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THE CANADIAN MUTE

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fragile that one feather's weight,
 break its pole or turn the point made
 (most) with her tons of freight,
 (sides) from port to port will guide
 (her) then if lodged within the breast
 (spleen) yet unweaving faith may lie,
 (the) when soul to ports of rest,
 (the) compass point it to the sky
 John Troland

Our Closing Days.

The closing days of the session are days of interest and excitement to the pupils, and very busy ones to many of the officers and teachers. Since after the examinations are all over the interest of the pupils in the school room work flags considerably, their souls and hearts being all filled with thoughts of home and mother. During the last few days of this term how many more has been an unusually large number of visitors at the Institution, so that the school room work was continued right up to the last possible hour, the session on Thursday being the only one so very pleasant—break in the middle of work and duty. On Friday morning the first grouping of the pupils for the home going routes took place. The pupils' homes are pretty evenly distributed throughout the Province and it is no small task to make all arrangements for the boat routes and connections, and in order to guard against any mistakes or misunderstandings the pupils are twice grouped, so that each one will the better remember such parts of arrangements as concern himself or herself. Meantime the trunks have been labelled and checked, the tickets purchased and recorded, each pupil's book and ticket being put into an envelope bearing the pupil's name and room number, and all the other multitudinous little matters attended to. About one o'clock the east-bound group leave the station, followed a couple of hours later by those for the west and north, and by noon the following day the last one has departed. We trust all of them will arrive safe at home and enjoy a very pleasant vacation.

Our Excursion.

The annual excursion took place last Thursday and a very pleasant outing was enjoyed. Promptly at 1.15 p. m. the steamer Merritt arrived at the Institution wharf, when teachers, officers and pupils and many invited hearing friends from a distance viewed the match, many of whom doubtless had never seen deaf boys play before. The annual excursion of the pupils and teachers of the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb took place yesterday afternoon. The steamer Merritt conveyed a number of invited citizens, who embarked at the City wharf, the pupils and teachers being taken on board at the Institution wharf and proceeding up the bay, through the Murray Canal and return. The weather was most delightful and all enjoyed the trip most thoroughly. Mr. H. Mathison as usual making his guests feel quite at home. *Belle Ile Intelligence, 11th.*

with an almost cloudless sky and fresh breezes, making it an ideal day for a sail, it being the first of the season for nearly all on board and they enjoyed it very much. All arrived safely at home at 6 p. m. with appetites sharpened for tea. Not the slightest unpleasantness happened to mar the pleasure of the trip, except one of our boys came home minus his hat which went off for a sail on its own account and has not yet returned.

The Examination.

The written examinations were all concluded on the 26th ult. and on the 31st the official examination was begun by Mr. Burrows, Inspector of Public Schools, of Niagara. He expressed himself as very much pleased with every thing which came within the purview of his official duties. What he has to say about us will be revealed when the next report comes to hand.



Rose A. Moore was the first pupil to leave for home. Her friends will likely shortly move to Manitoba and she will not return here again.

The Day of Quinte Conference of the Methodist church was in session here from June 1st to the 7th, and as a consequence we had a considerable number of clerical visitors during that time.

The Rev. Canon Burke sent very affectionate replies to the birthday addresses sent him by our boys and girls. He thanked them very heartily for the good wishes expressed. He hoped that they would not forget the lessons he had given them and would try to carry them out in their daily life.

The Superintendent's office always a busy place, has been doubly so during the past two weeks of the session. To read and check over the examination papers and arrange the home routes of the pupils, the separate ticketing and checking arrangements and the multitudinous other matters connected with the home going is no light task, and when all are off and safely arrived at home no one will feel more relieved than Mr. Mathison and his right hand assistant, Miss Metcalfe.

We hope all the boys and girls will help their parents all they can during the vacation. Fathers and mothers are our best friends and many of them labor hard and make many sacrifices in order that their children may secure an education and enjoy the comforts of life, and the least the children should do is to manifest their appreciation and gratitude by trying to be as kind, helpful and obedient as possible. The children will also find that a vacation so spent will be much more enjoyable than if it is all passed in idleness and selfish amusements.

Last Sunday morning all the boys were requested to dress up in their home-going clothes. Mr. Mathison wished to have a personal inspection of their appearance and to be sure that all were neatly dressed for the trip home on the 14th. They were all lined up in the sitting room at 9 a. m. and each one was critically looked over from his hat to the toe of his boot. Except one or two small faults, caused by the tightness of parents, everything was satisfactory, and Mr. Mathison complimented the boys on their neat appearance, and the way they were growing. He thought their parents would hardly know some of them.

The students of Albert College held their annual Field Day on the afternoon of the 31st. They kindly invited our boys to be present, view the sports and try conclusions at a little foot ball kicking. After a number of contests had taken place the two teams lined up to play two twenty minute halves. It was soon evident that neither team was in good practice form. The game ended in a tie, neither side scoring, both goals being too stubbornly defended. Our boys, however, think they held their own a little over and had our right wing been better served they would have won, but J. Dubois was out of condition and not fit to play. The game, although barren of results, was a very pleasant

one and very friendly. It being our first time a large number of visitors from a distance viewed the match, many of whom doubtless had never seen deaf boys play before.

