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**Visitors Numbered 150,000 and
Many Went Into the Surf.**

More than 150,000 persons visited Coney Island yesterday. Nearly all of them were in Summer clothes, and straw hats were everywhere in evidence. All of the shows and places of entertainment were open except Luna Park, and most of them did a good business. Steeplechase Park was crowded all day. The bathing pavilions were well patronized, too, and at Brighton Beach and the Parkway Baths there were more than 300 persons sporting in the surf at one time. All in all, it was like a real Summer day on the island.

The Summer schedule of express trains of the B. R. T. lines running to Coney and Brighton Beach went into effect yesterday, and the crowds were easily handled. Police Inspector Thomas H. Murphy and Capt. McElroy of the Coney Island Station were out in charge

of a large number of uniformed men and detectives.

Inspector Murphy let it be known to several anxious inquirers that the 1 o'clock closing law would be enforced throughout his district this season. For the first time in its history Coney Island was "dry" last Summer after 1 A. M., and the Inspector said there would be no change this year—unless the law was changed.

Luna Park will open on May 23, one week later than usual. Unless he is sent to Mexico, Louis Sorcho, deep-sea diver, will be one of the features of the park this year. He led the divers who rescued the bodies from the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor, and he has offered his services to the Government in the event of war with Mexico.