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CANVASS COMPLETED

For Boy Scout Work—Amount Aimed at Secured and Work to Continue

A special meeting of the Boy Scout Association was held in the parlor of the Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of hearing the result of the canvass recently made to raise funds, and determine upon a policy for future work. Dr. Archibald, the president, was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members present.

Reports from the various canvassers were handed in showing that the total amount subscribed was \$1502, and that about a third of this had been already paid in. The fact that the amount aimed at was only fifty dollars in excess of this, and that a number of citizens were absent when the canvass was being made, encouraged the hope that with very little difficulty the balance would yet be made up. The meeting decided unanimously to proceed in accordance with the budget previously arranged, and that Mr. E. Percy Brown's offer to continue to lead the work be accepted and that he be appointed at the rate of one thousand dollars per year.

At the request of Mr. Brown an executive composed of the officers of the association, Mr. G. K. Prescott, Dr. Leslie Eaton and Mr. Edson Graham, was appointed. Mr. Henry Peck, who has acted as secretary-treasurer for several years, asked to be relieved of his duties and it was decided to appoint a treasurer to have charge of the funds. On motion Mr. Prescott was elected treasurer, Mr. Peck agreeing to continue as secretary. Mr. Ralph Creighton was appointed auditor.

JOHN PEIRCE



With the Acadia Choral Club in "Elijah"

For the Annual Spring Festival Mr. John Peirce, a prominent Boston Baritone, has been obtained to take the role of "Elijah" in the presentation of Mendelssohn's "Elijah", May 4th, in the Wolfville Baptist Church.

Mr. Peirce comes to us with many successes to his credit as an oratorio singer with the largest and best choruses in the New England States. He has appeared with the Boston Symphony orchestra and chorus at Symphony Hall in the performance of "The Passion Music" by Bach. He was soloist with the Philharmonic Choir at Boston in concert performances of Faust. Soloist with the Choral Music Society of Boston. Soloist with chorus and orchestra in performances of "Elijah" in Lynn, Malden and Melrose. Soloist in the "Messiah" at Malden and with the Boston Festival Orchestra. The work of Mr. Peirce has been favorably commented upon by the newspapers who have placed him among the foremost oratorio singers in the country.

Miss Edith Weyse has been secured to fill the Alto role. Miss Weyse has a very pleasing personality, a beautiful voice of rich and sympathetic quality, full, free and even, throughout the entire register. Critics, press and public, have shown their appreciation of her artistic abilities by many favorable comments and have placed her among the best mezzo-soprano before the public today.

Wolfville is to be especially favored this year and it is hoped that the people will support the programs planned for them. We gauge our future plans on your present interest and attendance.

St. John, N. B., has enacted by-laws forbidding baby carriages from obstructing the sidewalk two abreast. They must be propelled in single file. The new regulations also provide that no vehicle must be allowed to remain stationary within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or 20 feet of a fire station under penalty of a fine of \$10.00.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE CLOSES

A Barren Session so far as Useful Public Legislation is Concerned

(From our Special Correspondent)

Press Gallery, House of Assembly, April 23rd.—"Empty handed, heavy hearted," the members of the Government and their supporters disperse to their respective homes tonight after one of the most useless sessions ever held, as far as the interests of the public are concerned. As the members disperse they bear nothing in their hands for the benefit of the people. No useful public legislation of any kind has been passed by the Government.

Not only has the Government done nothing itself, but it has been merciless in its endeavours to apply the steam roller to the Opposition. Whenever any section of the Opposition has endeavoured to pry into the affairs of any department or get the privilege of the house for a special discussion, it required only a nod or a signal from the leader of the Government to have such member arbitrarily ruled out of order. An appeal to the House only brought down the sledge hammer of the brute force of the machine majority of the Government in the house.

Mr. Corning as well as Dr. LeBlanc and Dr. McDonald, protested vigorously against the "steam roller" methods of the Government. Mr. McKenzie also complained bitterly of the arrogance of the Government toward the Opposition and said that the Opposition was rendered practically helpless in its endeavours to exercise their privilege and duty to discuss and criticise the legislative enactments of the Government.

