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School Festivities.

WESTMINSTER, S. S. 23. Westminster, Dec. 24.—The parents and scholars of school section No. 23, Westminster, spent a very pleasant afternoon at the school house on Friday, it being their annual Christmas tree and concert. Rev. Dr. McRae presided as chairman, and ably filled his office. In his opening remarks the doctor said he would not make a chairman's address, but he would sprinkle it in between the numbers. sprinkle it in between the numbers, which he did in his own inimitable man-The programme was followed by unloading of the Christmas tree, the unloading of the Christmas tree, which brought joy to the hearth of the little ones by its wealth of toys and books. At the close came the feature of the afternoon, in the eyes of the children, namely the presentation of a handsome lady's companion to their retiring teacher, Miss Anita Strongman, when the following address was read by Olive Chatterson.

'Our Dear Teacher,-It was with very great sorrow and deep regret that we, your scholars of school section No. 23, Westminster, learned that the ties which for two years have bound us together are to be broken, and you are no longer are to be broken, and you are no longer to be our teacher. During the time you have been with us you have endeared yourself to us as a school and to each of us as individuals. By your faithful-ness and earnestness in teaching, by your patience, and the encouragement you have always given us to do better, and by the pleasant smile and kind word you have always had for each of us, you have won for yourself a place in our hearts which will always be filled with kind and pleasant memories of test Who kind and pleasant memories of you. We can never repay you for what you have done for us; but we cannot let you go away without giving you some li expression of the love and respect have for you, and of our appreciation of your untiring efforts to do us good. We all wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Signed on behalf of the scholars, Nellie Olive Chatterson, Annie Hamilton Taylor."

On the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 21, the teacher and pupils of school section No. 10, Westminster, gave one of their very pleasant "at homes." The crowded school room testified to the character of these events in the past, and this enter-tainment enhanced, if possible, the feel-ing with which they are regarded in the section. The beautiful, sunny school room, and the merry faces of the children, who seemed to have caught the spirit of the Christmas season, and ren-dered their parts in recitation, song and dialogue with such happy good-will, gave the visitors a pleasing picture of school life at the close of this nineteenth cen-

Mr. C. Carrothers, as chairman, em-phasized each number on the programme



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in his usual happy style. Special mention must be made of the Hubrey Gazette, the pupils' periodical, which delighted all present with its clever editorial. rials, good, sound advice, and witty per-sonals. We feel sure its "probabilities" will be proved facts, and we shall follow the careers of its rising young editor and staff of contributors with pleasure. A number of short, pithy addresses were given by the trustees and others, in which the section was congratulated on having secured for so long the seron having secured for so long the services of a teacher whose influence has been so widely felt. Miss M. I. Nichol's instrumental selection, and Mr. L. Mc-Callum's rendering of "Every Race Has a Flag but the Coon" delighted all present. A very pleasing feature of the afternoon's entertainment was the presentation of a beautiful fruit set by the public to Miss McColl and an address pupils to Miss McColl, and an address showing clearly the happy relations ex-isting between teacher and pupils. After a suitable reply had been made, the trustees proceeded to delight the hearts of the little ones by giving to each a well-filled bag of bon-bons and fruit, while the pupils, in a gracious manner, served dainty refreshments of cake and fruit to the guests.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the efforts he had made on behalf of the entertainment, the happy afternoon was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. HUTTON.

Hutton, Dec. 24.-The entertainment given on Friday evening by the Hutton Sunday school was in every way a de-cided and pleasing success. Some of the participants do not wish to have their names published, but that does not alter the fact that the lengthy programme which was carried out to the letter was rendered with marked ability, and gave great satisfaction. The features of the evening were vocal and instrumental music, recitations, dialogues, comic solos, A bus load of friends went from the city to take part, and their efforts were much appreciated by the large audience. Prizes were distributed to the children, and the programme was brought to a close by the singing of a chorus by the Bible class. The superintendent wishes to tender his hearty thanks to the kind friends who contributed so ably to make the affair a success. The proceeds go to replenish the school funds.

LUCAN. An audience that completely filled the room gathered in the Lucan town hall on the evening of the 20th inst. on the occasion of the annual high school concert. Mr. Gillfillan performed, in a very acceptable manner, the duties of chairman. A programme of nine numbers were successfully, carried out, and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all. Miss Jessie Alexander, who has before delighted Lucan audiences, fully sustained her reputation, and her brilliant elocution won for her the highest praise. The Misses Risdon, of St. Thomas, made their initial appearance and were given a very enthusiastic reception. Miss Blanche Risdon's violin solos were giv-Blanche Risdon's violin solos were given in a very finished style, and brought forth unstituted rounds of appliause. Her rendition of "Legende," (Bohm), and "Gypsie" melodies, (Saraste), were exceptionally fine, and spoke volumes for the ability of this clever young artist. Miss Stella Risdon gave two 'cello solos that aroused the music lovers present to the highwhich of enthusiasm. She very kindly responded to the encores. concluding number was a trio (piano, 'cello and violin) Marche du Tannhauser (Wagner), by Misses Risdon and Mrs. Frederick Stewart. The concert was a grand success, and reflects great credit on the teachers and pupils of the Lucan High School. At the conclusion the chairman presented each of the successful students with the diplomas won by them at the recent midsummer examinations.

