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MAKING READY FOR TOURIST SEASON

Young Peoples "At Home" at Baptist Church—Splendid Evening's Entertainment

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Ladies Have Sale In Interest Of Cemetery Fund—Social And Personal Notes.

The students of the second department of the Lawrencetown school had a pleasant sleigh drive to Middleton. Miss Troop, Vice Principal, was in charge of the gay party. All had a grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourke are leaving town. Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliott are moving into the "Elm House". Repairs and other improvements are being made in order to prepare for the Summer public.

Miss Griffin, of Bridgetown, gave a "recital" by her pupils. This was much enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Corkum, Kindergarten teacher, has a class of music pupils, who, by all reports, are making fine progress. Mrs. Corkum also teaches vocal music in her room. The young people now readily sing by note from Staff-notation.

Monday morning bells rang; people rushed in mad haste over the bridge, up the hill, the fire engine came with men armed with shovels, axes; flew round the corner of the lane. Boys yelled fire, and smoke poured out from the roof of the Primary room. The dear old school house was on fire. The venerable building seemed doomed, but by the brave exertions of firemen and citizens, the fire was extinguished.

Monday, 12th, Methodist S. S. met at the home of Mrs. I. Durling. The few ladies who attended showed their zeal and courage by braving cold and storm.

Tuesday evening the ladies of the Baptist Church had an "At Home" for the young people. Invitations were sent and were generally accepted. Beautiful maidens, brave lads and busy matrons were in evdience as one entered the vestry. A kindly welcome by pastor and friends made all feel truly at home. Music first; then a prayer, and a few wise, kind words by the chairman, and the meeting began. Mrs. E. Shaffner and Mr. Sanford delighted the company by singing of "The Pilot Song". The town is fortunate is having such talented musicians. It is a great pleasure to hear such really beautiful voices. Mrs. R. Shaffner was at the organ. This lady had trained the C.G.I.T. to sing the "Laughing Song". After another song had been given by the girls they gave their "yell" with hearty good will. Two very young boys sang: Master Gordon Shaffner and R. Stoddart. Then Rev. A. H. Whitman gave current events, some of which brought down the house. Mr. Stoddart gave a touching account of a neglected husband trying to sew a button on one of his garments. Mrs. A. D. Whitman and Mrs. H. Freeman had a "Flower game" that gave great amusement. Mrs. J. Stoddart had the "Authors Game". Prizes were given to those who won. Then followed dainty refreshments and the happy gathering went to their homes.

The Kindergarten is now housed in the Demonstration Building.

Rev. L. and Mrs. Wallace are in Fredericton busy in church work.

Mrs. P. Pidgeon has returned to her home in town for a short rest.

A pantry sale was held on Saturday by the Women's Institute in the interest of the Cemetery Fund. The laides are anxious to have the resting place of relatives and friends put in good order—the grounds cleaned, graves made beautiful with grass and flowers and paths made smooth, and other improvements. It is requested that people whose dear ones rest there will assist in this good work, and not expect the town to do all that is required.

Mr. Collins, Bank inspector, has been in town.

Mr. Hay, of Halifax, agent for Greenshields, Montreal, was in town.

Mr. Wambolt, Toronto, has been in town.

Mr. Wainright, Halifax, spent a day attending business transactions.

Another well known visitor also was in town looking after business matters.

Miss B. Slocomb is a visitor at the home of Mrs. William Prince.

Mrs. Corkum is at present at the home of Mrs. I. Durling.

Miss Mildred Durling is at present visiting friends in Boston.

Mr. G. Palfrey is at the home of his parents for a short vacation.

LOCAL HOCKEY TEAM DEFEATS ANNAPOLIS

Bridgetown Wins by a 12 to 1 Score —Game Interesting in Spots.

The Annapolis hockey team went down to defeat in a very one-sided game Monday night before the Bridgetown team. The ice was very soft and not a great deal of fast stuff was pulled off, although the game was quite interesting in spots.

Bridgetown scored three goals in the first period towards the latter part. Their opponents found it rather difficult getting near enough to the goal to shoot.

In the second period Bridgetown piled up five more goals, Annapolis still having none.

Four more goals were scored by Bridgetown in the last period and three seconds before the whistle blew the puck was knocked into the Bridgetown goal in a mix up in front of it, and the game ended 12 to 1.