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On Friday afternoon last a couple of young gentlemen visited the Institution and manifested much interest in the deaf and the work of the class-rooms. After chapel as they were mounting their wheels to leave, one of them, Mr. Arthur Buckner, informed the Superintendent that he was touring the country giving exhibitions in fancy bicycle riding, he offered to give a fifteen minute exhibition for the pleasure of the pupils. The kind offer was accepted and the children were greatly pleased with his really excellent display of skill. Mr. Buckner is in the employ of the Grand Bicycle Co., and his object is to demonstrate the superior excellence of the famous "Red Bird" manufactured by that firm. He was accorded a warm vote of thanks by the pupils, and a hearty round of applause.

PERSONALITIES.

Dr. Chamberlain made us a brief visit on the 6th inst.

William Bryce was a welcome visitor among the mutes at London on the 2nd of June.

Mrs. Mathison, wife of the Bursar, has returned from an extended visit to friends in Woodstock.

Mrs. John Flynn, of Toronto, who has been visiting her mother lately has returned to Toronto.

About twenty deaf mutes were at a tin wedding at St. Mary's recently. We have not learned particulars.

Miss Walker goes to Hamilton with the pupils. During her absence Miss Dempsey will be acting matron.

On the excursion we were favored with the company of Mayor Johnson and nearly all the city ministers.

Nelson Wood, Harper Cowan and Charlie Ryan visited at Mr. Henderson's place lately where they had a pleasant time.

Miss D. Beatty, of Melrose, and her sister drove in thirteen miles to attend the excursion and spend a few hours with her old schoolmates.

Mr. Levi Lewis, of Vaucluse, and Miss Sarah Reid, of London, were married on the 10th of May. Congratulations.—Hope they will live long and prosper.

We were all pleased to see Miss Eva Irvine so far improved in health as to be able to attend the excursion. We hope the summer weather will benefit her much.

Mr. Madden took his deaf friends in the city for a country drive before leaving for his vacation. He wished to make some little return for their kindness to him since he came to live here.

Mrs. Reid, nee Miss Maybee, paid us a very welcome visit for a couple of days last week. She received a very hearty welcome from the pupils, who were all glad to see her again. She was accompanied by her little step daughter, who soon made herself quite at home among the deaf.

Last week, Miss Brown had the pleasure of welcoming her friend, Mr. G. B. Broderick, School Inspector of Lindsay, and showing him over the class rooms and shops. He was a delegate attending the Methodist Conference being held in the city. His brief visit to the Institution was very pleasant, as he took a deep interest in everything.

The following teachers and officers accompanying pupils on the routes home: Mr. Mathison takes charge to Toronto, Mr. Coleman, Sarina, Mr. Campbell, Windsor, Miss Walker, St. Thomas, Mr. Stewart, Palmerston, Miss Metcalfe, Owen Sound, Mr. Burns, Orillia, Mr. Keith, Toronto, Mr. Denys, Ottawa, Miss Brown, Moosong, Mr. Nurse, Kingston, Mr. Douglas sees to those living in the vicinity.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

Contributed by Pupils of Mr. Denys' Class.

- By.
- Bye.
- Shake.
- Don't cry.
- Will meet again.
- Many thanks to all.
- Principal and Matron.
- We cannot thank enough.
- Which way are you going?
- We all were delighted with Mr. Burrows.
- On the 23rd inst. there will be a circus in Belleville.
- We hope strawberries will be plentiful this summer.
- The examinations are over now and so we are glad to rest.
- We think it rains more often on Sunday than any other day.
- There must be strength in numbers when caterpillars will stop a train.
- We are jealous of a girl who went home. I do not know why she did so.
- We are sorry Rose Moore is going away. We think she leaves for Manitoba.
- When the pupils get home they must help their parents who are so kind to them.
- Our school days are now counted. We will soon say "Farewell" to our Alma Mater.
- Will you forget me when I am far away? No, the farther you go the more I'll think of you.
- Umbrellas were once confined to royalty. It is a blessed thing we can all carry over these days.
- We were very sorry to hear that St. John had a big fire last week. It is the largest city in New Brunswick.
- Our sweet, little Marion Harper went to Miss Bull's room and practiced the "child's prayer" before the mirror.
- Martha Baragar and Eunice Brazier went to visit Martha's cousin's home, near the cemetery, on the 4th of June, and they had a very pleasant time.

Teachers of the Deaf.

Those teachers of the deaf who limit their efforts in behalf of their pupils to the hours included between the opening and closing time of classroom work, are not the ones who benefit the deaf the most, nor are they likely to be considered indispensable to the success of a school. There are some who, by the employment of their leisure, give rise to the suspicion that they think there is a limit to education and preparation for imparting instruction. Teaching the deaf is hard work. Continuous work at it during twelve months in the year would break down the strongest. In recognition of that fact teachers are given a long vacation each year during which it is supposed they will get the needed rest that will enable them to take up their work at the beginning of the next season refreshed and invigorated. During the months they are employed it is expected that they will do their utmost, in or out of school, to advance the education of those pupils in their care. Hearing pupils have greater opportunities for learning out of school than do the deaf. If the teachers of the latter would devote a portion of their leisure as opportunity offers, to engaging in the practice and spirit of the children's pastimes they would soon learn that occasions would arise to enlighten the pupils on some subjects more easily than in the schoolroom. The unbending of their dignity and the demonstration of a desire to contribute to the enjoyment of the pupils would raise them in the estimation of the children, and create a desire to require the teachers by closer application to their studies. All schools have persons whose duty it is to assist the children in their amusements, but we believe that the teacher also, who has a desire to do the best work, should occasionally introduce a new element of pleasure into the children's games by personal assistance, and make efforts to establish a feeling of comradeship between himself and them that will result in benefit to all.—*Long Star.*

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