One glaring example of the flimsy pretext on which Members of the Opposition were gagged by the Government machine was in the case of Mr. Way's attempt to bring to the notice of the Speaker a flagrant breach of proper procedure by the Attorney General Mr. O'Hearn, with reference to the 8 hour day bill, in which Mr. Way and Mr. Morrison were interested, and which had passed the Committee on law amendment, and had been ordered up to the House. But the bill was not passed up, it was arbitrarily held for further consideration by the Attorney General. Mr. Way was directing the attention of the Speaker to this, whose duty it is to see that the Rules of the House are carried out, when the Premier pressed the button and Mr. Way was ruled out of order on the ground that he could not discuss a bill which was still in committee and had not been reported to the House. Mr. Way's protests that he was not discussing a bill at all but simply drawing the attention of the House to a violation of its rules by the Chairman of a committee, which by a majority vote ordered the Chairman to report the bill favorably to the House, but it was in vain, and again a representative of a large and important constituency was bound, gagged and crushed beneath the Government machine steam roller.

Notwithstanding these disgraceful exhibitions of the Government's determined efforts to stifle the criticism of the Opposition, there was much fine work done by this valiant body and the Government got many unexpected jolts and its insincerity and legislative hypocrisy was repeatedly exposed.

The most glaring piece of legislative hypocrisy was the Premier's resolution with reference to the abolition of the Legislative Council. The Premier deliberately repeated the ineffective course he took last year, a course which he knew must fail and which did fail.

If this is not legislative hypocrisy, what is it? Mr. Corning tried to get the privilege of the House to point a way; but he was ruled out of order by the chair and on an appeal to the House was voted down by the solid government majority. It is not generally known that it is absolutely within the power of the Governor-in-council to settle this whole matter any day, and bring about the abolition of the Legislative Council. That the Government does not do so, is ample evidence of their insincerity.

Further evidence of the Legislative hypocrisy of the Government was shown in their dealings with the amendments to the Nova Scotia Temperance Act asked for by the Temperance Alliance. With the government's usual show of sympathetic consideration in such matters, they introduced the bill; then they had it mutilated in that par-tisan legislative slaughterhouse—the Legislative Council. In this lies the secret of the tenacity with which the Government has held on to that otherwise useless body. It forms a sort of Government "Spenslow and Jordis" combination, a convenient partnership affording a partner on which to blame things. It has done yeoman service for the present machine regime in thousands of cases, particularly in industrial legisla-

THE ROYAL BRIDEGROOM AND HIS BRIDE



Prince Albert, Duke of York, the second son of King George and Queen Mary, and his bride, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, whose marriage took place yesterday at Westminster Abbey.

BETTER ENGLISH WEEK

To be Held in Nova Scotia Last of May—Wolfville Takes Lead

The proposed campaign in the interest of a more correct use of the language, which has been before referred to in these columns, will be inaugurated by a "Better English Week" to begin at 8.30 on the morning of May 25th, and end at 3.30 p. m. on Friday, June 1st. Miss Rosamond Archibald, the promoter, of this most laudable movement, has the support of leading educationalists of the country, and much good is confidently expected to result. Below are given the rules governing the drive which is based upon "The Kings English Drill", wherein will be found the method of procedure to be followed.

Wolfville, which furnishes an appropriate setting for the newly launched undertaking, is already familiar with the work in which Miss Archibald is engaged, and it will be remembered that at a public meeting held some weeks ago a number of prizes were offered by citizens in order to make the contest more attractive. Principal Silver has done much to create an interest among the young people of this place, and other sections of the province have enthusiastically signified their interest.

Rules of the Better English Week Drive

I. Grades VI to XI inclusive may participate.

II. The pupils memorize as many Drills in the K. E. D. as possible before May 25.

III. Each pupil must own a special little Note Book for Corrections.

IV. Each pupil uses the slogan, in correcting, "Thank you for ten points," whereupon he writes down date, and initials of the person corrected opposite the correction of the mistake heard.

V. For each correction made orally and written the pupil receives ten points.

VI. For each correction merely written down, five points.

VII. Any pupil occasioning the slightest friction in his work of correction, or showing the least lack of courtesy shall be immediately disqualified.

VIII. Each contestant makes and wears, during the Drive, a small paste-board shield on which is printed BETTER ENGLISH. This official badge must be worn when corrections are made. Shapes of badges and color of ribbon may vary according to class.

