

CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Medals Presented at High School---Good Programmes and Presentations at the Various Institutions---Manual Training Coming Says Dr. Bridges.

Public schools closed Friday for the Christmas vacation. In a number of excellent programmes were carried out while in others in which there is no general assembly hall separate exercises were carried out in the different rooms. The schools will re-open on Monday January 2.

The greatest interest as usual centred at the High School where the different grades assembled at eleven o'clock in the assembly hall and listened to a splendid musical and literary entertainment including addresses and presentations. There were on the platform Senator Ellis, Aid. Macrae, Chairman Treuman, Robert Maxwell, M. P., Mrs. R. C. Skinner, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Rev. Mr. Marshall, Rev. Mr. Sprague, S. D. Scott and Dr. H. S. Bridges.

The programme was opened by Dr. Bridges who spoke about the good work which the school had done during the last year, and intimated that in future the work done might possibly be extended by the introduction of manual training and other branches. The school programme was then carried out. The orchestra rendered a number of excellent selections and the audience present agreed with Dr. Bridges when he said that they had excelled themselves. A recitation was given by Gordon Stevens of Grade IX, a chorus was given by girls of Grade IX, an excellent essay on "Christmas Abroad" was read by Miss Gertrude Hamilton, Percy Bonnell of Grade VII sang a solo which was heartily enjoyed. The young singer has a voice of considerable worth and of great power for one of his age. A reading followed by Miss Helen Petheringham, George Kierstead read a good review of the year's events which was closely listened to by those present. Miss Josephine Craigie recited a recitation on the programme to a close with a delightful solo.

Dr. Bridges then called on Judge Treuman, chairman of the school board, to take charge of the presentation of the medals. Judge Treuman called upon the different gentlemen on the platform to present the medals. He said that co-education has been a splendid success in the High School and the credit was due to the teachers and the superintendent.

Senator Ellis in a short but witty speech presented the Governor-General's silver medal to Miss Mary Gilliland. He said that there were other duties of the Governor-General which he would like to perform but that he was limited to this one.

Robert Maxwell, M. P., then made the presentation to Miss Doris Jones, the leader at the entrance examinations. He said that he was too sensible to make a long speech (to please) and that he was glad to see the approval of his sentiments. He said that along with manual training he would like to see a musical training introduced and that a good start was made in the present orchestra.

S. D. Scott then was called upon to present to the same young lady the chairman's gold medal, which he did with a short address.

Dr. Alex Macrae next presented the corporation medal to Frank MacDonald. He said that he regretted the absence of the mayor, who would be able to give the winner "some of the same wisdom for which he is so celebrated" (applause). He remembered another occasion when in the old grammar school he also was the winner of such a medal. Only two now present were there on that day, Dr. Bridges and Senator Ellis. He said the motto should be the motto of every young man.

Rev. Mr. Campbell presented the Parker medal for music to Alton Cushing, saying that he had great faith in the young Canadian, and spoke of the success of Ross of Montreal in Oxford. The presentation address for the prize offered by Senator Ellis was made by Dr. Sprague. Miss Manning, however, was detained at home through illness. The chairman also announced that Senator Ellis wished to present a prize to Miss Carter, daughter of Inspector Carter, for her excellent essay on music. Short addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Marshall and Mrs. R. C. Skinner. The meeting then adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

LEINSTER STREET. In Leinster street school there was no general public closing but closing exercises were held in the different rooms where quite a number of the friends and relatives of the scholars were present. The blackboards were prettily decorated and showed some very artistic work.

CENTENNIAL. In Centennial school, of which Mr. Town is principal, separate exercises were carried out in the different rooms in the first part of the morning and immediately after recess the whole school assembled in the exhibition hall when the following programme was carried out:

COMMANDER EVA BOOTH WILL FEED 25,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Salvation Army is praying for snow. Just a flurry of snow would double our street collections," said Commander Booth yesterday in speaking of her plans for giving Christmas cheer to the poor. "A little snow does make people so sympathetic." Here in New York the army counts on giving a good Christmas dinner to 25,000 unfortunate of



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whom 5,000 will sit down to a banquet at six o'clock on Christmas night in the Grand Central Palace. The others will be reached through a distribution of baskets from the barracks on Christmas morning. "I shall personally hand a basket to each one in line," said Mrs. Booth, her dark eyes twinkling with anticipation. "In each basket will be a good dinner consisting of a large chicken, a tin of soup, potatoes and other vegetables, sugar, coffee, a pound loaf of bread and five pounds of apples."

CARLETON SCHOOLS.

In the Albert school the scholars gathered in the assembly hall at eleven o'clock where an excellent programme consisting of choruses, drills, recitations, etc., was gone through, being a repetition of the programme given at the concert recently held in the city hall. The new piano which was bought by the proceeds of the concert and of the collection for the children was used, and teachers and scholars alike were greatly pleased at the fact that the piano has been fully paid for.

IN FAIRVILLE.

In the Fairville school the following closing exercises were held last Wednesday. Miss Ryan's room, grades five and six, Perry Kelly acted as chairman: Chorus—Christmas Bells... School Reading—Things That Never Die... Beatrice Reed... December... M. Brown... The Christmas... Edith McMaster... The Twinkling Stars... School Dialogue—Christmas Quotations... Reading—Christmas Carol... Muriel Gray... Santa Claus and the Mouse... Gladys Boyer... Christmas Gifts... Florence Kelly... Freeman Fowler... Santa Claus Nearly Ready... Marian Hanson... School Recitation—The Old Merry Christmas... God Save the King.

