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CROP OUTLOOK THE MOST PROMISING IN YEARS

Splendid Progress In Education Made In Many Districts on Gaspé Coast

OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL HOME AT NEW CARLISLE MARKS NEW ERA OF ADVANCEMENT

Gaspé Peninsula Now Has Eight Superior Schools—Consolidated School at Escominac an Outstanding Success of Last Year's Work—Good Progress New Carlisle High School—New Interest Being Taken by Parents and Scholars.

An investigation into educational matters in Bonaventure and Gaspé Counties by the Graphic's representative has revealed the fact that steady and marked progress is being made in many districts along the Gaspé Coast. The story of this progress even very briefly related, is one of interest and also one of considerable significance for it evidences the birth of a stronger and more wide-spread interest in educational matters in a comparatively new section of country where, a few years ago the vital importance of advanced education was hardly known.

Probably no event in the brief history of the Gaspé Peninsula has been a better criterion of the remarkable progress being made in educational conditions in the Gaspé Peninsula than the formal opening of the large new school home for girls students of the New Carlisle Academy which will take place at the county seat on Thursday next. The opening of this large and thoroughly up-to-date school residence is a splendid result of efforts to better conditions and is a notable accomplishment on the part of those who were directly instrumental in making it possible.

This fine new school residence will enable girls from all along the coast to attend the High School at New Carlisle, an opportunity which was formerly denied them by reason of the very considerable expense it entailed. Thus with the splendid advantages it offers to girl students of the Peninsula, the opening of this school home seems to mark the beginning of a new era of progress in education in the part of the country. As its opportunities become more fully realized, there is no doubt but what the success of this first school residence on the coast will greatly accelerate progress in educational matters through the whole territory.

Has Eight Superior Schools.

The Gaspé Peninsula now has, in addition to its elementary schools, eight superior schools. This territory comprises the counties of Bonaventure and Gaspé, extending from Miramichi to the eastern end of the Gaspé Peninsula. These eight superior schools are located at the following places: Matapédia, Escominac, New Richmond, New Carlisle, Paspébiac, Shigawake, Fort Daniel and Gaspé. These superior schools are divided into two classes—Intermediate, Academy or High Schools.

One Academy on Coast.

In the intermediate schools two teachers are employed and the student is enabled to go to Grade IX, thus preparing for entrance to the Academy or High School. In the High Schools three or more teachers are employed on the teaching staff. Here the student goes to Grade XI preparing for matriculation and entrance to college. The elementary schools have but one teacher and are classified as the ordinary country schools. There are now 60 or 61 elementary schools in the Gaspé Peninsula. At New Carlisle, the shire town of Bonaventure county, is located the only High School on the coast. There are now seven teachers on the staff.

Splendid Progress.

At New Carlisle most gratifying progress is being made. The condition of its organization once existing there is now a thing of the past and with the addition of the large home for students, the High School, to play a more important part in the life of the country in the future than has been possible in the past. This improvement in conditions has also

been reflected in the health of the children. The children are now healthy and robust. It is hoped by educational leaders that the school at Paspébiac will be a success.

Carlisle, such a volume has many advantages to recommend but so far no definite steps have been taken in this direction.

An Outstanding Success.

Consolidated schools and the advantages they offer to students of outlying or isolated districts is a next issue.

MAKING CHANGES IN RAILWAY YARD

Yard Here to be Enlarged and Main Track Straightened

Extensive improvements are to be made in the Campbellton Railway Yard and a large crew of men are now at work. The main railway track is to be straightened from the depot to the West end of the yard, which will do away with the reverse curves, just West of the depot. The two sidings on the North side of the main track will be extended giving more accommodation for waiting passenger trains, etc. The steam locomotive is working on the yard all last week excavating for the main track, but was taken away on Saturday for a few days, but the crew of men are still at work on the contemplated improvements.

The straightening of the main track here will be of much benefit to the railway, as the sharp curves being eliminated will considerably reduce danger in trains entering the Campbellton yard.

It is expected the work will be completed this season. The cost, it is understood, will be in the vicinity of \$10,000.

