reid, of Queen's

Avenue United Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. McGougan of Vancouver and Rev. J. E. Tyner of Edmonds. Interment was in the Ocean View Burial Park.

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