

Centennial Re-Union Attracts Largest Crowd Ever In Bradford

The home-coming for the Bradford Centennial Reunion has brought sons and daughters from the length and breadth of the continent, and even guests from Bradford, England.

Bradford churches were filled to capacity on Sunday, when old boys and girls added to the regular congregations, and friendships were renewed following these services.

Canadian Corps Plaque Unveiled

The drumhead service in the afternoon, attended by veterans in a body, and addressed by Capt. H. R. Coleman, with band in attendance, was beautiful and impressive. The Bradford Unit Canadian Corps plaque was unveiled by the Ontario Provincial president of the Canadian Corps Association, Mr. E. V. Heesaker, assisted by T. Fuller, R. J. Beckerson, treasurer of the Ontario Provincial Corps Association, and Mrs. Heesaker, secretary of the Provincial Corps Association.

The picnic supper and the band concert in the evening completed the Sunday program, although the museum, with its many interesting relics, and the vegetable display of Holland Marsh vegetables, attractively arranged in the curling club building, proved to be an interesting attraction for visitors and home folk.

Monday A Big Day

Civic Holiday Monday really brought out the crowds. The streets filled with people. The spacious parking space on the park at the community centre, the parking lot on the old arena site, and every foot of street space in town was filled. To estimate the number attending on Monday would only be a guess, but registrations would indicate five to six thousand.

Beauty Queen Chosen

The Centennial Queen was chosen on Monday morning and this event proved to be a big attraction, although many of the visitors, who had a tremendous interest and curiosity to see the old Holland Marsh in its present state of abundant fertility and prosperity, took advantage of the tour of the marsh, and were amazed and delighted with what they saw.

Mary Kavchak Chosen Queen

From the bevy of beauty in the queen contest, Mary Kavchak, Bradford, won first place; Joan Holancin, Holland Marsh, second; and Julia Farga, third.

Richmond Hill Wins Softball Tournament

Five teams, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Keswick, Cookstown and Bradford entered the softball tournament. Richmond Hill and Bradford were the finalists and Richmond Hill won the tournament, defeating Bradford in the last game.

Parade A Tremendous Success

The parade was a huge success and did credit to the public spirited residents of this community who spared no effort in making their contribution to it. Over sixty entries were in the parade, some of which, though not listed, (presumably were last minute efforts), were very good indeed.

The centennial thought was carried out in most of the floats, and the other varied entries, contrasting the past and the present. It was a most interesting showing, and while some were very entertaining, the judging was rated very satisfactory when Bradford Lions Club placed first; Stroud Women's Institute second; and Bradford Women's Institute third.

The Lions Club really put on a show. The Club's president secured the Leaside Lions Band, with majorities, which has won acclaim internationally, to lead the club, with its 30-odd members in the colorful Lions vests, ties and caps. The two Women's Institutes beautifully depicted scenes of the past and historically were standouts. The judges were Norman Stibba, Nelson, B.C.; Harry Hulse, Queensville; Flaher Stanton, Warden of Simcoe County.

The following were officially entered in the parade: Business Men's Association; I.O.D.E.; Bradford Knitting Club (two entries); Bradford Women's Institute; Catholic Women's League; Bradford Lion's Club; Bradford Rotary Club; Ansnorveld; Bradford Fertilizer and Chemical Co.; Hawman Motors; Brad Walker Motors; Spence Lumber Co. Ltd.; Village of Bradford; Simcoe County, Ex-Wardens; Church Transport (double entry); Ray Hodgson and Son; Joe Winterkorn (double entry); Merle's Plumbing and Heating; Federal Farms Ltd.; Hochreiter Marsh Gardens; Holland River Gardens; Bradford Co-Operative Storage Ltd.; United Farms; Canal Bank Store; Stroud Women's Institute; Carson's Restaurant; June's Teen and Tot Shoppe; Robt. Culbert; Jim West, Schomberg; Clarence Ritchie; Frank Maurino; E. & S. Currie Ltd.; Robt. Sinclair, Churchill; Bradford Auto Service; Gregory's Garage; Ron Bannerman; Knights of Columbus; Bill Lotto; Superior Packing Co.; Evans' Men's and Boys' Wear; Bradford Seed House; Green Valley Gardens.

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