# WARD'S ISLAND WEEKLY 



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## UKANTBEETIT!

Ward's is a great place. Just think of the diversity of entertainment afforded the Islanders! If you like bowling why you can enjoy it to your heart's content, steeplechasing and shooting-the-shoots over four different greens whilst the public are kept from interfering by a picket fence.

Pitching quoits at Ward's may be particularly enticing to you, and the exercise afforded by this sport makes it a valuable way of spending spare time. Crapshooters who can't find any alleys over here where they can indulge in their favorite pastime, consider quoits an admirable substitute, and take a keen interest in the game when once they have become accustomed to the heavier coinage. Then there's tennis. Opportunities will be afforded all who desire to get into the game this season. The court is situated in a picturesque spot convenient to the refreshment parlor, so that when a fellow has played a set with a young lady he can escort her right into the Bulmer's and order a Banana split. It will then be her advantage and the young man will feel like the deuce, but then it probably will serve him right,
and there's no use raising a racquet about such trifles when courting a girl.

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Then there is baseball. Something doing every night! If you can't play yourself, why, look at the fun you have watching them bullyrag the empire. And say, it's a circus in itself to see some of the old birds try and flutter around like the young robins.

But we must not expatiate on all the sports or we'll take up too much room, but don't forget sailing, swimming, dancing, and weeding gardens.

Oh yes, and before we close, all these sports and many other features only cost gentlemen $\$ 2.00$ per season and ladies 50 cents. There are at least two people on the Island who have not joined the Ward's Island Association. Pay your dues now and get your W. I. A. button. Only members are entitled to enter into these sports.

There was a Controller named Sam, Who sported a hand like a ham,
But when he plays ball
He juggles them all,
Then grabs it and gets a salaam.

## OUTSIDE INN COLUMN.

The man who repaired the sidewalks at Ward's should try making crazy quilts for patients at the asylums. He'd be a winner!
Doc Hastings has been handing out some more of his highly gratuitous advice. He says that during the summer months we should follow nature's lead. Go to bed when it gets dark, just as old Sol does (not Lou). He did not tell us, however, whether we should rise with the sun at 5.41 a.m. Yes, and speaking of summer time, his remarks feel unseasonable. One finds a little bit of fire these July nights mighty good, Doc!
We certainly have an admirable aggregation of ladies at Ward's. One can't help loving them, individually or collectively, married or single, young or-or youngish, they all take such an interest in the men over here that we naturally can't help remarking how we admire them. Oh yes, girls, by the way, have you paid your association fees? Hurry up before the buttons are all gone!
We are waiting Sam, we're waiting,
For the time when once again
We can go to church and hear you
Joining in the glad refrain:
"Count your many blessings,
Count them one by one,"
And we'll count them Sam McBride,
When they get the shelter done.

## ENTERTAINENT COMMITTEE.

## HELLO.

Be on deck for Tuesday's dance. Bring your friends and let us have a big night. The same orchestra.
When the work on the shelter is completed the children will have the exclusive use of the floor from 8.30 until 9 every Tuesday night.
The Thursday night euchre, July 11, will be cancelled, and in place of it we will have the postponed concert and package night for the W. I. A. boys at the front. Everybody come and bring your package. If you can't come send it, as our boys need all we can send them.

## WE WONDER WHY.

A certain well known and popular resident of this Garden of Canada seems to find much more enjoyment in the juvenile pastime of teaching worms to swim than he does in the sports that have been provided so that such as he may rejuvenate their youth. As to the results obtained the Editor-in-chief or his assistants knoweth not. Yes, we have heard of the results and have also had rumors reach us that some of his neighbors have benefited by these weekly excursions, but we can safely promise our piscatorial friend that he will get into serious trouble with the managerial portion of the "Weekly's" staff if he does not produce some tangible evidence. Yes, we are very fond of trout, but can see little prospects of satisfying our likes in this respect.

We are from Missouri, all of us.
Frank Wilkinson was having a swim recently in a lake somewhere in France when he received a call from the shore, and it turned out to be his brother Harold. If he is as good a soldier as he is a swimmer he is some soldier.
"Dad" Rundle was on a route parade in England recently when some one at the side of the road yelled, "Have you signed your Ward's Island lease yet, Dad?" He does not know who it was, but it sounded good.

Herb Pearen, Teddy Ball, Dicky Schiller, Bill Hollinger, Stocks and many other Ward's Island boys are at or near Witley Camp in England, and perhaps they do not have gabfests at every opportunity. Yes, they all smoke, so do not forget them on package night.

