

(Reprinted from The Deseronto Post of June 20, 1929)

# THOUSANDS GATHER FOR U. E. LOYALIST CELEBRATION

It is all over!

The tumult and the shouting has died. The folks to their homes have departed. Deseronto's four day U.E.L. celebration has passed into memory as one of the most astoundingly successful events ever staged by such a small community in Eastern Ontario.

That bogey—that fearsome individual, the weatherman—who holds all things, be they of mice or men in the hollow of his hand, was lenient, kind, generous. He brushed the clouds from the sky, burnished the sun, polished up the moon and told the winds to behave. The weather was ideal. The only break came at noon on Wednesday when a thunder-shower laid the dust.

The hot sun burned down on sweltering thousands who parted with hundreds of dollars for soothing refreshments so that they might continue to carry on. Few indulged in the more contentious beverages, and cooled their heels in the town cooler.

Today the Town is coming back to Normalcy. Gone are the khaki-clad figures of the visiting soldiery. The bugle calls—Reveille, Dress for Parade, Come to the Cook-House Door, Fall In, Lights Out—familiar calls to Britishers whether they be sounded in Singapore, Cape Town or Deseronto—are heard no more. Bands have departed. Boy Scouts have disbanded. The voice of the hawker and the spieler, the flare and noise of the fireworks, the raucous notes of the merry-go-round "Come Out and Get Under the Moon"—all these things are a memory. They were part and parcel of those stirring events of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—ages ago.

The excitement is all over. Weary legs and blistered feet attest to efforts to keep in step to the music of the band, the orchestra or the hurdy-gurdy.

The folks have gone back to their homes. They had caught red rings on the merry-go-round, they had gone into the clouds on the flying machines, they had shot the chutes, and tried their hand at Bingo, they had eaten

hot dogs until their hunger had been appeased.

In the words of our chief editorial writer—"A great time was had by all."

Town police, valuably assisted by that crack force the Provincials, kept everything well in hand. There were numerous automobile collisions, but no accident of serious consequence marred the festivities, no death cast a shadow over the spirit of celebration.

The celebration is over. The decorations, lavish and gorgeous, will go back into the packing cases; the pageant paraphernalia has been shipped away. The planes are gone.

## SATURDAY

The celebration had its start here with the arrival on Saturday afternoon of the Argyll and Princess of Wales Own Battalions with bands and in the evening there were memories of less happy days when Deseronto and district boys rolled off to war with a smile on their faces and many of them didn't return.

## SUNDAY

Sunday, the 145th anniversary of the landing of Major Vanalstine and his band of United Empire Loyalists at Adolphustown, was observed by a military and Boy Scout parade with battalion bands. The boys broke up into detachments and attended the various town churches where services of a special nature were conducted. In the afternoon thousands gathered around the little park in the centre of the town and took part in the open air service. The principal speakers were the Right Rev. Dr. Seager, Bishop of Ontario; and Senator Thos. C. Brown of Schenectady, N.Y. The Cobourg Kiltie Band played the music for the massed choirs and the lovely old familiar hymns were sung. B Company, Frontenac-Lennox and Addington Battalion, under the command of Major Harry Babcock of Napanee, furnished the firing party for the service at the soldiers' memorial where Senator Brown placed a wreath and a bugler sounded "Last Post."

In the evening the various bands

gave concerts and many attended the church services.

## MONDAY

By Monday morning Joyland Shows had arrived and the work of getting ready to amuse the expected crowds had begun.

At 9.30 led by Mrs. H. D. Gordon and Herbert Aylsworth on horseback, one of the finest parades seen hereabouts in many years was witnessed. The visiting battalions, Boy Scouts, Cobourg Kilties and the military bands were only part of the procession which comprised floats, decorated cars and novelties. For best float, the prize was awarded to Mrs. Eva Watson and Karakwina (Mrs. Johnson).

The afternoon had Ferguson written all over it. The Prime Minister of Ontario and J. A. C. Cameron, president of the U. E. L. Association of Canada, arrived at 2.30 and were met by an escort of Boy Scouts, school children and taken to the reviewing stand on Main Street where the children were marched past several times for the purpose of determining who should be awarded the prizes for general appearance and deportment. The Milltown school, Miss Cook, teacher, won first place; Central School, Tyendinaga, Miss Lena Bell, teacher, second place and the third prize went to the primary class, Deseronto public school, Miss V. Smith, teacher. The awards were made by Premier Ferguson at the same time that he presented the aquatic trophies later on in the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the march past the speakers and populace went down to the pageant amphitheatre premises where the proceedings were continued. Premier Ferguson, J. F. Hill, M.P. W. E. Tummon, M.P., received plaudits of the huge crowd in a that was almost unbearable.