Bridgetown:		Annapolis.
H. Troop	goal	Bateman
H. McKenzie	def.	McIntosh
J. Little		Pickels
M. Jackson	Forwards	Langille
J. Roberts		Eaton
R. Donaldson		Durling
	Subs.:	
J. Hoyt		Muise
V. Hill		

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SOUNDS CALL FOR CONCERTED ACTION AGAINST DIVORCE

New York.—Calling upon all religious organizations—Catholic, Protestant and Jewish—to unite for concerted action against easy divorce, Bishop Wm. T. Manning of the Episcopal Church declared that the system of monogamous marriage was rapidly being abandoned in the United States.

His remaks were part of a Lenten sermon.

"To allow men and women to live together for a time and then with legal sanction on trivial and frivolous grounds to separate and form new alliances as they please," he said, "is in principle to abolish marriage and to adopt a system of legalized free love. This is the system which we have now almost reached."

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HAMPTON

On Friday evening, March 9th, a party of about forty members of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Collins, the occasion being a donation for our pastor, Rev. D. W. Dixon. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present and a purse of $30.00 was collected. As Mr. Dixon was unable to be present it was decided if the sleighing held to go to the parsonage and make the presentation. Accordingly on Monday evening, March 12th, six team loads of Hamptonians drove to Port Lorne and took the Rev. gentleman completely by surprise, where another very enjoyable evening was spent. Deacon Edward Foster made the presentation speech, which was very ably answered to by Dr. Dixon. Mr. Dixon has been with us nearly two years now, and we hope to go to the parsonage on many more such occasions with Mr. and Mrs. Dixon as the host and hostess.

Mrs. Joseph Marshall and daughter Harriet, arrived home March 9th, after an extended visit with Mr. Mrashall at Kentville.

Miss Mary and Mr. Emdon Hamilton came home recently from Kings County where they have been employed the last few months.

Miss Susie Poole and Miss Alice Beardsley, of St. Croix, were recent visitors at J. F. Titus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sabean, of Port Lorne, were recent visitors at E. B. Foster's.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Poole and Miss Beulah Steadman, of Upper Granville, spent Sunday, March 11th, with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Titus.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, of Port Lorne, visited Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anson Mader, Sunday, 18th.

The many friends of Mrs. L. D. Brooks were very pleased to see her out to church again on Sunday evening.

There seems to be quite a lot of bad colds and grippe in our village, but as far as your correspondent knows there is no serious cases as yet.

Tourist Association Formed At Big Kentville Meeting

Concerted Plans to Develop Business on Proper Scale Summary of Proceedings

On Monday afternoon there was a large gathering in the I.O.D.E. rooms at Kentville of representatives of Boards of Trade, Hotel men and members of the Press. All the towns of the Valley from Digby through to Windsor were represented and in addition to this P. Giffin, of the Halifax Herald, and Horatio Crowell, of The Chronicle, were present, commendatory letters in the purposes of the meeting were received from Yarmouth and Truro. Thus in one way of another a very considerable portion of the Province was represented in the purpose of the meeting which was, broadly speaking, called to discuss the Tourist Question and which also took up incidentally as a corollorary to it "Old Home Summer". As The MONITOR, at time of writing, is nearly ready for press, our remarks will be rather a synopsis than a full exposition on what was, beyond a doubt, one of the very best and most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the Province in this connection.

The only representatives specially invited who were shy in numbers were the hotel men, in many ways the king pin of the Tourist business.

Mr. A. E. MacMahon, President of the Kentville Board of Trade, and President of the United Fruit Growers' Association of the Province, was called to the chair, and Mr. W. E. Porter, Secretary of Kentville Board of Trade, was Secretary of the gathering.

Prof. Saxby Blair, in an excellent address, outlined the purposes of the meeting in the following address:—

I have been asked to outline the object of this meeting. In doing so I am aware of the fact that there are many persons who could have presented the matter better and in a more comprehensive way.

It seems unnecessary to dwell upon the advantages resulting from tourists visiting Nova Scotia. The gains are obvious and all are agreed that every effort possible should be put forth to turn the attention of tourists to this country. Our nearness to New England places us to great advantage, and our climate is all that one can desire. The feature we wish, therefore, to deal with specifically is "How can we direct more of the tourist business to Nova Scotia, and how can we assist in giving the service necessary to satisfy the requirements of the tourist".