High tides, strong winds and heavy rains have broken through the British Columbia dykes and the Fraser Valley forming lands have been badly flooded.

HE IS OPPOSED TO STRIKING

Views of an English Labor Delegate to Federation of Labor.

Mahon's Ideas-He Suggests an Amendment to the Michigan Act Creating a State Board of Arbitration.

DOWN ON STRIKES. Chicago, Dec. 24.—"You can never solve the social proteem by strikes; that is my opinion after twenty years' experience in the movement," said Peter Curran, chairman of the general Federation of Trades Unions of Great Britain, in speaking to the workingmen of Chicago, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Building Trades Council.

Mr. Curran came to this country as the fraternal delegate from the British Trades Union Congress to the American Federation of Labor Convention, and represents about 2,000,000 organized workers in the United King-dom. He is president and organizer of the Gas Workers and General Laborers' Union, with general offices in London. Mr. Curran said:

"After spending more money in England during the last 25 years on the industrial battlefield than would keep 700 men legislating for our interests in the houses of parliament, we have come to the conclusion that we must have something to say about the making of the laws under which we have to work, and we must get away from the old orthodox political parties if we hope to secure what we seek. The only possibility of our securing labor legislation is by sending our own men to parliament, not as our masters, but as our servants. You never can solve the social problem by strikes, never remedy the social evils of which you complain by muscular force. You must do it by legislation. I am not in favor of any laws which would take away the right of the worker to strike, but I am not an advocate of strikes. There is only one solution, and that is in common ownership, for as long as we allow the land and the machinery of the country to be held as private monopolies by the few, so long will we have industrial disputes and upheav-

MAHON'S IDEAS.

Detroit, Dec. 24.-W. D. Mahon's commission as a member of the state court of arbitration runs out next May, and he and Judge Jerome W. Robbins, the secretary of the commission held a consultation about making an official report and getting the state auditors to allow them to print

it.
"I would like to see the present law providing for arbitration amended in one respect, at least," said Mahon this "It seems to me the board should be called upon to aid the disagreeing parties to coming to an agreement before a strike is started. That would save much bad blood, to say nothing of the cost to all parties that a strike involves."

"The American Federation of Labor has given arbitration a black eye in the report on the subject it adopted. The right to strike, as affirmed by the Federation, is a precious one, but if parties are willing to voluntarily agree to abide by the decision of a competently organized arbitration board, it will aid and not hinder laborers in obtaining their rights, if they are compelled to abide by its decision.

SCRANTON RAILWAY MEN STRIKE.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—Every one of the 300 car and barn employes of the Scranton Railway Company obeyed the strike order which went into effect at 5 o'clock, and as a consequence only two cars were run in all of the Lackawanna Valley today. These two cars were manned by Supt. Patterson and dispatchers, foremen and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell a greater part of the day the two cars seldom had a passen-

ger. The tied-up region extends from Pittston to Forest City, a distance of thirty miles, and includes sixty-five miles of tracks, on which are run ordinarily eighty cars. The men of the Wyoming Valley Traction Company, operating all the lines south of Pittston as far as Nanticoke threaten to go on strike on Thursday. With both companies tied up there would be total cessation of street car traffic in a busy stretch of country eighty miles north, including the four big cities of Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Pittston and Carbondale.

The men demand 20 cents an hour for old employes, and from 15 to 171/2 cents for new men. At present the new men receive an average of 15 8-10 cents an hour, and after four years' service this is raised to 1714 cents. They also demand a ten-hour day instead of twelve as at present. The company in its answer to the grievance committee's demands says it is not in a position to afford any increase in wages at this time.

THE CONCILIATION COMMITTEE. Chicago, Dec. 24. - Chairman Mc-Veagh, of the capital and labor conference, in announcing the conciliation committee, gave it as his deliberate judgment that he could not do better than to reappoint the committee on plan of action. Accordingly the following gentlemen will plan for a general system of conciliation:

A. C. Bartlett, vice-president Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. Henry W. Hoyt, president National Founders' Association. Herman Justi, commissioner Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

G. Watson French, vice-president Republican Iron and Steel Company. E. D. McKenna, vice-president Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. Chauncey H. Castle, president Stove Founders' National Defense Associa-

Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor. John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers of America. Martin Fox, president Iron Molders'