DIED LAST NIGHT FROM INJURIES

Amerinda Doucette Seriously Burned Yesterday Afternoon at Her Home

As a result of severe injuries sustained yesterday afternoon from burning, Amerinda Doucette, eight years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Doucette, died at the Hotel Dieu Hospital here last night about 11 o'clock. The distressing accident occurred yesterday afternoon when the unfortunate little girl attempted to use oil in lighting a fire at home, intending to make candy. The fire caught in the oil can which exploded, and before the child's mother could rescue her the little girl was enveloped in the flames. She was rushed to the hospital but nothing could be done to avert the tragic climax to the regrettable incident. Mrs. Doucette was also burned about the hands while extinguishing the fire but her injuries are not serious.

BAXTER BRINGS UP BRIDGE MATTER

Hon. J. R. M. Baxter Discusses Inter-provincial Bridge at Campbellton.

During the consideration of estimates of the Department of Public Works in the House of Commons on Saturday Hon. J. R. M. Baxter, Conservative member for St. John, asked whether the principle that the Dominion would provide one-third of the cost of inter-provincial bridges was of general application. If so, he would like at some time to suggest the construction of a bridge between New Brunswick and Quebec at Campbellton.

To this the minister replied that he would favor the application of the principle in the case mentioned by Mr. Baxter.

Objection to this principle was voiced by R. B. Hanson, Conservative, York, Sunbury, and J. B. Chaplin, Conservative, Lincoln, who said that bridge construction should be paid for by the provinces and municipalities concerned.

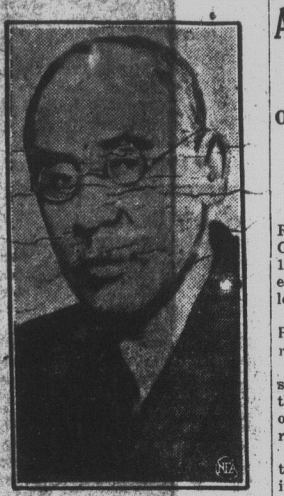
A partisan is a man who honestly believes that anybody who disagrees with him is feeble-minded.

CHARLO BAZAR

Due to bad weather prevailing on Sunday last the bazaar of the Upper Charles N. B. will be continued on Sunday afternoon the 22nd inst. where dinner will be served from 12 to 2 p. m. and supper from 5 p. m. Refreshments will be served on the grounds near the church. Giving an opportunity of visiting the new church.

Committee:—Everybody welcome.

question that is being considered by educationalists leading along the coast. Last year the first consolidated school in the Peninsula was opened at Escominac and this venture is recognized by all as an outstanding success. There are several other districts where improvement of school conditions is surely needed and the scheme of consolidation is looked to for a solution of the difficulties which exist. In these different localities there is still much work to be done but in the light of what has already



Latest photo of Viscount Kato, new premier of Japan, who succeeds Premier Kiyoura, who resigned.

GRIEVES TO DEATH WHEN WIFE DISAPPEARS

Grew Despondent When Wife Left Him After 50 Years of Married Life

Atlantic City, N. J., June 17.—After grieving for weeks over the mysterious disappearance of his wife, from whom he never before had been separated by less than fifty years of happy married life, Peter K. Palmer, of 405 Trinity Avenue, this city, died in the home that had become desolate to him.

Palmer, who was 72 years old, refused to be comforted by friends. He would not eat and sat up virtually every night watching the front door of his home for the return of his wife. The greatest grief he was in his final days.

Mrs. Mary Palmer, 70, the wife, disappeared on May 3. She told her husband she was going to Philadelphia to attend the funeral of a brother, but she may never have arrived in that city, as a thorough search by the police failed to reveal any trace of her there.

The Atlantic City police combed every section of this city at the request of neighbors of the Palmers who were touched by the aged man's grief.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK

Closing At Grammar School to be Held on Monday Evening

The Roseberry Street School will have its public closing exercises in the several apartments on Monday June 23rd, at 10 a. m.

The Campbellton High School will have its closing exercises in the Assembly Hall Monday evening June 23rd, at 8 p. m. Grades 1 to 8 of the Grammar School will have their closing exercises in the several rooms on Tuesday June 24th, at 10 a. m.