In the first instance, is everything being done that should be to turn the thought of the tourist to Nova Scotia? We know right well that various transportation companies are doing what they consider best to direct such business their way. I think we all appreciate the work that is being done in this particular. However, is it not a fact that something outside of this should be done? Had we an office in the New England States under the supervision of our Provincial Department, giving advice and direction to intending tourists we would, I think, get a much greater volume of business than we now do. Such an office independent of the transportation service would, we think, aid greatly in securing a larger share of this desirable trade. Anything done to increase the traffic must aid in the securing of a more efficient transportation service

Tourists demands must be satisfied in regard to transportation and housing facilities. So far as transportation facilities come into the matter there seems to be no reasonable doubt that if an increased volume of business is in sight the service necessary will be provided. As to housing facilities there is opportunity for extension and expansion. I take it there are two general classes of tourists. One would be those bringing motor cars with them. Some probably would not be in touch with transportation companies after landing at Yarmouth, and afetr visiting different parts of Nova Scotia would return by New Brunswick, or vice versa. This class of tourists would for the most part, patronize the principal hotels. The other class would largely come in by the regular transportation service, and would wish to spend a quiet time at a more ro less secluded spot, without much of the high costs necessarily attending more elaborate hotel life. It is this latter class of tourists that doubtless should be mostly encouraged, and which ultimately would assume much larger proportions than would the other other class.

There is no doubt that the ones wishing to seek quiet and rest under ideal climatic conditions, at least expense, will turn their thoughts to Nova Scotia. It is wise, therefore, to aid, as far as possible, in organizing for this class of tourists and in directing them to suitable places.

I am convinced that we are well able to look after such a business. I do not see that it is so much a matter of increased hotel accommodation as it is the securing of definite data as to available suitable places to house and provide for the ones seeking rest and good plain food well cooked.

You have, therefore, the problem; first, of creating interest in Nova Scotia through a good well-directed publicity campaign throughout the New England States; second, improved transportation facilities which naturally will be provided if a large volume of business is in sight; third, good housing facilities, and definite information as to places where those seeking rest may best be located.

This is not a matter in which only a small section of Nova Scotia participates It is a matter that is of as great interest to the people of Eastern Nova Scoia as it is to those of the West. It is important that action be taken at once in order that the largest possible volume of business may be directed to Nova Scotia during the coming season.

Mr. F. W. Bowes of the Halifax Board of Trade, gave an interesting talk on general conditions, referring to the growing tourist travel in autos. He recommended a general advertising campaign by the government followed up by communities. Some reference was made to the fact that in Provincial Hotel service in general there is plenty room for improvement. The fact that Maine has 600,000 Summer visitors, 75,000 of whom come from Montreal, while an equal number from Toronto and Ottawa take their Summer recreation in the States. This means the spending of a very large amount of money in the U. S. which should, with proper attention, be diverted to the Maritime Provinces. The presence of tourists also increases the value of property in these places where they spend their outings.

Mr. L. M. Fortier showed how the planning for tourists was worked out in California by a State-wide association which exerts itself to see that tourists are attracted, given a good time and care exercised to see that they are not taken in. He mentioned that there were 10.000 visitors to old Fort Anne, Annapolis, last year.

Mr. F. J. G. Comeau showed how the plan was worked out in Florida and particular and definite information was made available as to accommodation, rooms, rates, etc. Community or team work was wanted He paid a well deserved tribute to the early pioneers in the work of developing tourist business and improving transportation facilities.

Belief was expressed that the railways would take care of all traffic well when it comes.

Rev. R. B. Layton, of Kentville, gave an illustration of how Kentville citizens had through concerted efforts provided accommodation for many hundreds during the war period when the troops were drilling at Aldershot.

Mr. Edson Graham, of Wolfville, discussed in a pleasing way conduct of the tourist business in New Hampshire. Highways, railways and hotels were the great factors and the personal element was needed in the hotel service. He eulogized Mr. Crowell's article on the "Busy East" on the tourist question and advocated burcaus of information.

Mayor Murray, of Hantsport, laid special stress on the importance of making the tourists feel satisfied.

Rev. G. P. Raymond, of Berwick, pointed out the importance of people opening up their houses for tourist entertainment. Get the government to do advertising. Get an agent in Boston. Get in all aids and enlist the Press in the cause.

Mr. Leslie Willshire and Mf. J. L. Peters and R. W. North, Canning, also discussed a number of points bearing on the question.

