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How the Nova Scotia Sanatorium Spent Christmas Day

The Superintendent and Staff of the Nova Scotia Sanatorium wish to thank all those who remembered the patients at this institution with Christmas cheer. It will be a satisfaction to these good friends to know that the patients here had a really "Merry Christmas". The Infirmary, the Isolation Hospital and the Patient's Dining Hall were elaborately decorated with numerous festoons of spruce, red bells and streamers, large green wreaths and colored lights. There were twenty-seven Christmas trees; one for each section of three in the Infirmary, a large tree for the Isolation Hospital and a huge one in the centre of the Dining Hall.

The Staff had arranged a choir of about fifty voices which early on Christmas morning marched through the corridors of the Infirmary and Isolation Building singing Christmas Carols. The routine of care-taking was set aside for the day and the patients were allowed to spend the day indoors—in their own rooms or in the reception-rooms. Many had visiting friends and relatives with them.

The bed-patients received their gifts in the morning. For the others the fete of the day was held at half-past six in the evening when the Christmas dinner, a bountiful meal of the most approved Christmas viands, was served on a prettily decorated table and accompanied by a program of vocal music. In the gayly decorated hall this made a truly gala occasion, and enthusiasm mounted, as, immediately after dinner, the presents which had been piled around the tree, in a circle twenty feet in diameter were presented to each man by name, from the hands of Santa Claus himself. The program of music then continued and in the best of cheer the assemblage broke up at nine o'clock.

A very pleasing feature of the day was the thought of the boys who went home for Christmas holidays for those who were left. They made arrangements with a florist to send flowers to the Sanatorium Christmas eve, and on Christmas morning a beautiful rose was laid on the breakfast tray of each bed patient, and chrysanthemums and carnations were provided for the pavillion patients—the gift of their comrades.

Increase in Teachers Salaries

A recommendation asking that a minimum salary of about \$300 be fixed by the Local Government for teachers in Nova Scotia and that all those teachers who are at present receiving less than \$600 have their salaries increased by \$100, was unanimously passed by the School Inspectors and other educational authorities of the Province at their annual conference at Halifax on Tuesday. The matter came up at the morning meeting, and it seemed to be the general opinion that the carrying out of some such suggestion making toward higher salaries for the teachers of the Province, was absolutely necessary if the serious lack of available teachers was to be at all remedied and a higher standard of efficiency maintained. It was suggested that funds for the increase in salaries might be raised by increasing the County individual tax from thirty-five cents to one dollar.

The Micmac Indians

In the pioneer days of Canada, Indian tribes were found in large numbers where great industry flourishes now; all Canada was their hunting ground. Down here by the sea one of the great peoples were Micmacs. When first visited by the whites they had already become slightly advanced in habits beyond the majority of the aborigines of the new land. In 1609 the French living at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, estimated their number at about 600 warriors. They were clothed in the skins of the bear, otter, beaver and fox; they had learned the art of softening skins and also removing the hair. In summer their clothing was a girdle with a skin passing around the loins. Sometimes they wore a fur cloak that hung loosely from the shoulders but always the right arm was exposed and free for defence or offence. In winter their feet were covered with buckskin tied at the front—the first type of moccasin. The squaws wore the same clothing with the addition of a girdle around the loose cloak. The hair was worn long, closely cut in the front and often tied in a bunch on top of the head with a feather thrust through the knob. Unlike many tribes they neither painted nor tattooed themselves, but they were fond of necklaces of bright shells, in the making of which they became quite expert. They lived in movable wigwams, a conical tent made of birch bark fastened around poles tied at the top and enclosing a space about ten or twelve feet in diameter. During the summer they pitched them around the shores of the lakes and streams and lived upon fish; when winter came they moved into the interior of the land and became hunters of the season. When at war they lived in spaces enclosed by thick hedges with only one way of entrance.

Paper for newspapers has jumped from \$69 a ton to \$92 a ton in car-load lots.

Cabinet Changes

A big "shake-up" in the Dominion Cabinet was announced last week. The changes include the following:

Major-General Mewburn resigns as Minister of Militia, effective January 15th.

Hon. Arthur Sifton retires as Minister of Public Works and becomes Secretary of State.

Hon. Martin Burrell resigns as Secretary of State and becomes Minister of Customs.

It is also definitely announced that Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be Acting Prime Minister during the absence from Canada of the Prime Minister. He will not, however, undertake to lead the House throughout the session of Parliament and it is likely that when Parliament re-assembles a Unionist caucus will be held to choose a House leader. The adoption of this plan will relieve Sir George Foster from attending in the House on many occasions, particularly in the evenings, when matters not of great importance are under discussion. The probabilities are that the choice of a House leader will fall upon Hon. C. J. Doherty, who has filled this position acceptably in the past.

The Baptist church at Digby has extended a call to the Rev. D. E. Hatt, who has accepted and entered upon his duties.