The Premier in his illu address dealt with the history of U. E. Loyalists. The name U. E. Loyalist was first official in the year 1783, when an act was passed citing that only those who were forced from their homes and republic were entitled to the name. Their loyalty to the British Crown was abundantly proven when



# THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST CELEBRATION

up all they possessed rather than turn away from the old home land. In fact, they had done a wonderful thing toward the uniting of the empire as a whole and were well worthy of the respect their descendants and the people at large were bestowing upon their memories. Scores of Dutch settlers came over at the same time as the British migrators and these also became staunch supporters of the British Empire. While the greatest migration was to the Bay of Quinte district, others went to what are now the Eastern Provinces, and still others crossed the Niagara River and made their homes in what is now the fruit district of Ontario. No wonder the U. E. Loyalists are looked up to as descendants of a brave and hardy stock, who are loyal to their country and their flag.

Referring to the hundreds of school children who had turned out, Mr. Ferguson spoke for a few minutes on the extension of higher education in the smaller centres. He said that it may be possible in the early future for a boy or girl to get two years more of education without having to go to college to finish, and also that he hoped that the time would come when even that extension might be made greater. The control of the schools was in the hands of the people themselves and the Government would not interfere with that control, but would try and aid in the raising of the standard of education in Ontario until it was second to none.

He also spoke of the need of reforestation in the province, and also told of the efficient work of the air patrol in detecting and smothering fires in the northern bush-lands. He pointed out the economical value of both these services.

Mr. Ferguson's address was listened to with the closest attention by the large audience present who expressed their opinion by vigorous applause at intervals.

Short addresses were also given by J. A. C. Cameron, K.C., of Toronto and Mr. J. F. Hill, M.P.P.

## The Swimming Races

The swimmers entered the water at 11.45 on Monday morning amid the plaudits of the large crowd which had crammed the big dock and other advantageous spots along the waterfront. The following are the results: Men's, open, 3 miles—1, Murray Griffin, Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto, 1 hr and 20 minutes; 2, Alf. Scully,

Toronto, 1. 20 1-2; 3, George A. Scott, Westport, 1.49; W. J. Hedges, Belleville; R. G. Potts, Marmora; H. G. Murray, Barriefield.

Junior, boys 18 years or under, 2 miles—1, J. Miles, Belleville, 59 minutes; W. J. Christmas, Belleville, 1.01; Jesse Baker, Trenton, 1.03 1-2; Max Newton, Toronto; Jack Field, Belleville; James Dolan, Trenton; Murray Griffen, Trenton.

Ladies race, 1 1-2 mile—Mary Casson, Granites Club, Toronto, 46 minutes; 2, Sheila Griffin, Granites Club, Toronto, 49 minutes; 3, Molly Cassidy, Kingston, 1.03 1-2; Dorothy Gilmour, Toronto.

In the evening Premier Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson were guests at a dinner by the executive and afterwards attended the pageant.

During the day the Cobourg Kilties enlivened the proceedings while two planes from Camp Borden manoeuvred over the town. Leavens brothers of Belleville and Aircraft Limited of Toronto arrived with planes and began taking people up.

It was a big day for everybody and it was after midnight when the revelry ceased.

## TUESDAY

On Tuesday morning a contest for best decorated bicycle among the school children was the attraction. The first prize was won by Jean Whittton with Billy Argue second and Marty Harding, third.

During the forenoon there were addresses by W. C. Mikel, K.C., Belleville, and others on matters in connection with the U.E.L. Association of which they were officers.

The afternoon was given over to the Masons who convened in the rooms of Craig Lodge, No. 401, at 2 p.m., with M. W. Bro. Col. W. N. Ponton of Belleville acting as Grand Master. After the lodge was formed and marched to the music of the Kiltie Band through the principal streets to the park where the impressive service of laying the corner-stone of the cairn in memory of the U. E. Loyalists took place under Grand Lodge auspices. In the course of his opening remarks M. W. Bro. Ponton referred to the great service done to posterity by the erection of such a memorial, and said that great credit was due to Bro. W. H. Harvey of Deseronto for his thoughtful act in donating a cairn for such a purpose. The speaker recalled that the 18th of June was a memorable day in British history in-

asmuch as that was the date of the Battle of Waterloo when the Duke of Wellington overthrew the armies of the dictator Napoleon. He also gave a brief history of the deeds of those loyal people, the United Empire Loyalists, who suffered privation and hardship while hewing out new homes in the Canadian forests rather than prove untrue to the British flag and crown. Brighter days, however, were enjoyed now when the peoples both of Canada and the United States were more in accord than had been the case in other days. He dealt at some length with the benefits and beauty of loyalty and enjoined on all to be true to the country of their birth.