F. E. Cox advocated Old Home Summer ideas of different towns and communities putting this on in succession.

The resolution committee composed of Prof. W. S. Blair, H. Crowell, P. Giffin, Rev. D. G. Ross, H. M. Chase, and they brought in the resolutions given below:

Horatio Crowell, speaking on this subject, was particularly eloquent and his enthusiasm seemed to capture his entire audience. The following resolution was drawn up and adopted by the conference, being moved by F. E. Cox, Middleton, and seconded by J. L. Peters, Digby.

Whereas, the government of Nova Scotia has appointed a parliamentary committee to investigate and consider the possibilities of the development of the tourist travel of Nova Scoia; **and**

Whereas, that committee will make certain recommendations to the Legislature as to ways and means of developing the tourist traffic; and

Whereas, there is now before the Province a proposal to hold an Old Home Summer in 1924 and appeal to all Nova Scotia living abroad to visit their native land in the Summer of 1924.

We, the delegates of the Tourist Conference at Kentville resolve: That we strongly endorse the Old Home Summer movement for 1924, and urge upon the government of Nova Scotia to grant all legislation that will give th eofficial sanction and assist in its organization and successful conduct.

Further resolved: That this conference will take immediate steps to organize the committees necessary to carry on the work of Old Home Summer in all the towns and counties here represented.

James Sealy, M.P.P., a member of the tourist committee of government, spoke briefly, pledging his support to any project that might be put forward by the conference.

At the close of this enthusiastic conference the following resolution was moved by Edson Graham, Wolfville, and seconded by L. M. Fortier, Annapolis Royal, being unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, this meeting has been held for the purpose of studying and formulating plans for the development of the tourist travel in the Annapolis Valley; and

Whereas, the government of Nova Scotia has appointed a parliamentary committee to investigategate the possibilities of tourist travel in Nova Scotia and recommend legislation that will assist in this development,

Therefore resolved: That the attention of the government be directed to the necessity for more aggressive action in the dissemination of information throughout New England and other parts of the United States and Upper Canada, in reference to the attractiveness of our Province as a tourist resort, **through a central and unified source;** and that they be urged to at once set aside a sum not less than fifteen thousand dollars as a start in the organization of a publicity campaign for the purpose outlined above, and establish a central information bureau for tourist for the Province of Nova Scotia, it being understood that voluntary information bureaus will be established by local Board of Trade organizations.

As a proof of the trend toward immediate action that was instilled into these delegates, the fact of the actual formation of an Annapolis Valley Tourist Association may be cited Before the termination of the conference such an organization was formed with the following officers:

President—A. E. MacMahon.
Vice-President—Prof. Saxby Blair.
Secretary—H. M. Chase.

All towns from Digby to Windsor will be brought within the organization.

In the evening a splendid banquet was tendered the visitors by the Kentville Board of Trade at the Cornwallis Inn, with orchestra of musicians of the Kentville band. At this excellent speeches were made by Horatio Crowell, James Sealy, M.P.P., and a number of others.

The splendid hospitaltiy of the Board was fully appreciated by all present. Over sixty persons discussed a very fine menu. The Kentville Board of Trade, through active, well directed plans, can be fairly said to have inaugurated a movement in tourist matters which should, and doubtless will, be generally supported. It has now spread to a Valley-wide movement and should ere long embrace determined united and well directed efforts in which the whole Province will take a part. Space and time prevent further comment but we propose in our next issue to discuss the question further and add a few comments on the situation as seen by The MONITOR.

RESIDENCE RULE IS MADE BY M. P. B. A. A. U. C. OFFICIALS

Only Those Who Have Been Bona Fide Residents Of Their Towns For Two Months Are Eligible.

Maritime Province athletes who are planning to shift their address for the Summer, had better be on the move. Under a new ruling of the M.P.B.A.A.U.C. only those who are bona fide residents of the town they play in for two months, will be eligible for the teams they wish to represent. President Covey and Secretary Legge issued Bulletin 104 as follows:

"The attention of all amateur athletic clubs and amateur athletes under the jurisdiction of this branch, is drawn to the change in the eligibility rule under the residence clause which now calls for two months bona-fide residency and not one month as previously provided in the rules."

It is understood that this ruling does not affect college students, but any of the towns who intend to strengthen up their rosters will have to act speedily.—Halifax Herald.

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PULL TOGETHER

The happiness and prosperity of every man, woman and child in Great Britain depends on concentrating on our own industry, in developing the resources of the Empire, and, finally, in going out to sell to the whole world.—London Sunday Express.