Union of America. Frank P. Sargent, grand master Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. Henry White, general secretary United Garment Workers of America James M. Lynch, president Interna-

tional Typographical Union. EMPLOYES SHARE BENEFITS. Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.-The employes of the Bourne Mills who are entitled to a part in the profit-sharing plan in use by the corporation, today received a bonus of 81/2 per cent on the wages earned from June 9 to Dec. 8 of this year. This is the 23rd semiannual dividend that has been paid by the corporation under this plan. It will net more to the participating operatives than usual from the fact that a high scale of wages has been in use since December of last year, and steady employment has been given.

for Christmas from the profit-sharing plan varies from \$2 to \$15. VIRTUALLY A TIE-UP. Moranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The strike of ywisw

amount each participant will receive

the Scranton Railway Company, which began yesterday, continued today. Only two strikers had deserted, and these were running one of two cars which the company was operating on one of the lines inside the city. Otherwise the service was tied up clear through from Pittston to Forest City. taking in all the towns of the populous Lackawanna Valley. President Charles M. Clark of the company arrived from Philadelphia last night and was in conference today with General Manager Silliman. They expect to get more cars running tomorrow with men from Philadelphia, who were to be quartered in the company's office

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

Mrs. (Dr.) Grigg, of Standish, Mich., and Dr. Harry Ferguson, of Saginaw General Hospital, are visiting at the parental residence in Birr.
On Wednesday, the 19th, at the manse, North Westminster, one of Westminster's most eligible young men, Mr. George Lind, was married to Miss Maggie Fitchett Miss Maggie Fitchett, daughter of Mr. James Fitchett, of South Dorchester. Rev. Dr. McCrae performed the ceremony. The bride wore a very handsome gown of heliotrope cloth with toque of mirror velvet. Mr. and Mrs. Lind went east to spend the honeymoon and on their return will take up their residence at Pond Mills. A new stave factory that will employ about 40 men, will be built at Denfield next summer. All the available lumber in the surrounding sec-tion has been bought up at very good

STRATHROY.

Strathroy, Dec. 25 .- The death occurred in Metcalfe, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, of John Perry, aged 74 years. The interment took place on Friday at Brown's Cemetery, service being conducted by Rev. Dr. Fothergill, pastor of the Baptist Church, Strathroy. John Shortwell left last week for Garnet, Kansas, to visit his mother, Mrs. Sarah Jane Shotwell.

Mr. Withelm has secured Mr. Beech, of Stratford, to take charge of the

The following officers were elected for Court Sydenham, No. 43, I. O. F.: food came up again. I could only eat C. D., W. F. Hill; C. P., Dr. O. L. Berdan; P. C. R., S. S. Waile; C. R. D. J. Hamilton; V. C. R., C. James; chaplain, G. G. Richardson; S. W., W. S. Cockrill; J. W., Caleb Harrison; S. B., C. Fitzpatrick; J. B., John Wrey, P. S. W. L. Leit. E. G. T. W. Wray; R. S. W. J. Neil; F. S., F. W. Kearney; trustees, P. Fitzpatrick and S. S. Walle; finance committee, G. Herd and C. James.

John Healy, of the fouth line, eldest son of James Healy, met with an

unfortunate accident on Tuesday of last week. While using his cutting box, his hand was drawn within the knife's reach and taken off.

Mr. R. H. Zavitz, of Strathroy, has accepted a position with the Canadian Electric Company (Limited), head office Toronto. Mr. Zavitz was formerly an employe of the company's foreign branch. The death of George Bishopp took

place at the residence of his son Edward, lot 14, con. 2 S. E. R., on Wednesday morning last, at the age of 87 years. The funeral took place on

At the last regular meeting of the Frank Street Church Epworth League the following officers President, J. H. Argue; first vice, G. M. Haldane; second vice, Dora Ferguson; recretary-treasurer, Ida Smith; corresponding secretary, Margaret Gott; treasurer, interest fund, Ida Evely; organist, Grace Wilkinson; chorister, G. M. Haldane.

Mr. G. P. Smith, of St. Catharines, is visiting at his home here.

GLEN OAK.

Glenoak, Dec. 24.—The recent weather, though fine, is not considered healthy, as there is much sickness and many deaths.

Mrs. Philips, the mother of Walter Philips, is dead. Frank Pearce, a little, boy two years old, was buried on Tuesday. Walter Chisholm's youngest daugh ter, Bella, who was married a

months ago to John Goff, in Ekfrid, is Mrs. Wm. Fisher is very low with lung trouble.

KOMOKA

Komoka, Dec. 24.-Word has been received here of the death of Frank Luce, second son of Mr. J. D. Luce, of this place, which sad event occurred at Swan Lake, Man., on Nov. 10. It appears that deceased, with a companion named Turnbull, were on a hunting expedition some 175 miles north of Dauphin, Man., and while crossing Swan Lake walked into an air hole. Owing to the distance they were from any means of communication, news of the sad event was not received here until some thirty days after

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