FOREST FIRES IN ALBERTA CAUSE GREAT DESTRUCTION

Fort McMurray, Alta., June 17.—Fires are blazing all over this country and are burning down the water's edge on various rivers. The town of Waterways, which is placed in the middle of the deep woods, has had several close calls, and if the fires do reach there, or a match is dropped carelessly, nothing can save it.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RED CROSS

Officers Elected—Dr. D. Murray Succeeds Dr. Pinault as President

The Annual meeting of the local Red Cross Society was held in the Clinic Room of the Society on June 12th inst. when the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—

President, Dr. D. Murray; Vice-President, Mrs. F. F. Matheson; Secretary, Mrs. A. I. Morrison.

Only routine business was transacted as it is proposed to hold another meeting shortly when the report of the Public Health nurse will be presented.

It was announced that a portion of the proceeds of the play to be put on in the opera house here next week, under the direction of Mr. Theodore Bird, will be devoted to the work of the Red Cross Society, under the direction of the Public Health nurse, and on that account the public are earnestly requested to patronize the performance and thereby contribute financially to a worthy cause.

BRITISH TRADE HAS IMPROVED

May Showed Increase in Both Imports and Exports—More Manufacturing

London, June 17.—The general trade improvement in Britain is becoming more and more apparent every week. Overseas trade returns for May, just published, are most encouraging, although the increase of imports is still much higher than that of exports. The greatest advance is in the imports of raw materials, to the amount of fifteen million pounds, showing that business men are confidently buying in large quantities for the purpose of increasing manufacturing.

A large increase in exports may reasonably be expected to follow in a short time. The increase in exports is affected by the drop of four millions of pounds worth of coal. The goods exported are mainly wholly manufactured products, which is regarded as a most encouraging sign.

THE MADAWASKA COUNTY COURT

Two Civil Cases Comprise the Docket for Session at Edmundston.

Edmundston, N. B. June 18.—The Madawaska County Court opened here this morning with Judge Slipp, of Fredericton, presiding in the absence of Judge Carleton, who is ill. There were no criminal cases on the docket but there is one civil case to be tried with a jury and one non-jury case. The jury case is now being heard; it is that of the Provincial Bank of Canada vs. Oliver Pelletier, of Edmundston, on a draft which was accepted but not paid. The defence is that the plaintiff cannot read or write and therefore did not sign any drafts, all the business being done by his wife or clerk.

DOMINION SENDS THIRTY ENGINEERS

Will Have Prominent Place at World's Conference on Power, in London.

Ottawa, Ont., June 17.—There will sail on the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of France tomorrow the largest party of electrical engineers that Canada has ever sent out. They are going to attend a world's power conference in London. Canada will be represented by about 30. About 25 will travel on the Empress of France, the others having preceded them. Those officially appointed to represent the Canadian government are Dr. Charles Cunniff, Deputy Minister of Mines; J. B. Chalder, Director of water power for Canada, John Murphy, consulting electrical engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, and B. F. Johnston, chief engineer of the testing division of the Department of Mines.

Others in the Canadian party include: R. G. Acres, chief engineer of the Canadian Electric Commission and Professor C. V. Christie of McGill University. Six of the papers to be read will be given by members of the Canadian delegation.

REPORTS FROM MANY FARMERS THROUGHOUT COUNTY INDICATE BUMPER CROPS FOR 1924

Hay and Grain Crops Both Showing Vigorous Growth—Heavier Seeding in Some Localities This Year Despite Unfavorable Weather Conditions of Early Spring—Outlook in Gaspé Peninsula is Reported Equally Promising.

According to reports received this morning from numerous districts throughout Restigouche and along the Gaspé Coast the crop outlook for 1924 is considered one of the most promising in years. From all appearances the hay crop this year will surpass any of recent summers in this territory, while the grain fields show a most vigorous growth. Despite the somewhat backward and unfavorable conditions of the early spring and the rather broken weather which prevailed during the latter part of May and the first two weeks of June, farmers have seeded heavily, and in many districts more potato seed has been planted this year than for many seasons past. Throughout Restigouche and other sections of Northern New Brunswick many farmers anticipate a bumper crop both in hay and grain.