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PARADISE

Our community was shocked last week when a telegram from Portland, Me., brought the sad fact that Mr. Geo. Leigh Pearson, who was ill with "flu" at the time his wife died, had also passed away a few days after Mrs. Pearson.

Arrangements have been made for the funeral services on Wednesday, March 21st, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Norman Longley is ill, having received a slight stroke of paralysis. We trust this beloved deacon may speedily be rectored to health.

We regret also to report Mrs. Byron Chesley on the sick list.

Mr. Charlie Harris, who has had a severe attack of grippe is better.

Mr. H. O. Eaman, Assistant Provincial Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Movement, addressed the Boy Scouts here Tuesday, March 13th, at 7 o'clock. A public meeting was held at 8 o'clock, at which time Mr. Eaman gave an illustrated lecture on the work of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Cyril Starratt is now hove having finished his business course in Halifax.

Mr. Avard J. Longley left Friday the 9th for Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Floyd Banks, of Aylesford, made a short visit with his parents last week.

Church services for Sunday, March 25th:—Paradise, 11 a.m.; Clarence, 3 p.m.. Subject of the sermons, "What is Spirituality?"

LAST LECTURE IN THE COURSE

Dr. H. L. Stewart Gives Fine Exposition on What and How to Read

The last lecture in the University Extension Course was given here in the United Church school room on Tuesday evening by Dr. H. L. Stewart, professor of Philosophy in Dalhousie University. It was one of the best, possibly the best, of the whole course, certainly the most entertaining to the average person. The subject "What and How to Read" was taken up lucidly with wide range from the comics as portrayed in the adventures of Mr. Jiggs to the highest and most enduring monuments of literary worth. Over it all the speaker threw the glamour of a ready and incisive wit with many solid and useful suggestions. He did not oppose at all the reading for entertainment, nor condemn tendencies and bias in reading. He did condemn the using of the human mind as a storehouse for all kinds of useless or illassorted facts, and illustrated this by reference to well known matters of common observance shown where persons often of limited education get more good out of reading than do others who have absorbed much learning and have read much. The store of these last is often like a lumber room full of old furniture odds and ends scattered everywhere. Their reading does not connect up with their life in practical or useful service. There is, too, a form of poetry to suit every mind. He advised interlining and notes on books read so that these may be renewed and gone over for subsequent benefit. Results should be held and connect up with what is already in the mind. In selection of books do not attempt to read all sorts of literature, better to follow an author or a hobby in reading carefully. This ensures benefit and the ability to use what one does read.

Principal Archibald presided and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved by F. H. Beattie, seconded by Rev. J. H. Freestone, and passed enthusiastically with the general wish that Bridgetown people may soon again hear Dr. Stewart.

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BEAR RIVER

Mr. Cunningham, of the Maritime Telephone Co., Digby, was in town last week.

Messrs. Derby, Jack and Orland Peck left last week for Westport, N. S., where they will be engaged in electrical work for the Spring and Summer months.

Mr. O. A. Eisner returned from New York on Saturday, where he has been on a short business trip.

Mrs. Grace DeVaney, Centrelea, has accepted the position of teacher for Cross Road school until the end of the term.

Miss Edith Hardwick, of Annapolis, returned to her home. She was accompanied by her cousin, Marguerite Chute.

Mr. Louie Morse, of Digby, accompanied by Miss Moses, spent Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kinney.

Miss Ferne Cossaboom spent the week-end at her home in Smith's Cove.

The Bear River steamer, owing to adverse weather conditions, has been delayed in Digby but last week she made her way to Victoria Bridge.

Mr. Harry Benson returned from Boston last week. He brought a radio set and intends to have it installed in the near future.

The Mission Band of the Baptist Church are planning an Easter concert.

Mr. Harry Alcorn returned home from New Brunswick on Saturday where he has been working in the lumber woods.

Capt. Morris, of the schooner "Gertrude Parsons" of Digby, spent Sunday with her family.

Mr. Burton Frude spent the week-end with his family here.

On March 13th about twenty members of Royal Division, No. 37, enjoyed a sleigh drive to Hill Grove, where they were very hospitably entertained by the members of Hope Division.

The marriage took place of Charles Wendell Chute to Mildred R. Harris, both of Bear River. Ceremony was performed February 27th, by Rev. James Rider, Jr., at Tremont Temple, Boston.