



J. D. O'CONNELL

AMIGO DE HUERFANOS
(ORPHAN'S FRIEND)

IN SUMMER
SUSSEX, N. B.
CANADA

IN WINTER
HATUEY, CAMAGUEY
CUBA

IN APRIL AND DECEMBER
MIAMI, FLORIDA

OVER

The Havelock No-Treat Pledge

Believing, as we do, that treating is the cause of nearly all intemperance we, the undersigned, do hereby solemnly pledge ourselves before God and these witnesses never to give or accept a free drink of intoxicating liquor as a beverage and to do all in our power honorably and legally to discourage the treating habit in others.

**LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF DRINKERS
BUY THEIR FIRST DRINK**

Seattle, Washington,
July 15, 1938.

To the Mayor of Halifax.
Your Worship.

I will be unable to go to your city for the orphan's picnic this year owing to a paralytic stroke which I received a year ago. I am some better but yet unable to travel. Therefore you can appoint your committee to carry on the picnic as usual. Thank you.

J. A. O'Connell.
Per Secy.

P.S. Please have newspapers with account of the picnic sent here.

Address:

934 - 22nd Avenue,
Seattle, Washington.

July 22nd, 1938.

Mr. J.D. O'Connell,
934 - 22nd Avenue,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:-

I have yours of the 15th instant
and note instructions re holding your Picnic for the orphans,
which will be carried out as usual.

I regret very much that you are
still indisposed as, naturally, we would like to have you
present on the day of the picnic, but perhaps in some future
year you will be able to get back here.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

MAYOR.

Halifax, N. S.

July 24/1933.

MEMO TO CHIEF OF POLICE:

RE: ORPHANS PICNIC

This is a Picnic which is held once a year through the generosity of Mr. J.B.O'Connell, and it is supposedly for the Orphanages only.

However, last year and again this year there was a crowd of some 1000 or more children who presented themselves and were also let in, and they were very hard to manage.

Might I suggest that this memorandum be given to the permanent officials, so that in future years they can make some satisfactory arrangements. I am sure that the Boy Scouts Association would be glad to provide some of the senior scouts to help with the children and would suggest that some system be provided to keep the children under control.

Alderman A.H.Minshull.

PICNIC KING NAMES DATE OF HIS PARTY

J. D. O'Connell Will Give Children's Picnic on Fri- day Afternoon—Interest- ing Interview With Orphan's Friend.

J. D. O'Connell, "the picnic King," now paying his second visit to Halifax in a period of nine or ten years—although thanks to his munificence, the picnics have been annual features during those years—made this morning all arrangements for the picnic this year—and it promises to be a record breaker. It will be held from two to five o'clock Friday afternoon in the Public Gardens, and all arrangements for the transportation of the children have been consummated. The Nova Scotia Light and Power Company will provide without charge cars for the children at St. Joseph's Orphanage, the Monastery of the Good Shepherd and the Protestant Orphanage; Fender's bus will convey those at the City Home and the Jost Mission, and the Three S Taxi those at the Children's Hospital who are in physical condition to join the merry party.

VIEWS ON CIVILIZATION

MR. O'Connell, who is a guest at the Lord Nelson Hotel, spoke lightly there this morning, when interviewed, of "home"—although he has no less than three "stopping places" in a world which he does not think has any right to speak of itself as "civilized." "I never speak of our 'civilization' but in sarcasm," he said. "I call the present so-called 'civilization' in which thousands are starving while plenty abounds just savagery." Incidentally he remarked that "Heaven is his home" but the three stopping places enroute to which reference has been made are Sussex, in his native province of New Brunswick, in summer; Miami, Florida, in the spring and Fall, and Hatley, Camaguey, Cuba, in the winter.

ONE HUNDRED CITIES

MR. O'Connell who has been giving picnics for sixty years, began them on the handsome capital of eight cents—earned by himself. Now, one hundred cities of which Halifax is one has each its fund created by him, and averaging \$10,000, which it holds on the condition that two-thirds of the interest is to be used

annually for picnics for orphan children, and the remaining third for gifts of cash to them. Moreover he has fed thousands of people in the Province of Camaguey, and is still feeding the remnant left by the deadly cyclone which visited it last spring.

HOW IT BEGAN

A THOUSAND papers all over the North American Continent have told the story of the beginning of the picnics—thirty years ago Mr. O'Connell experienced a profound sorrow—the death of his wife and child, and it apparently was an experience which served to deepen his interest in all childhood, and stimulate his generosity. This is only the second time in nine or ten years that he has come to Halifax for the annual picnic, but every year, as certainly as summer came round, his picnic fund made hundreds of little people riotously happy. He has seen well to it that they should not be overlooked. However, they will give him a wholehearted welcome—they think it perfectly jolly to have "the founder of the feast" with them, and the 1933 picnic is really going to be a record breaker.

MAKES ARRANGEMENTS

THIS morning Mr. O'Connell was at the City Hall perfecting arrangements for the outing—he went over to the Public Gardens last evening for the Show by the Elks in aid of Rainbow Haven, which has always had a warm place in his heart. This morning he inquired particularly after Farmer Smith, having not known that she was abroad. He is apparently in collusion with the Weather Man who has certainly done things handsomely for his stay thus far. Obviously his splendid part of "The Orphans' Friend" agrees with him—he is looking very well indeed, and apparently is as keen over the coming picnic as the smallest boy in the Orphanages.

ANNUAL PICNIC AND TREAT FOR ORPHANS BY

J.D.O'CONNELL - PICNIC KING.

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Tuesday of next week, August 23rd, from 2.30 to 5.00 o'clock, at the Public Gardens, the Annual O'Connell Orphans Picnic will take place. The Trustees are the Mayor, Chairman of the Finance Committee Alderman Stech, and the City Treasurer.

The Tram Company and Pender's Busses will supply transportation for the children. Distribution is to be made in the Gardens as outlined in the Trust fund. Mr. J.D. Monaghan, of Moirs Limited, will be Master of Ceremonies.

Amount to be spent - \$205.00

Police needed.

Police woman in attendance.

Firemen - always a company of them.

City Employees lend a hand.

1,000 ORPHAN CHILDREN TO HAVE OUTING

Annual Treat in Public
Gardens Arranged by
"Picnic King" — Mayor
Will be Present.

ABOUT 1,000 orphan children of Halifax will be the guests of J. D. O'Connell, the "Picnic King", at the Public Gardens this afternoon. It will be the annual treat arranged through the generosity of the "Picnic King". Children from the following institutions have been requested to take part: Colored Home, Children's Hospital, Children's Ward V. G. Hospital, St. Paul's Home, Protestant Orphanage, St. Joseph's Orphanage, Home of the Guardian Angel, Home of the Good Shepherd, Infants' Home, Jost Mission and City Home.

The children will gather at the Gardens about 2 o'clock and shortly after that will be marched in procession to the greens on the Summer Street side, where glittering pennies will be distributed to them. This is always a fine feature and gives the children much enjoyment. After all have been supplied with pennies they will be treated at the Club House with ice cream, bags of candy and other things, then they will be addressed when the object of the

picnic will be explained and the generosity of Mr. O'Connell will be commented upon.

His Worship, the Mayor, will be present. J. D. Monaghan, assisted by a committee of civic officials, will look after the entertainment.