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GENERAL NEWS

Some 12,000 employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway have gone to the front since the war started.

Bedford was on Friday chosen president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, to succeed the late John D. Archbold.

The Toronto Council of Women has decided to discourage the use of turkeys for Christmas dinners.

North Sydney hockey team, Maritime champions, have disbanded for the season owing to inability to secure sufficient players.

Sixty-one ships at Bordeaux, France, have been sunk by mines and taken up 28 submarines on board to defend themselves against submarines.

The British government has decided to release the 576 Irish prisoners who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland.

The House bill introduced in the Quebec legislature last week by Provincial Treasurer Mitchell, provides for wholesale reductions of hotel licenses throughout the province without compensation and increases for those who remain. Fifty licenses are cut off from Montreal out of May, and 100 more off in May, 1918, bringing the number down to 200. Hours of sale are to be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and there is to be no treating. This latter restriction goes into effect immediately the bill is passed.

Wealth without nobles and in spite of century to what his administration officials had been guaranteeing as the course of President Wilson on the 14th instant, disposition on the part of all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace. Without actually giving the place or officially to the President what formal notes of the governments of the warring nations concerning that question would be found to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded, and thus to make possible a comparison of the terms as would make possible a comparison of them." A copy was sent to neutral nations for their information.

In the British House of Commons, Dec. 22nd, Andrew Bonar Law said that the British government will make no statement at the present time in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question that can be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the Entente. The British Parliament was prorogued Friday afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated with respect to it. Neither the note nor the German peace proposal was mentioned in the speech read in both Houses.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced officially that Enver Pasha, the Turkish Minister of War, has left Constantinople for the Dardanelles. It is said Enver Pasha will work known for all factory means immediately.

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Nordin School Pupils Finish Half Term with Entertainment

The entertainment examination was held at the Nordin school on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd, with a good attendance of visitors. The classes were reviewed on the work of the term and acquitted themselves very creditably. After the review a programme was carried out:

Chorus—A Game of Letters—Pupils.

A Little Speech—Arthur Taylor.

Dialogue—Christmas Greetings—Stella Edmonds, Hazel Taylor and Sigrid Jannson.

Recitation—A Valet for Santa Claus—Percy Taylor.

Recitation—Christmas Cheer—Willie Ryan.

Chorus—When we Exit—Pupils.

Recitation—A Xmas Treat—Willie Sullivan.

Recitation—Setting Traps—Stella Edmonds.

Recitation—The Conceited Grasshop—Sigrid Jannson.

Dialogue—The Xmas Tree—10 pupils.

Recitation—What I want—Sam Howe.

Recitation—If Santa Claus Was Me—Gordon Sullivan.

Recitation—Hilda's Xmas—Alfred Taylor.

Recitation—My Doll—Jane Nowe.

Recitation—A Boy's Wish—Joe Taylor.

Promptly at 2.45 p.m. Santa Claus made his appearance, and was received by the children singing "Santa Claus is a Jolly Man." He distributed small gifts to each pupil and visitor to the intense gratification and amusement of each.

Recitation—When Santa Claus Comes—Vera Graham.

Recitation—A Little Boy's Wish—Vincent Reynolds.

Recitation—The New Mitten—Norman Russell.

Recitation—My Doll—Francis Tobin.

Recitation—A Child's Xmas Prayer—Muriel Russell.

Duet and Chorus—A Merry Xmas Day—Muriel Russell and Florence DeWolfe, chorus by school.

Recitation—Celebrating Pa—Raymond Roy.

Recitation—A Boy who was Naughty or What Charlie Found in His Stocking—Gordon Sullivan.

Recitation—The Xmas Parcels Counter—Helga Hedman.

Recitation—Paddy Grey—Winnie DeWolfe.

Recitation—A Letter from Santa Claus—Elizabeth Taylor.

Recitation—Looks Like Pa—Willie Sullivan.

Recitation—Our Flag—Muriel Russell.

Recitation—Santa Claus—Mowatt Francis Tobin.

Recitation—A Doll in Dolly's Stocking—Winnie DeWolfe.

Recitation—Bright Stockings—Norbert Taylor.