QUEEN STREET.

The closing exercises at Queen street school were very interesting. Among the visitors were Rev. A. D. Dewdney of St. James' church and Rev. Mr. Johnson of St. Phillips, both of whom addressed the children at some length, giving them some very timely and wholesome advice on the importance of improving their time. The programme of exercises is as follows: Chorus—Hurrah for the Christmas Time. Recitation—Chas. Sanders. Recitation—Vigil Weldon. Recitation—Etha Johnson. Recitation—John Marr. Chorus—They Say That Old Santa is Coming.

FAMINE IN JAPAN.

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—An eye witness of the extent of the famine in the North-east provinces who has just returned reports the condition of the people to be really deplorable. The advent of winter has found thousands on the verge of starvation and speedy relief will save them. Measures of relief will be vigorously taken up here and assistance from sympathizers abroad will be welcome.

MEMBER OF WEALTHY FAMILY LONG BEEN MISSING.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—To find Gessar Ferreira, a member of a wealthy and influential family of Montevideo, and a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who had been missing since Dec. 5, Chas. H. Adams, local vice consul of Uruguay, has issued an appeal to the public for evidence that will tend to locate him. In company with a companion, Gilbert O. Laurier, young Ferreira arrived in Boston last June. They registered as students at the institute, taking up the study of English, preparatory to entering the engineering department.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Dec. 21.

The employees of the Moscow and Brest railways have obeyed the order to strike. The other lines entering Warsaw are still in operation.

BOSS ODELL OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN DISPOSED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—During a contest which continued from 4 o'clock last night until 4 o'clock this morning, marked at times by bitter recriminations, but concluding with mutual pledges of support, the control of the New York County Republican committee was wrested from the adherents of ex-Governor Benjamin B. Odell by the



EX-BOSS ODELL.

faction headed by Herbert Parsons. In reorganizing for the coming year the committee elected Mr. Parsons to the presidency in succession to Wm. Halpin and chose other officers named by Parsons' friends. In his fight Mr. Parsons was credited with having the support of Governor Higgins' influence and the sympathy of President Roosevelt. The fight for control of the committee brought out the largest attendance in years.

BRITISH PREMIER'S SPEECH CAUSES CONSTERNATION.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The announcement of Premier Campbell-Bannerman in his speech in Albert hall last night at the opening of the electoral campaign, that the government has given instructions for the stoppage of importations of Chinese coolies to South Africa caused the Kaif market to open weak today. The Conservative party refer to the step as being "the most serious taken by a responsible government since the attempt to impose the stamp duty on the American colonies." The



SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The "beef trust" case jury, which is to try the question of immunity by the packers, was completed this afternoon. The trial will not begin until after Christmas.

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REPUTED THIEF HAS POLITICAL PULL.

And Will Probably Be Left Unmolested. How Things Are Done in Connection With the I. C. R. General Offices at Moncton.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22.—Virtue and fidelity to duty bring one their reward in the service of the Intercolonial. Mention was made in the Sun a few days ago of a clerk in one of the departments who became rebuked by his superior for tardiness in arrival at the office in the mornings, wrote in the registry book a note of defiance to his immediate superior. The clerk in question, it is now announced, has been appointed travelling auditor at a salary considerably larger than that he formerly enjoyed.

It is said the officials of the I. C. R. have information as to the parties recently guilty of stealing stamps from the general offices. It was no boy's work, the principal in the affair being a man of about thirty-five years of age, a police appointee of the present government. It is said that burglary was added to the crime of theft, as in one case a door was forced open in order that the thief might get a big lot of stamps was mysteriously stolen from the department. A clerk was under suspicion, but the stamps were restored and the matter hushed up. It remains to be seen what will be done in the present case, which is much more serious. It is doubtful, however, if anything will be done, as the reputed thief has a political pull.

A lodge of the Good Templars was organized last week at the George hotel, Moncton. This is the 21st new lodge organized in the last six months, and there has been an increase in the membership in the same time of about 1,000. There is a better supply of poultry in the market this week, but the price keeps up. Fair turkeys bring 20 cents per pound, and some \$1.25 to \$1.75 each, according to size. The largest bird in the market this week was a fifteen-pound turkey, that sold for \$2.

SOCIETY EPISODE.

"I want somebody to show me where to unload this coal," said the grimy-looking man at the kitchen door. "You needn't ask me about it," retorted the young woman. "I don't have anything to do with unloading coal, I'm the kitchen lady." "I can't help that," he rejoined. "I'm the coal gentleman, and the father of three kitchen lasses, one laundry lady, and one char-lady, and if you don't show me where to put this coal I'll call the woman of the house." "I'll show you, sir," she bluntly replied, leading the way to the coal cellar.

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NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—It was announced today that a new steamship line between this city and River Plate had been established and that the first steamer, Hortius, would arrive here the first of next week from Rio de Janeiro with a large amount of wool. The traffic between this city and what is commonly known as The River, has been conducted for many years by a fleet of barkes which loaded soft pine and brought hides and wool. According to the reports there is to be a monthly sailing of the line.

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