Dr. Seager, Bishop of Ontario, spoke on the unity of Masonry. He told of the early life in Canada and the wonderful progress made in all lines. He was listened to with close attention by the large audience.

Rev. R. J. Craig told of the great pleasure it was for him to be present and take part in the ceremony where he had spent so many years. He called to mind many of the legends of the early settlers.

Rev. Dr. Young, recently come from Australia, said that there was in every human breast a lingering fondness for the land of his birth, and though he had left Canada at an early age, there was always the hope that some day he would be in a position to return, and when the opportunity came he gladly returned. The history of the U. E. Loyalists had always been interesting. He said that the erection of a memorial to them was a work of love and gratitude that could not be over-estimated.

W. R. Aylsworth was the last speaker, and his reminiscences held the attention of all present. He recalled the days when all the land hereabout was covered with giant trees, where now fertile fields furnish sustenance to the people. His family were among the first settlers here, and he could speak at first hand of the work they had to do in creating a commonwealth out of a wilderness.

The ceremony of laying the stone is emblematic. The pouring of the corn, wine and oil on the finished job represents prosperity, peace and plenty united by brotherly love in the highest degree.

Solos by W. R. Riggs and Mr. Elliott of Belleville were given during the afternoon.

Some one hundred and fifty of the



brethren were in the parade but many more joined them in the park for the service.

During the day the Kilties band played at intervals, softball games were played and R.C.A.F. fliers continued to thrill the visiting thousands by their skill in the air.

The visiting battalions had paraded home during the night.

### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was Mohawk Day and all the programme took place on the reserve. Beginning with the re-enacting of the original landing of Captain John Deserontyou in May, 1784, on the original landing grounds, the festivities continued with the unveiling of a cairn in Mohawk cemetery by little Miss Helen Scero and Master Arthur John, lineal descendants of the old Mohawk chief.

Speeches were delivered by Duncan Campbell Scott, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs, and Brig. General Cruikshanks.

In the afternoon a lacrosse match was played between the Mohawk Stars of Brantford and the St. Regis Cornwall team. The Mohawk Stars had youth on their side, more substitutes, and a better combination and beat the easterners by a score of 11 to 3.

"Big John" White, known wherever lacrosse is played, managed and was at point for the St. Regis team, and for a man of his age put up a wonderful exhibition. A fist fight, involving several on both sides, broke out in the dying minutes of the game but no one was seriously injured. The game was fast, despite the poor field, penalties were few and casualties fewer. Around three thousand people saw the contest.

The Stars were given a fine cup to take home with them.

### SOFTBALL GAMES

On Monday afternoon the Argyll Light Infantry of Belleville defeated the Princess Own of Kingston by a score of 14-2. Although the score looks lop-sided, the game was closely contested, the Belleville boys being favored by an erratic wind in the third inning when they put the game on ice.

The same afternoon the Point Anne girls put it over the Napanee lassies to the tune of 14-2. The girls from Point Anne played by far the stronger game and they won a deserved victory.

The third game, played on Tuesday afternoon, was won by Point Anne

men who defeated the Belleville Canadian National Railway team by 8-4. There were thrills aplenty in this game, every point being deservedly earned.

Mr. Woodley of Belleville officiated in a capable manner and gave good satisfaction to all teams.

### THE PAGEANT

Each evening of the celebration wound up with large crowds at the improvised amphitheatre at the waterfront, where was depicted with a wealth of detail true to historical data of the landing of the Loyalists and Mohawks and scenes depicting the mode of living in pioneer days. Press passes were as scarce as hen's teeth for the occasion but The Post managed to get a line or two on this event. From the wild war dance, accompanied by wierd tom-toms to the school and church, merry-makings, drills and dances everything went off smoothly and systematically. The Sir Roger Co. Covertly dance drew unstinted applause, the lively stepping and grouping showed that the people of those days enjoyed their dancing much more than is the case nowadays. The drills and dances by nyades and gnomes were perfectly performed and were greatly appreciated by all. The school scene showed that wee laddies and lassies of long ago were just as mischievous and restless as they are today, and the punishment of making a boy sit with the girls was just as effective or more so than any other. The dunce's tall cap covered the head of the lad who adorned the foot of the class. And so on from leader to the least, each did his or her part in a manner that showed the effect of good training by willing workers. In fact, the pageant could not have been produced in better form in any town or locality much larger than Deseronto, where there would have been a larger selection of available talent.