IX. The teacher is urged to encourage the work by soliciting the co-operation of parents to "play the game" and to offer awards to the winners.

X. The teacher shall be the examiner of Note Books handed in promptly at 3.30 Friday June First.

XI. She shall communicate names of winners and grades and aggregates to Miss Rosamond M. Archibald, Wolfville, for Publication.

"Play up—and play the game!" tion and measures proposed for the relief of the masses of the people generally

COMING MUSICAL EVENT

Canadians Three to Render an Exceptionally Fine Musical Program Sunday Evening, April 29, at Wolfville Opera House

Albert Avery, the Canadian boy soprano, will be heard on this occasion in his first recital with Miss Marie Wilson, Contralto. This talented young violinist has recently given a recital at Lennox Theatre, New York, where he was enthusiastically received.

"Miss Wilson, Canadian Contralto, is exceptional in art and execution" (Des Moines Telegraph). She has been the contralto soloist of the Copley Quintette of Boston during the past season and is booked for the Independent Chataqua circuit in Chicago for the summer.

Miss Rockwell, the accompanist, is well known throughout the province for her splendid style and technique, as revealed by her execution at the piano.

This event promises to be most unusual one, as these artists are natives of this province who have made a name for themselves in American musical centres, and have great possibilities in that field. A twenty-five cent collection will be taken during the performance. Come and enjoy the uplifting atmosphere of this musical feast and enjoy these talented young people who are peculiarly Nova Scotia's own.

BAND CONCERT

The sacred concert given by the band at the Opera House last Sunday evening was greatly enjoyed by a large audience which completely filled the auditorium. This was the first public appearance of the band since Mr. Haycock has assumed the leadership, and the fine quality of the music plainly showed that the band had made no mistake in appointing him to the position.

The program opened with the hymn, "Abide with Me", in which the audience joined heartily. The band gave five selections, the two best rendered being Lustspiel Overture, by Keler-Bela, and The Beacon Light, by L. P. Laurendeau. A double quartette, composed of J. F. Calkin, Frank Murphy, F. C. Bishop, J. R. Warrington, B. C. Silver, H. J. Mollins, Will Murphy and Fred Rand, sang two selections which were much enjoyed. A vocal solo by Mr. Mollins and a piano duet by Mr. Silver and Verne Graham completed the program.

NORTH GRAND PRE NOTES

Mr. Orr, and family, of Avonport, are spending a few days with Mr. E. Heron.

Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Palmer and daughter, who have been spending the winter in Saratoga, N. Y., and vicinity, are spending the summer with Mr. Harry Palmer.

Mrs. D. Munro, of Medford, is visiting Mrs. Everett Palmer.

Mr. Alden Allen left recently for Boston where he will spend some months.

COUNTY COUNCIL IN SESSION

Decides to Dispense With Services of County Health Nurse

The April session of the Municipal Council of Kings was held at the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday. After the usual preliminaries, Warden F. M. Munroe outlined the business that would come before the Council.

Rev. Mr. Miller and H. Stairs, of Wolfville, addressed the Council on behalf of the Children's Aid Society, and thanked the members for the interest they had in the work. Attention should be given the feeble-minded and proper care taken of them. Mr. Stairs spoke of the neglected children of the County, and reported some of the work accomplished by the Society.

Prof. W. S. Blair and W. E. Porter, Secretary of the Kentville Board of Trade, addressed the Council, asking for their interest and aid in carrying on an Exhibition in Kentville next fall.

At the afternoon session the Council endorsed the proposed exhibition promising financial aid and appointing a committee, the Warden, Councillors E. R. Gertridge and H. Bigelow to work with the committee of the Board of Trade and the town.

The committee appointed to consider the advisability of continuing the work of the County Health Nurse, reported recommending that the Warden appoint a committee to look into the matter, and continue the work in compliance with the Act. This was debated at considerable length, and notwithstanding the fact of a representative delegation from the various women's organizations of the County, the motion was lost by vote of five to eight. The women's delegation had been in waiting for the report of the committee from the early morning session.