Eddie Boyce, who was wounded recently, has fully recovered, and has been discharged for service again.

We will be glad to publish any news of the boys, so turn it in to the Editor f you get a letter that is of interest.

## RED CROSS GARDEN.

The result of the judging of the Garden plots in the Intensive Cultivation Competition on July 1st resulted as follows. The list showing those whose lot shows the least loss, together with the most intensive cultivation is as follows:

Lot 25 Mr . Wright.
Lot 54 Mr . Elliott.
Lot 46 Mrs . Howard.
Lot 12 Mrs. Knight.
Lot 15 Mr . Reid.
Lot 70 Mr. H. F. Johnston.
Lot 16 Mr . Stanton.
Lot 10 Mr . Ball.
Lot 6 Mrs . Boyce.
A number of others are pretty close to the above, and by filling in the vacant spots by transplanting or seeding can easily get in the front row.

In future a white flag will show on the three leading lots at the date of judging to enable those interested in intensively cultivating their plots to note just what has been done to put them ahead of the rest.

## BASEBALL.

All games scheduled to June. 29 have been played with the following results:

|  | Won. Lost. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Beavers | 1 |
| Brownies | 20 |
| Drugbats | 20 |
| Elks | 02 |
| Irondukes | 20 |
| Osoeze | 11 |
| Otazel | 02 |
| Tigers | 0 |

There has been a noticeable indifference on the part of some of the players during the past week. Good sports will give the captains their best support. Cheer up, the game is not lost until the last man is out.

Saturday, June 29th, witnessed the defeat of the Ward's Island players at Parkdale Canoe Club. Each team has won a game. The final will be played at Parkdale, July 6th. Here's wishing good luck to Ward's.

The married men are always ready to accept a challenge from the W. I. A. bachelors. In the best game played this year the married men defeated "Fat" Miller's selection on Saturday last. Score 10 to 9 . "Cakes" says he can do it again.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES.

Say, that is some verandah that Mr . -_ on Second Street has erected. We also note that Mr. Orr of Fifth Avenue has nearly completed his promenade deck.

It is rumored that Bill Archer intends installing a panelled door at his portals. In order to have a lodge-like appearance there will be a sliding wicket. Rap twice quickly, pause and knock once slowly, then give the countersign and enter.

Sid Randall, with the assistance of a few neighbors, has added a grill room to his domiciliary edifice. He says it's great to sit there and smell things burning in the kitchen.

Woodcrest has blossomed forth with a balcony.

Bernard Sleeth was noticed sweeping off his porch lately preparatory to giving it a coat of paint.

## A TIGHT PREDICAMENT.

There is a story told about a young man at Ward's who took a "footlight" artist out for a spin in his flivver. Wrapped in a neat little parcel was a pair of tights which she intended mending. When the joy ride was over she forgot her parcel, and a few days later another passenger discovered it in the car. Upon being opened in Bill's presence he felt like a snowball on a summer's night, and wanted to melt away. Bill's explanation that they were his bathing tights might have passed the censor save for the fact that these were an old rose shade and were fragrant of Mary Garden perfume.

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## Editorial Flashes

Do you swim?
It seems almost superfluous after all that has been written on the advantages to be derived from swimming to advise anyone to learn to swim. Yet to us at Ward's it is a vital question. How about that boy or girl of yours, you never know the time when it may come in useful. Of course we don't expect any calamity, but if your child is taught to swim it lessens any chance for anything to happen. The same applies to the grown-ups. The water in the lake is not very tempting at present to teach children to swim, but the moment the water gets warmer get busy. You owe to their young lives to impart to them at least the principles of natation. It would be a very easy matter if one of our good swimmers, man or woman, would volunteer to teach a class of youngsters two or three times per week, first in a land drill and afterwards in the water. The financial remuneration would at first be nil, but the satisfaction of doing something worth while towards increasing the efficiency and health in the youngsters would amply repay anyone who volunteered for such work. The Association will back such a class, because it is one of the principles it advocates.

Remember, the child learns far easier to master a good style than the adult; the younger the better, and with good tuition a child should learn to swim in
four or five lessons. Who will be the volunteer?