Wrecked in Bay of Fundy With Loss of Life

During the last fortnight reports have reached us of wreckage having drifted ashore at Harborville and Canada Creek. It included new furniture, a woman's trunk with wearing apparel and a quantity of American gold in same. Other driftwood failed to identify the name of the vessel until Dec. 31st., when the stern of a vessel was found on the rocks at Harborville and a spar with rigging was embedded near the shore. The stern revealed the name of "T. W. A. Allen," a vessel for which news has been anxiously awaited for some time.

The "T. W. A. Allen" left New Bedford, U. S. A., for Brava, Africa, Nov. 19th., with a general cargo and a crew of 18 and 8 passengers. All were probably lost. The severe storms must have driven the schooner back and the storm of a fortnight ago brought her into the bay where she broke on the rocky shore.

News was received recently of the death at Victoria, B. C., of Mrs. George Tibbitts, after an illness of some time. The deceased was formerly Miss Bertha Sleep, daughter of the late S. R. Sleep, of Wolfville. Her many old friends have heard with sorrow of her death. Mr. W. L. Sleep is a brother.

Death of Lieut. Bryant

Word has been received of the death of the former well-known resident of Wolfville, Lieut. Charles Bryant, R. N., who passed away at Gillingham, Kent, England at the age of 80 years.

When the War broke out Lieut. Bryant was living in Wolfville after a long and honorable service in the British Navy. He felt that, although 75 years of age, he might still be of use to his country, and in 1915 the offer of his services was accepted by the Admiralty and he went to Chatham, England, his old home, where he served until some time after the conclusion of the war. He had planned to return to Nova Scotia last October, but was prevented by ill-health. He became gradually weaker until the end came Friday last.

Lieut. Bryant was well known in Halifax, he having been stationed there as an officer at the Dockyard from 1892 to 1896 and lived there some time after his retirement in 1915. Previous to his serving there in the Dockyard he had visited the city on board H. M. S. Crescent. In 1819 he was transferred to the Transport Department of the Admiralty and left Halifax for England. After his retirement some years later he returned to Canada and lived in Halifax and Wolfville.

During his service with the Navy, Lieut. Bryant in 1873 was one of a party of officers sent by the Admiralty to the Imperial Naval College at Tokio to inaugurate a Japanese navy. Ad-

of this party. Lieut. Bryant is survived by his widow and two sons, C. E. Bryant, and Rev. G. T. Bryant, formerly of Wolfville, now of Amherst Point, Cumberland Co., N. S.

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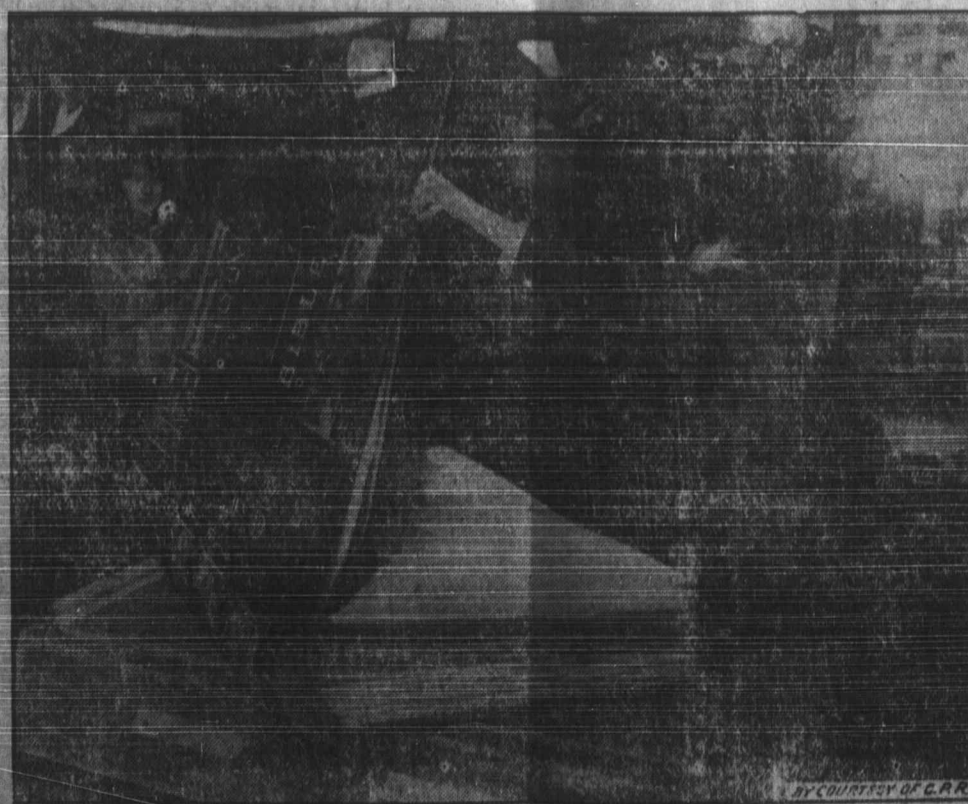
Financial assistance to the amount of \$1,500 will be granted disabled returned men who are desirous of establishing themselves in a legitimate business.

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