Mrs. Eva Watson and the Cobourg Kiltie Band played the music for the pageant.

The evenings' entertainments concluded with magnificent displays of fireworks and after the fireworks there was music for street dancing by the Cobourg Kilties.

### NOTES

There were comparatively few who toyed with the flowing bowl, as not many had to be put under the restraint of the law.

The Provincial Police kept a

watchful eye on things. To them must go the credit of keeping everything orderly while not interfering too much with the people's freedom.

There were so many cars in town that it was a task to find a parking place anywhere from the waterfront to the northerly limits.

When Deseronto celebrates a grand and glorious time results,

The Kiltie Band is certainly a fine musical organization.

The booths run by the ladies of the different churches did a rushing business each day and evening, disposing of large quantities of lunches, soft drinks, etc. Just prior to the leaving of the Cobourg Kilties they were treated with pie by the Presbyterian ladies at their booth and the band returned the compliment with a selection and the thanks of the bandmaster.

In all its history, Deseronto never had such a large crowd of visitors. All appeared to be well satisfied with the entertainment provided for them.

V. G. Pearce sprained an ankle in the pageant on Tuesday night and the following night hurt it some more. He was laid up today.

The Joyland Shows did a good business, but the Arlie Marks Company did not.

The broiling hot sun did not have the effect of keeping the people quiet. They were out for a good time, and they had a good time.

The stunts by the Camp Border fliers were a revelation to many of the visitors who had never had a chance to see that kind of thing before.

One industrious visitor gratified his hobby by collecting autographs of Deseronto's men of fame. We have our name in that book. He is going to keep on collecting signatures until he gets a million of them when he will sell the lot and pass it over to you to buy a level-winding reel.

The loaves and fishes disappeared rapidly under the onslaught of myriads of appetites of merry-makers.

From the start of the first until the bursting of the last of the fireworks display evening was successful.

It is reported that the anniversary of the Deseronto Old Boys' Picnic at E. Park, Toronto, was seriously affected by the exodus of the old girls to the old home town of Quinte.



THE ONLY FATALITY

An old porcupine, who had not been in Toronto since the days when the site was covered with a thick forest, heard about the celebration and came to town to see and participate, was surprised at the changes that had taken place since his last visit. He grunted and grumbled amid the unaccustomed sights that met his eyes, and ambled along in his usual placid and independent manner, turning neither to the right nor to the left to avoid men, animals or anything else. With his tail switching angrily at the strange creatures he met he agled dogs and cats, one or two inquisitive canines being rewarded by a slap of the angry tail. In each case the dogs carried off quills in their noses as mementoes. Nothing important happened to Mr. Porkie until he refused to get out of the path of a motor car, which crushed his independent spirit, and left him lying cold and stiff on the street, to be gazed at with wondering eyes by the ever-present small boy.

CELEBRATION VISITORS

Among those from out-of-town who were noticed at the celebration were:

Mrs Carter, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Gaulin, Point Anne.  
W. Metcalf, Napanee.  
Adrian Brennan, Rochester, N.Y.  
John Laskos, Belleville.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pringle, Melrose.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. McCullough, Lonsdale and guest, Miss Cousens of Enterprise, and Miss Kathleen.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Perry and daughter, Montreal.  
Senator T. C. and Mrs. Brown with daughter and husband, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Leo Bruyea, Toronto.  
Ed. Bruyea, Toronto.  
T. W. Naylor and his friend, Garnet Trivett, Toronto.  
L. M. Rathbun, Toronto.  
Sidney Hopping, Belleville.  
Thomas Maracle, Niagara Falls.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dorey, Rochester, N.Y.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson and daughter, Frankford.  
R. E. Walker, Valleyfield, Que.  
Mel. Walker, Allandale, and son, Charles Walker, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kimmerly, Toronto.  
Mrs. R. Whyte and Miss Wilson, Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. S. Dewar, Belleville.  
G W. Wright, St. Catharines.  
Eugene Bovin, Oshawa.  
Mrs. Parks, Oshawa.  
Mrs. Franklin, Toronto.  
Mrs. Beatty and daughter, Mimico.  
Mrs. Walter Wilson and daughter, Isabel, Mimico.  
John McConnell, Goderich.  
D. J. Callaghan, Corbyville.  
Stanley Thompson, New York.  
Fred. Baird, Toronto.  
Mrs. Peden, Montreal.  
Miss Jennie Perry, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and family, Toronto.  
Mrs. Smith, Orillia.  
Mrs. Frank Harvey and three children, Rochester, N.Y.  
Mrs. W. Thompson, Bancroft.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kitchen, Ottawa.  
W. O. Ravin, Ottawa.  
Mrs. Coutu, Misses Clara and Stella Coutu, Toronto.  
Burton Campbell, Toronto.  
Mrs. Gardiner, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burns, Markham.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Burns, Cobourg.  
Miss Ada Bell, Toronto.  
Mrs. Fred. Bell, Miss Florence Bell, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Donnelly, Kingston.  
Wm. Cumming, Welland.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown and Frank Brown, Sudbury.  
Allen Detlor, Elm Tree.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hall, Toronto.  
Mr. Warner, Aircraft Limited, Mount Dennis.  
Mrs. Thomas Hoag, Toronto.  
Mrs. Annie Swan, Toronto.  
Mrs. Sarah Hetherington, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stratton, Oshawa.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Jamieson, Bowmanville.  
Cleo Knox, La Pas, Man.  
Geo. Marshall, Pennsylvania.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Henley, Oshawa.  
Murney Howard, Midland.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard and family, Oshawa.  
Harry Fraser, Capreol.  
James Lowry, Frankford.  
Mrs. W. B. Graham, Sudbury.  
Mrs. Wm. Hatch, Toronto.  
Mrs Gray and daughter, Miss Adele, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bogart, Woodstock.  
Walter Johnston and staff of the Bank of Commerce, Cobourg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bartley, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. Munteer, Courier-Advocate, Trenton.  
The Times staff, Picton.  
Mrs. Albert E. Gracey, Toronto.  
Mrs. R. S. Wales, Napanee.  
Major John Baggott, Campbellford.  
Mrs. Eva Murphy, Belleville.  
Mrs. W. S. Smith, Toronto.  
Mrs Harold Miller, Kingston.  
The Misses Lloyd, Toronto.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker, Guelph.  
Geo. A. Parnham, Guelph.  
Geo. Hammond, Guelph.  
Mrs J. W. Hodgson, Montreal.  
Mrs. G. H. Sanders, Kingston.  
Mr. and Mrs. Blake Sanders and son, Stouffville.  
A. R. Morse, Belleville.  
Mrs. J. Barber, Belleville.  
Mrs. G. H. Hammond, Oshawa.  
Miss L. C. Gowan, Oshawa.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moat, Toronto.  
Mrs. Frank Brown, Sault Ste. Marie.

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# COME TO DESERONTO

EVERYBODY WELCOME

## SUNDAY, JUNE 16th.

Special Services in the Churches at Deseronto. Morning and Evening.  
Special Open Air Service in the Park, Deseronto, at 2 p.m., with the  
Cobourg Kiltie Band in attendance.  
The Bishop of Ontario, Dr. Seager, will address the Congregation.  
Band Concert by Cobourg Kiltie Band following the Open Air Service.

## MONDAY, JUNE 17th.

The Premier of Ontario, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, will be in attendance  
for the opening ceremony.  
Prominent Speakers will deliver addresses.  
Grand Parade of School Children, Decorated Bicycles, Cars, etc., led by  
the Band.  
Aeroplanes of the R.C.A.F. from Camp Borden in flying exhibition.  
Big swimming event (preliminary Wrigley marathon).  
Joyland Shows—regular Midway attractions and amusements.  
Spectacular Pageant at night, featuring the landing of the U.E. Loyalists  
and Mohawks on the shores of the Bay of Quinte in 1784.  
Grand Fireworks Display. Street Dancing.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 18th.

Prominent Speakers will deliver addresses.  
Flying Exhibition by R.C.A.F.  
Masonic Grand Lodge Ceremony of laying Corner-Stone of U. E. L.  
Memorial at 2 p.m. Big fraternal gathering.  
Joyland Shows—Midway attractions.  
Pageant and Fireworks at night.  
Street Dancing. Many other attractions.

## Editor's Note:

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th.

Mohawk Day. Special Pageant by Mohawks featuring their landing  
in 1784.  
Memorial dedication in Mohawk Cemetery.  
Sports and other attractions.  
Pageant and Fireworks in Deseronto at night.  
Joyland Shows. Street Dancing.

In addition to the above, Sports will be held each afternoon, and  
daily exhibitions of flying by the R.C.A.F.

The Cobourg Kiltie Band will be in attendance for the entire  
celebration.

A special thanks  
goes out to our  
branch historian  
June Dafoe who  
sent this historic  
item from our  
UE Archives.