SPARKLING COMEDY WELL RECEIVED

"Wedding Bells" Ably Presented Here on Monday Evening—Large Audience Attended.

Before a large and appreciative audience in the Opera House here on Monday evening the Citizens' Band Dramatic Club made its first theatrical appearance with the presentation of "Wedding Bells" under the capable direction of J. Harry Brown. The play was an excellent one in which a wealth of humor and dramatic qualities were skillfully blended. "Wedding Bells" is evidently a vehicle for professionals but the members of the cast all handled their parts in a most admirable manner, and won frequent expressions of hearty applause from the large audience present.

The leading roles were taken by Mrs. Frank MacKinnon as Inza Rowland, Mrs. Horace Jardine as Harold Winthrop a soldier, in love with Inza; and Mr. J. H. Brown as Maurice Rathburn seeking marriage with Inza in order to inherit her uncle's money. Mrs. MacKinnon on many previous occasions has demonstrated her ability as an actress, on Monday evening she was at her best. Mr. Jardine in this his second appearance before a local audience gave a most satisfactory performance while Mr. Brown who is now a familiar figure on the local stage gave a life-like interpretation of his role, taking the part of the villain with a precision that added to its interest as a character sketch.

As the comedians of the play Messrs. T. C. Lapraik and A. W. Christensen tickled the risibilities of the large audience and drew forth prolonged roars of laughter. Messrs. J. H. Cantwell and R. D. Warman as the tramps, took their parts in a very creditable manner. Miss Gladys Duncan, Mr. J. C. Walker and Misses Hectorine Stevens and Adrienne Frenette all had difficult parts to take but all discharged their responsibilities in a way that won much well-merited applause.

The specialties between the acts were highly pleasing. The MacKinnon Sisters in songs and dances called forth round after round of applause, and sang—"An Irish Lullaby"—by Mrs. J. D. MacNutt was beautifully rendered and highly appreciated.

A ten piece orchestra, under the direction of Mr. F. G. MacCallum, consisting of three first flutes played by Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, Mr. M. Goldenberg and Miss Vera Campbell; 2nd violin, Miss Ruth Anslow; 1st Cornet, Mr. F. G. MacCallum; 2nd Cornet, Mr. D. F. MacMillan; Saxophone, Mr. H. V. Colpitts; Baritone, Mr. H. H. MacMillan; Piano, Mr. John Cuthbertson; rendered most excellent music, and added greatly to the evenings enjoyment.

IMMIGRANTS STILL FLOCK TO CANADA

Busy Week at Quebec Water-front—Hundreds Hurrying West.

Ottawa, June 13.—Figures prepared by the Immigration Department, on special orders, seem to indicate that Canadians, who have been in the United States, are beginning to repatriate themselves. The statistics apply only to Canadians who have been resident in the United States for more than six months. During April and May the number of such who have returned is more than 5,000.

At the end of March the immigration officials began to check up such returning people. In April at 148 points out of 171 along the boundary where there are immigration inspectors 4,064 were reported having returned.

returned with 42 points still to report. Instructions have been issued to immigration inspectors to forward to the department each month hereafter a statement of the number returning who had left to secure work in the United States, or who had been living there for a more or extended period.

WEDDING MARKED BY MANY 13'S

(United Press.)

Washington, June 14.—Walter A. Kranch and Verna Clare, of Philadelphia, were married here on Friday afternoon at 5:15. She was 13 years, 11 months and 13 days old. He is 13 years, 11 months and 13 days old. They were married at 13 North Broad street, Philadelphia. He signs his name with 13 letters. The groom answered the 13 questions on the application, and produced a ring bought at 13 North Broad street.

wore a bouquet of 13 roses. They left for a 13 day honeymoon in Boston. No jinx for them they said.

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She Sent a Complaint

Miss Jean MacDonald, of Ste Anne de Bellevue, Que., attending MacDonald College, has a complaint in the case of a boy who had stolen a chocolate from her. She sent a complaint to the police.