## ADIEU, BLUE DEVILS!

After many hours of pouring rain, July 1st dawned in blustery fashion with the sun playing peek-a-boo through threatening clouds. The itinerary of the "Blue Devils" of France who were visiting Toronto, was evidently borne in mind by many Ward's Islanders, for about 9.30 a.m. hundreds of tenters rushed down to the pier taking with them many flags with which to wave a "bon voyage" to our gallant guests. By the time the "Chippewa" reached the gap the pier was lined with a crowd of men, women and children, many of whom enthusiastically held aloft various flags that fluttered merrily in the strong breeze. It must have made a stirring sight viewed from the boat, and altogether was a fitting expression of admiration from the citizens of Toronto to the "Blue Devils" of France. A number of officers of this celebrated company stood at attention on the ship's bridge whilst the ovation lasted, and returned the salute. Many other soldiers bearing the distinguished blue uniform were seen in various parts of the boat. Mayor Church was noticed on deck, fondly grasping a copy of the "Telegram." By the time the other side was reached on this stormy morning, Tommy would undoubtedly be a kind of blue devil himself, for he hates any one to rock the boat. He prefers it under perfect control.

## A FEW HEALTH HINTS.

Let lots of fresh air into your tent at nights. Night air never killed anyone.

Bathe at least once a day.
Clean the teeth and nostrils night and morning, upon retiring and on rising.

Drink lots of fresh pure water dailyeight to ten glasses is not too much.

Eat all the vegetables you can from your lot in the garden; they are Nature's dietetic articles. Eat lots of fruit and very little meat in the summer.


THE LATE LIEUTENANT GEORGE PIERCE.

The following article and accompanying halftone are from "Construction," an architectural publication published in this city. Residents of the Island will have no difficulty in recognizing the portrait as that of one of the finest of the Ward's Island young men who left to fight for King and country.

He was one of the leading members of the Gym Six camp, who were always prominent in the athletic life of the Island and all of whom have gone to the front. A remarkable feature of the enlistment of the Gym Six members is the fact that all of them are in the Aviation Corps with one exception.
"Reported in the recent casualties is
the death of Lieutenant George Pierce, who was killed in action two months after arriving in France as a member of the British aerial force. The deceased aviator, who enjoyed a large acquaintanceship and popularity with the younger element of Toronto, was thirty years of age, and the son of Henry W. Pierce, 165 Bleecker street, that city. He went overseas three years ago, and served in the Divisional Cyclist Corps, until about a year ago, when he was given a commission in the R. A. F. Before enlisting he was a draughtsman in the Provincial Public Works Department, and had previously been employed in the architectural office of Henry Simpson, Toronto,
and with the firm of Otis \& Clark, of Chicago, Illinois. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. and of St. James basketball team, and has his name upon the honor roll of Holy Trinity Church.

Lieut. Albert Pierce, of the R. A. F., a brother of the late airman, went overseas at the same time, and was wounded at Zillebeke."

## BOWLING.

The season opened for Men's Section on Wednesday evening, July 3, as per schedule. The following rinks being winners:
F. Rowley.
G. Dunfried.
H. Adams.
A. Saywell.
W. Brown.
P. A. Douglas.

The skips must show more interest in looking after their teams, as it is too strenuous a job for the man in charge to fill up rinks of players who are absent. Please look after your players, you skips, and save us a lot of trouble and worry. The next scheduled game is Friday, July 5th, and we hope to have another good night. Let us see to it that the game starts on time, 8.30.

## A REMARKABLE FIND.

Laborers repairing the Shelter made a remarkable discovery. Right under a spot in the floor where a prominent Ward's Islander always sat when attending morning service was found a coin such as was used by the natives of the Island years ago. It was of a value equal to two of our cents, and it is presumed that one Sunday morning when the collection plate was passed that this gentleman inadvertently dropped the penny down a crack, instead of placing it on the plate as has always been his custom.

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## TENNIS.

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## NEIGHBORLINESS.

Sojourners at Ward's live so close to each other that it is important that all should have consideration for those who occupy the adjacent tents.

Let no one be thoughtless enough to chop wood at six a.m., and thus disturb the sleep of the neighbors; and when having a hilarious time or a musical soiree remember that the frenzy of these happy moments should ooze away at 11 p.m. so everyone may gain a well-earned repose.

FROM THE GARDEN SUPT.
In performing our arduous duties of separating the holders of plots in our Red Cross Garden from the price thereof, we have run across an excellent suggestion. It has been stated by several of them that they will have more produce than they can conveniently use and they would be very glad to contribúte it on Saturday afternoons to a Red Cross Market Day in the Pavilion. Proceeds would go to swell the revenue of the Red Cross Fund. The idea is a good one and as you look for the Superintendent to pay him your fees why not signify whether you would be in favor of the proposition.-J. G. W.

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| 9.00 | 9.55 |
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