The teacher, Miss Sadie E. Fraser, was remembered by her pupils with a few valuable and beautiful gifts.

There were addresses by visitors and the meeting closed with God Save the King.

LOCAL NEWS

Among the returned soldiers who came across on S. S. Northland to Halifax were Sergt. William Gleason, Fredericton, N. B., and Pte. Norman Keanie, Bathurst, N. B.

NORTH SHORE CASUALTIES

Seriously Ill:

Alex. Collson, Black Point, Restigouche County.

NO COUNCIL MEETING

There was no council meeting last Thursday night. Only two or three of the members attended.

A YULETIDE STORK

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malley, Chatham Head, was brightened by the arrival of a baby daughter on the afternoon of the 23rd inst.

MATCHETT-SHERRARD

At the Manse, Redbank, Thursday evening, Dec. 21st, Miss Sophie Elizabeth Sherrard of Nelson, was married to George Ellsworth Matchett of Sunny Corner. Rev. J. F. McCready, B. A., was the officiating clergyman. The bride were mentioned. They will reside at Redbank.

THE 132nd TO THE FRONT

Recent letters from members of the 132nd Battalion in England state that on the 25th ult. the first draft of some 200 men left for France on the 7th, another draft of about 100 left for the front and the last letter dated Dec. 10th says the main body of the regiment, or most of it, was to leave for France. It is understood that there are now part of the 132nd with the 26th battalion in the trenches.

DERBY SUPERIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Not whole, the names of those who have made the highest average in the examinations in the different departments:

Class VI—Norman Chaplin 1, Harold Parker 2, Marion Marks 3.

Class V—Gordon Russell 1, Will Murphy 2.

Class III—Zella Parker 1, Gladys Murdock 2, Lila Parker 3.

Class IX—Francis Marlow 1, Annie Johnson 2, Ruth Hart 3.

Class X—Bessie McGlashan 1, Ida Fox 2, Wilson Miller 3.

Class XI—Warren Flett.

The half yearly public examination was held on the afternoon of Friday last, Dec. 21st. The different grades were examined in reading and spelling, arithmetic, history, algebra, geometry, teaching, etc. After the work department noted to carry a very interesting and instructive programme of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. There was a large number of visitors present and they seemed well pleased with the work of the school and the progress of the scholars.

A WHITE CHRISTMAS

The services of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening were held in St. James' Hall, and the young people of the Sabbath School took a very prominent and important part. The regular church choir was assisted by a musical contingent from the Sabbath School.

The audience was large, entirely filling the spacious hall.

In addition to the regular Christmas music, there were several extra choruses, all of which was very well rendered.

After the opening exercises, and an address by the pastor, Master Jack Nicholson gave an address on the origin of the "White" Christmas. He ascribed it to a custom that obtained at the court of the great Emperor Kublai Khan (who reigned at Pekin from 1260 to 1295 A. D. over what is now Mongolia, the Chinese Republic, Tibet, part of French Indo China, Corea, all of the Russian empire but a part of the western provinces, Persia, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia, etc.) on his birthday his subjects were in white, were wont to bring him gifts of anything at all. It was quite usual to give a pieces or a handful of rice, as long as it was white, the Emperor heard for the gifts of all who came to pay him homage. The Emperor and his court remembered their heathen ancestors, having much greater, and should keep the birthday of the Saviour by giving rather than receiving.

The different classes, with music and recitations between, then filed past the platform and deposited their gifts, all wrapped in white, in a large white box, that will be sent to the little children rescued from the street and being supported by the Social Service department of the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Macarthur spoke of the great importance of the Social Service work of the church. Last year 98 children had been cared for. This was only a small part of the work that could have been done had funds been available. In three years the Department had run in debt some $32,000, but had not covered near all the work that was waiting to be done.

Mr. Macarthur impressed upon the little ones who had brought their gifts that they were helping many less fortunate children, and that they were an integral part of the Presbyterian church and its work.

A good collection for the work was given by the adults in the audience at the close of the service.

Before the close, the pastor announced that the children who had so generously given up their annual Xmas tree and treat, would have a treat after all—on New Years night—when both the Sabbath Schools of the congregation will unite in St. James' Hall for the usual annual Xmas entertainment.

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