

A large number of the Courtenay citizens Sundayed at Spiritwood lake. They all had a pleasant time but an accident happened which looked for a time as though it might be serious. Herbert Thompson, Geo. Brastrup and John Roan went out in a boat with the intention of jumping out after they got out in the lake a ways and having a swim. When they got about a hundred yards from shore Mr. Brastrup and Mr. Thompson left the boat, leaving their trousers in the bottom. Mr. Roan decided that he did not want to swim and remained in the boat. When Mr. Brastrup got ready to again get into the boat he tipped it so that it nearly filled with water and it soon sank, leaving the young men stranded. Some of those on the shore saw the predicament the boys were in and immediately A. M. Chidley started in a boat to assist them and by the time he reached them the boys had become somewhat excited and were so anxious to get into the boat that they nearly tipped that over too. When they finally were safe they discovered that Mr. Thompson had taken his trousers out in deep water without first teaching them to swim and they sank to the bottom never to be seen any more and there was a picture of a young man coming all the way back to Courtenay in his bathing suit. Mr. Brastrup got his trousers and took them to shore and hung them up to dry and they mysteriously disappeared and he also had to come home in his bathing suit.