Mrs. C. A. Patriquin, representing the Women's Institute, spoke of the general usefulness of the work, its importance, etc. Miss Millicent Chase, representing the I. O. D. E., stated the object of the Order, and gave some of her experiences in looking after cases that had come under observation, where the worth and importance of the Health Nurse was proved. She closed with an appeal to give the children a chance for usefulness in life.

Rev. G. W. Miller appealed for a continuance of the work on the ground of its general usefulness. Miss Annie Stuart gave a straight talk on the interest of the women in child welfare, their responsibilities as to citizenship, sharing with the men their responsibilities as to government, and being on an equality in the exercise of the Franchise.

The conveyance of patients on the D. A. R. to the Hospital in Halifax and elsewhere was discussed. Patients were compelled to ride in the baggage cars with its attendant discomforts and inconveniences, which often work against the chances of the patient's recovery. A committee was appointed and submitted a resolution which was adopted, setting forth the facts and asking the Railway Commission of Canada to remedy this condition. Copies will be sent to the Commission and to the Manager of the D. A. R.

The overseers of the County Home through Mr. Patterson, reported that the new home at Waterville was in good condition. The caretaker and matron were performing their work in a satisfactory way.

After some discussion regarding the appointment of officers, etc., the Council adjourned.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Anyone expecting to convey heavy loads over the "Slough of Despond", that piece of street at the east end of town between the pavement and Provincial highway would do well to provide extra men, planks, shovels, etc., to enable him to safely traverse the same without great loss of time and a violation of the third commandment. On Saturday the subscriber witnessed a team mired twice within the space of two hundred feet when the load had to be removed and the wagon lifted out of the mud and on Wednesday another team was mired and had to be unloaded before it could proceed. "VOX POPULI"

America's most popular novelist, Zane Grey, is contributing some of the screen's most thrilling plots to Goldwyn's latest group of pictures. Mr. Grey's latest picture, "Golden Dreams", based upon his story of the same title and produced by Benjamin B. Hampton, is coming to the Opera House Monday and Tuesday. This is an absorbing romance the action of which takes place in a mythical Spanish state known as Chinora where an American mining engineer is delving for oil on the McDonald estate.

"SOPHRONIA'S WEDDING"

Much Enjoyed by Wolfville Audience Tuesday Evening

On Tuesday evening the Women's Institute of Grand Pre repeated in Parish Hall the play which they recently put on with such success in the vestry of the Lower Horton Methodist Church. "Sophronia's Wedding" proved to be a most amusing entertainment and the "Tattletown Uplift Society" a very interesting aggregation of ladies. The play was decidedly well staged considering the rather meagre accommodations which Parish Hall provided, and all parts skillfully taken. Presented under other conditions the performance would have ranked very favorably with the work of professional players.

As an extended report of the entertainment, when given before, appeared in the columns of THE ACADIAN, it is quite unnecessary to go into details, but it may safely be said that the audience which filled the hall, did not experience a dull moment during the rendition of the entire program. Between the acts fine musical selections were given, including well rendered vocal solos by Miss Audrey MacCrae and Miss Doris Eaton, and old songs by a quartette composed of Misses MacCrae, Eaton and Stuart and Mrs. Fuller. The whole performance was most creditable to the Women's Institute as well as to the ladies who took part, and the object—to raise funds for the work of the Children's Aid Society—most commendable.

After the play the visitors were entertained at the Manse by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gould, when a most enjoyable time was spent.

NOVA SCOTIA'S PRETTIEST GIRL



The Bluenose province recently set about to select from its young womanhood its prettiest specimen. The choice fell upon Miss Lillian Corbin, of Weymouth, in the Land of Evangeline. The Halifax Herald is arranging to have her portrait painted and forwarded to the Prince of Wales.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned Merchants and Professional Men of Town of Wolfville, agree to close our stores and offices every Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock during the months of May, June, July, August and September.

All stores will be open every Tuesday and Saturday Evening and the evening previous to a legal Holiday.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In behalf of the Children's Aid Society I wish to thank the Ladies of the Grand Pre Women's Institute for the contribution of \$20.00, proceeds of their Entertainment on Tuesday evening. Also the Trustees of the Parish Hall for the free use of their Hall.

C. A. PATRIQUIN, Secy-Treas.

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